

# 2019 CENTRAL WASHINGTON STATE FAIR

## RULES & REGULATIONS

SEPTEMBER 20 – SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

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### GENERAL RULES

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The Board of Directors of the Central Washington Fair Association has endeavored to make this Fair truly representative of the interests of Central Washington, and to provide wholesome and varied entertainment for the patrons. The Board will welcome suggestions for improving the Fair.

1. The Association will have security on the grounds and will use every reasonable precaution in its power for the preservation and protection of persons, livestock, general entries, property on exhibition, but will not be responsible for loss or damage by theft, fire or otherwise. The owner of livestock exhibit(s) will be solely responsible for any loss, injury, disease or damage done to or occasioned by or arisen from, any animal exhibited by him/her and will release the Central Washington Fair Association from any liability from loss, damage or injury to livestock, fair patrons, or other property while such is on the grounds of the Central Washington State Fair. Should the Central Washington Fair Association file suit or action against any exhibitor on any cause, the exhibitor agrees to pay to the Fair Association such reasonable sums, as attorney fees, as the court having jurisdiction of the case may determine. Livestock exhibitors will at all times give necessary and personal attention to their stock and at the close of the Fair must take entire charge of and remove the same promptly. No officer or employee of the Fair has authority to suspend or change this rule.

2. If the Fair shows a substantial income, the profit will be used to make a better fair this year and for years to come. The Board expects to be able to pay all premiums in full, however, since the Fair must be self-sustaining, the Board reserves the right to make whatever reduction in premiums is necessary in order to avoid a deficit.

3. Any person knowingly violating any of the following rules of the Fair will thereby forfeit, and may be barred from receiving any premium that may be awarded to him/her.

4. Due to fire regulations issued by the State Fire Marshal, no smoking will be permitted in Fair Buildings or Barns.

5. No one will be allowed to sleep in the Barns and Buildings.

6. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed to be brought in by exhibitors or consumed in exhibit buildings and/or barns. The exception is The State Fair Pub areas where Washington's micro brews and wines are served in the Ag Building, Beer Tents, and Horseman's Kitchen, where alcohol will be sold.

7. Food handlers and vendors must comply with state laws and local regulations pertaining to health certificates and health ordinances. They must be dressed in a neat and clean manner. Food supplies must be pure and wholesome. Concessionaires must confine themselves to assigned space.

8. **Only animals entered for competition are permitted except service animals accompanying persons with disabilities, i.e. dogs and mini horses.**

9. All general exhibit entries must be on official entry forms, which may be obtained by contacting the Central Washington State Fair Office, 1301 S. Fair Avenue, Yakima, WA 98901, Phone: (509)-248-7160. (See your department rules regarding entry requirements). Entry forms are also available online. Entry forms must be properly filled in and signed. Livestock exhibit entries are to be done online at [www.fairfun.com](http://www.fairfun.com). All entry fees are nonrefundable after August 30, 2019. A \$20.00 office charge per exhibitor per exhibit half will be charged on all entry refunds up to this date. After August 30<sup>th</sup>, NO REFUNDS will be issued unless extenuating circumstances exist. Written requests will be reviewed and if approved, an additional \$20.00 will be charged per exhibitor per exhibit half. You must have a letter from the Veterinarian and a letter requesting a refund detailing all fees that are being requested. If entries are made after the closing dates there will be an additional charge per entry. NSF checks will be charged a \$50.00 fee in addition to the amount of the check. If you have any outstanding entry fees or check fees, those will need to be paid before premium checks are issued. Outstanding entry fees that are not paid on or before November 1<sup>st</sup> will be penalized to pay \$2.00/day for every day not paid after that date.

10. The management reserves the right to accept, reject entirely, or accept conditionally any entry or applications.

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### EXHIBITORS

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11. Most of the people who come to the Fair do so in order to see the exhibits of superior livestock and other products of the farm, and the home. In order to offer an attractive and interesting fair, exhibits must be kept in place through the closing day. The exact time at which displays may be removed is listed in the rules. No article or animal may be removed before such time without special permission of the manager, and any article or animal removed without such permission will forfeit any premiums won. Exhibits must stay in their department area for all days of the Fair unless management displays them elsewhere.

12. Entries are open to all youth. Entries may be made by youth of age 4 after January 1<sup>st</sup> of present year through youth in grade 12 or can be 19 years of age if birthday is after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the present year, or you may enter if you are 20-21 with a current FFA or Association membership card. Must show proof of card. Age limits may vary within areas, so please check the area you wish to enter. Example: in Open Class and Youth Foods departments, the minimum age limit is 8 years old. In the livestock department most departments are age 5, however please check each department and call the superintendent if unsure.

13. Livestock departments that have only one exhibitor will not be shown for competition. The animals entered will be paid as a display exhibit only and not for competition.

14. Exhibitors must prepare and decorate their own booths. Concessionaires or renters of booth space are required to keep their spaces neat and clean.

15. All decorating on the Fairgrounds, in or out of buildings, must be done with flameproof type products.

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### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS – YOUTH SHOWS

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16. Entries in livestock breeding classes are open to classes listed. Entries in market classes of livestock may be grade or crossbred. Exhibitors of livestock may enter two animals in one class. Exhibits entered in the wrong classes may be reclassified at the discretion of the Superintendent in all departments.

