

OPEN CLASS STATIC EXHIBITS DEPARTMENT

GENERAL RULES:

The following rules and regulations become a part of the contract of each exhibitor, and every other person having contractual relations with the Columbia County Fair with any relation to the Open Class Exhibit Department. Special rules take precedence over general rules if there is a conflict.

NOTE: Exhibitors are requested to study the rules carefully as the rules will be rigidly enforced. Presentation of entry form denotes acceptance of all Columbia County Fair and Rodeo Rules by the exhibitor. Failure to follow the Exhibitor Rules can result in the forfeiture of premium money and potentially the privilege to show at future Columbia County Fairs.

The Columbia County Fair Board reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, or connected with, or incident to the Fair.

PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS IS CONTINGENT UPON THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR DISTRIBUTION AT THE COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR.

The Columbia County Fair will open its gates to the public Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and will close its gates to the public on Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

OPEN CLASS STATIC ENTRIES AND EXHIBITS:

1. Entries in all Departments are limited to residents living or owning land in Columbia County, Oregon. The management reserves the right to reject any exhibit offered, to limit entries according to space available and to eliminate classes if insufficient entries are received.
2. EXHIBITORS PARTICIPATE IN THE COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR AT THEIR OWN RISK. Exhibitors agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Columbia county, the Columbia County Fair, its officers, employees and agents, both privately and in the official capacity, from any and all damages, liability or injuries.
3. To be eligible for competition, exhibits must be entered during the scheduled department entry times.
4. Entry dates will be found in the rules for each department. The management reserves the right to accept entries after the closing dates at their sole discretion.
5. Entries must be made on official Columbia County Fair Entry Forms. These forms are available online at the Columbia County Fairgrounds website or on site on the date of

Exhibit Registration. Forms may also be available at Fair Office. Fair Entry Forms must include the Exhibitor's name, Exhibitor's assigned number, Exhibitor's city of residence, Exhibitor's contact phone number, age group, department, division, class and title of exhibit (if required). The Fair Board or its Administrators reserve the right to re-assign exhibits to alternative categories, return entries or cancel any class or lot.

6. Entries cannot or may not be entered in "any other" classification if there is a division and class for that specific item.
7. Ownership: Anyone trying to deceive the judge in regard to ownership, or who shall purchase articles or borrow them to exhibit in his or her name, shall forfeit all claims as an exhibitor.
8. Without exception, no exhibit shall be released until the time and date specified (prior arrangements with Open Class Superintendent excluded). All exhibits are to be picked up at the building or area where entry was received and the owner must present the claim check (if given one) to the Building Department Clerk. Any exhibitor who removes his/her exhibit before the release date and time will not be allowed to exhibit in the next year's Columbia County Fair.
9. Exhibitors of animals, machinery in motion and other exhibits that might cause accidents, injury or damage to persons coming in contact with them, shall guard their exhibits and protect the public. Every exhibitor shall absolve the Columbia County Fair Board from and against all claims and demands, costs, charges and expenses which it may incur, suffer, or be put to, by reason of any accident or of any person being injured or suffering damages.
10. Entries must be in place and must be removed only at scheduled times)unless pre-arranged with Department Superintendent) and any exception to this rule shall be at the discretion of the Fair Board or its Administrators.

CODE OF ETHICS:

1. It is expected that ALL EXHIBITORS at the Fair deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in the competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes on competition.
2. Owners, exhibitors, trainers, and absolutely responsible persons found in violation of general rules, department rules, in practices unethical or inimical with the show program will forfeit premiums, awards, auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future participation in the Columbia County Fair for a minimum of 1 year.

3. Any violation of general rules, department rules, IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics or in practices unethical or inimical with the show program will be brought to the Ethics Committee for review. The determination of the Ethics Committee will be considered final unless a formal protest is made in writing.
4. All protests regarding an Ethics Committee decision must be made in writing to the Columbia County Fair Office and be accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00 in cash, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be filed with the Fair management within 24 hours after receipt of the Ethics Committee decision. No complaint or appeal based upon the statement that the committee is incompetent will be considered.

JUDGING:

1. The American Judging System shall be used. This system ranks exhibits against one another and awards one first placing, one second placing, etc. Premium monies and ribbons may be awarded. The IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics shall apply. The decision of the judges (as reported to the Fair office) shall be final and no appeal will be considered except in case of protest to the management. Judges will not be allowed to adjudicate in a class in which they are exhibitors. Any person interfering with the judges during their adjudication will forfeit the right to premiums and placements. All officers are required and exhibitors are requested to report any violation of this rule to the Fair Staff. The judge(s) shall award placing according to merit; and without merit at the judges' discretion, the judge(s) shall make no award under any circumstances.
2. Protests: All protests regarding the judging must be made in writing and be accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00 in cash, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be filed with the management within 24 hours after cause of protest. No complaint or appeal based upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent or have overlooked an animal or article in any class, will be considered. When a protest is to be made against the competition of any article in any class, notice of same shall be filed with the Superintendent before the class is passed upon, so the judge may be instructed to place a reserve award in order that premiums may be properly distributed in the event of the protest being sustained.
3. No one will be allowed to judge any department where the judge or judges' family is an exhibitor. Judges in a Department where they may be related to an exhibitor will recuse themselves from judging to avoid conflict of interest.