**17. Equestrian Rule: "Once the exhibitor 18 years and younger enters the arena, they are required to wear a ASTM/SEI (American Society for Testing and Materials/Safety Equipment Institute) riding helmet, properly secured at all times. All Mounted riders 18 years and younger going to and from the arena must wear a ASTM/SEI riding helmet that is property secured at all times. This rule includes all show times, warm ups, leading, carts and free riding."**

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### AWARDS & PREMIUMS

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18. Judges may not award a prize to any unworthy exhibit. It is the intention of the Fair that no premium or distinction of any kind shall be given to any animal or article that is not deserving. The CWSF will do its best to make sure that all prizes & premiums are paid. If you think that your item should have received an award and you have not received that award or check by December 31, 2019, please call the CWSF office. (After May 1, 2020 we will no longer honor the 2019 awards.) In some exhibit areas, the 2019 premiums (monetary) may be replaced with prizes i.e. retail coupons.

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### YOUTH AWARDS & PREMIUMS

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19. Animals unworthy shall not be awarded a premium.

20. No exhibit shall be awarded a Championship ribbon unless of exceptional quality regardless of competition. Animals not properly fitted & trained for showing will be rejected at the discretion of show officials.

21. In the Livestock Division, Jr. & Sr. Champions, Grand Champions, and Reserve Champions will be selected where designated from among the blue ribbon exhibits only. No points will be awarded and no premiums paid on Championship Classes.

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### JUDGING – OPEN/YOUTH SHOWS

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**22. Judges have the right to recommend No Placement and Premiums when a disciplinary problem, in regards to conduct in the show-ring, exists.**

23. **1099 INFORMATION** - If you are expecting to receive \$600.00 or more in premiums, premium checks will not be issued unless we have a **social security number or I.D. number of the owner and /or the ranch name.**

24. Management and/or Superintendents reserve the right to cancel the class where there is no competition, or where there are fewer entries in a class than number of premiums offered. Judges may, in their discretion, award premiums of such grade as the exhibitor deserves. No award will be made for champions. If an exhibit does not

qualify for a listed class, that exhibit will be entered under a miscellaneous/other class, if a miscellaneous/other class exists. If not enough exhibits are entered in an American-judged department, one or all classes may be canceled.

25. If our judging staff deems that any entry is created by a professional, it will be judged in the professional category if one is available. If not, the item(s) will be disqualified.

26. No person shall be allowed, under any circumstances, to interfere with the judges during their adjudication, or with the Fair's staff, or to offer any criticism of an exhibit of another. Violators of this rule shall be excluded immediately from the judging area and from competition and be subject to such additional penalties, including cancellation of awards, as the management shall consider proper.

27. The decision of the Judges shall be final in all cases under their jurisdiction except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion (not discovered at the time of the award) is proven. In such cases, the authority of Management shall be final.

28. Should any animal or article awarded a prize be disqualified, the one gaining the lower prize shall graduate up into the higher position next in order above them, if in the opinion of the judge they are worthy of such prize and is completed at the time the judging occurs.

29. No exhibitor may receive more than (1) cash award in any one class, unless otherwise stated.

30. Premiums and prizes are paid only from the records of the Judge's sheet. Ribbons, tags, or cards have no value as to payment. Premium checks will be payable to the person whose name is on the entry form. Animal entries must be entered under the owner's name - see livestock rule #4.

31. Please cash premium checks when you receive them. They will not be honored after May 1, 2020 and will not be reissued. Lost or stolen checks will not be reissued. Ribbons and Rosettes that are lost or stolen will not be replaced.

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### PROTESTS

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32. Superintendents shall have authority over all matters within their respective areas, subject to the Management. Protest of decisions may be submitted to the Board whose decision is final. All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00 which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the entry office within (12) hours after the cause of protest.

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### PARKING

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33. Cars will be towed away from designated parking if left overnight or are without a proper sticker, and impounded at owner's expense and risk. A livestock parking area behind the livestock barns is available on a limited basis for a fee. Call Entry Office for more information.

34. Large trucks that are not being moved daily may be parked in a designated area.

35. At 10:00 AM every day, all vehicles must be moved from within the Fairgrounds gate to designated parking areas or they will be impounded at the owner's risk and expense.

36. Parking credentials will be required at Gate 11. We are no longer using Dalton Lane as an entrance.

free, and consistent with public expectations and in compliance with state and federal laws.

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### DEPARTURES

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37. All exhibitors picking up their exhibits and/or displays will be required to have some form of ID to indicate ownership. Also check department rules pertaining to release.

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### RULES & REGULATIONS STATEMENT

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***The Fair Board has made every effort to make these rules and regulations definite and clear, but reserve the final and absolute right to interpret them as may become necessary, settle controversies arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Fair.***



### Central Washington Fair Association Mission Statement

Facilitate commerce, education, and leisure activities through production of the annual Central Washington State Fair and promotion and/or production of enterprise and public events throughout the calendar year with a commitment to:

- Preserve historical qualities and values of the site and facilities;
- Strategically improve land use, facilities, and infrastructure that respond to emerging markets and production demands;
- Administer a business plan focused on market penetration, economic performance, public service, and self-sufficiency;
- Produce or support diverse events including expositions, conferencing, trade, entertainment, sports, and education;
- Provide a safe, secure, friendly, and enjoyable environment;
- Extol the participation of social, civic, and public groups and individuals;
- Build on established traditions for future generations.

### Central Washington Fair Association Animal Welfare Policy

Central Washington Fair Association believes that every animal participating in activities of the Central Washington State Fair and all other interim events shall at all times be provided proper care and management in the best interest of the animal's welfare. All animals and livestock shown, housed, or displayed shall receive care that is humane, healthful, stress