AWARDS AND PREMIUMS:

1. Awards will be marked 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. or Champion and will be made according to the merits of the exhibit. The judge may disqualify or award 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th premiums at his/her discretion. Special awards will be made only after the judges have agreed with the Superintendent that such awards should be made. Ribbons and Rosettes will be awarded where indicated in department listing. Exhibitors will not be awarded more than one cash premium in one class or one premium in group classes. An error in the record of premiums awarded caused by oversight or neglect on the part of the coordinator or judges shall be subject to correction by the Fair Staff.
2. NO PREMIUM MONEY WILL BE PAID ON ANY EXHIBIT OR ARTICLE NOT LISTED IN THE PREMIUM LIST.
3. Donor Awards: The Fair Board is not responsible for awards from private donors, although all reasonable care will be taken to ensure that winners receive such awards. Prize Winners shall be determined by reference to the Judge's book only and premium ribbons and cards shall have no value as to payment of premiums.
4. Ribbons will be available at the time of release of the exhibit.
5. Special Awards may be offered to entries in some classes that have not been publicized.
6. All awards sheets must be signed by the Judge and Department Superintendent before delivery/submission to the Fair Office.
7. Premiums will be paid out in cash during the week of Fair Beginning Sunday, July 22, 2018, in the Fair Business Office. Premium payouts will continue from the Fair Business Office until August 9, 2018. Any premiums not claimed by 4:00p.m. August 9, 2018 will be forfeited. (W-9 must be received if the amount of the premium check is over \$600 - see NOTE below).
8. Premium amounts are determined by the Columbia County Fair Board and are paid out as funds are made available.
9. PLEASE NOTE: Social Security Numbers are no longer required on entry forms. If it is likely that you will receive \$600 or more in total premiums, a W-9 form will be available for you to complete at the time you pick up your premiums during Fair or following Fair. If you do not pick up your premiums by August 9, 2018 your premium will be forfeited. Please make sure the name and social security number listed on the W-9 form is the same as the person receiving the premiums.

SUPERINTENDENTS:

1. Each Area Superintendent, under the direction of the management, shall have full charge and authority of the department to which he/she may be assigned, and exhibitors must follow his/her order relating to placing of exhibits, showing, etc. The Superintendent will direct the calling of classes for showing, in accordance with the printed schedule. The Superintendent has the right to request certificates of registration and transfer and examine the same before the competition and to notify the judges that the exhibitors have complied with these requirements. The Superintendent should not, in any circumstances, permit any exhibitor access to display cases or space where exhibits are shown. It is the duty of the Superintendent to make such correction as he or she may deem necessary if it is ascertained that an exhibitor is entered in a division or class in which it does not properly belong. The Superintendent shall act as clerk to their area judge, see that awards are correctly entered on the judging sheets, checking all numbers and having each book signed by the judge, and clerk, and attaching his or her signature of approval and returning the book to the Fair Office.
2. Entry Books for each Department will be turned into the Fair Office at the close of Fair each day. Cubbies are provided in the Fair Office for each Department Superintendent to comply with this rule.

CLERKS:

Clerks are requested to make a note of all cases where registration or entry blanks are not satisfactory to the Department Superintendent and to so indicate by checks on the judge's report sheets. Department Superintendents shall act as the CLERK to their Area Judge. Clerks shall not permit any person to examine their records while judging is in progress, except the Superintendent in charge or the Fair management. The clerks will announce the placing of the awards after each class has been judged and the judge, when required, will give his or her reasons for placing in each class. No person will be allowed to see the entry books after the awards have been made and entered therein. The judging sheets are the final deciding factor in premium payouts and shall be housed in the Fair Office.

GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS:

1. The Columbia County Fair will have SECURITY Personnel on the grounds and will use every reasonable precaution in its power for the preservation and protection of persons, articles on exhibition, livestock and property, but will not be responsible for loss or damage by theft or fire, or assume any liability for accidents to persons or property.
2. All drapes, hangings, curtains, drops and all other decorative material that would tend to increase the fire and panic hazard shall be made from non-flammable material, or shall be treated and maintained in a flame-retardant condition by means of a flame retardant solution or process approved by the State Fire Marshal. A record of treatment date and product needs to be available during the Fire Marshal inspection. Exit doors, exit lights,

fire alarm sending stations, wet standpipe hose cabinets, and fire extinguishers shall not be concealed or obstructed by any decorative material.

3. No person shall intentionally or repeatedly obstruct, or cause to be obstructed, the passageways around or between booths, exhibits, concession stands, or carnival rides, or impede access to and from the Fairgrounds or any building. Any person who violates this rule will be directed to discontinue the activity. If there are multiple violations of this rule, the person responsible will be required to leave the Fairgrounds.
4. The Fair Board will use every precaution to guard against extortion in any form practiced upon the patrons of the Fair. A violation of this rule by any exhibitor will result in the forfeiture of contract, money paid, or expulsion from the grounds, as the management may direct.
5. All matters of FIRE PROTECTION are under the direct supervision of the Columbia County Fire & EMS Department. Exhibitors will cooperate with the Columbia County Fire & EMS Department on all matters relating to public safety. Fire Clause: The Columbia County Fair will use precaution to guard against fire, but will not be responsible for any losses occasioned by fire or water damage.

FAIR PASSES:

1. Additional admission passes and season passes may be purchased at Fair ticket gates or through pre-sale venues, when available.
2. Fair Camping Permits are available for purchase through the Fair Business Office. No Camping is allowed without a Permit. See Camping Rules for more information.
3. Fair Vehicle Passes are at the discretion of the Fair Business Office and consistent with Department Information.
4. The Fair reserves the right to revoke any permit or pass at any time.

