

**Douglas County Fair**

Where Urban and Rural Meet



# Open Class General Rules & Regulations

1. **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

The following general rules and regulations apply to the Open Class Departments. Additional rules specific to the individual departments are found in the respective entry sections. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to be familiar with these rules and regulations.

2. **INTERPRETATION OF RULES:**

The Douglas County Fair reserves the right to interpret and amend all **Rules & Regulations** and resolve differences relating to them as necessary.

3. **COMPLIANCE:**

The exhibitor agrees to comply with all rules regulations and schedules governing the Douglas County Fair upon entering exhibits in the Fair.

This includes the compliance with the current **Open Class General Rules & Regulations**, and additional rules specific to the individual Open Class Departments. Exhibitors must also agree to cooperate with all Douglas County Fair officials and personnel in all matters of policy.

Exhibitors serve as an important part of the Fair in celebrating and showcasing Douglas County's excellence. Our primary audience consists of family and youth. The Douglas County Fair reserves the right and has the sole discretion to reject any exhibit that contains graphic or obscene material or is otherwise objectionable to the Fair's family-oriented target audience. In such cases the exhibit will be disqualified and removed. Failure to comply with removal will subject exhibitor to penalties as Douglas County Fair may order and/or prescribed by law.

4. **LIABILITY:**

**Management Liability:** The Douglas County Fair management is not responsible for personal injury and assumes no liability for loss or damage by theft or disasters (human or natural) to any property of the exhibitor while on the fair grounds.

**Exhibitor Liability:** The exhibitor is solely responsible for any consequential injury or loss resulting from an article exhibited by the exhibitor and must assume responsibility relating to all legal or other proceedings regarding the exhibit or any damage or injury to any other person or property caused by the exhibitor or exhibits at the Fair.

5. **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

All entries must be made either by the online website or using an official Douglas County Fair Entry Form. Entry forms may be obtained from the County Fair website, [www.douglascountyfair.org](http://www.douglascountyfair.org), or the County Fair office. Any fee or money due must accompany the submission. No item can be entered unless there is a suitable class in the appropriate department entry book.

Should an entry be made in a name other than that of a bona fide owner or using erroneous information regarding the item, the entry will be disqualified from competition and the exhibitor barred from participation until reinstated.

The opportunity to exhibit at the Douglas County Fair is open to all persons without regard to race, creed, color, sex, age or other non-merit factors. Discrimination is prohibited.

6. **ENTRY DEADLINE:**

All Open Class livestock entries are due to the Douglas County Fair office or post marked on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. All other Open Class entries will be accepted until 7:00 PM on Tuesday, July 10, 2018.

7. **RECEIVING OF EXHIBITS:**

All static Open Class exhibits must be dropped off at Village Pointe in the Exhibit Hall by Carter's on Tuesday, July 10, 2018, between the 1:00 pm to 7:00 PM. All Open Class livestock entries must arrive at the date and time designated in the additional rules specific to individual Departments.

8. **JUDGES/JUDGING:**

A judge is not permitted to be an exhibitor in a class they are judging.

Any person who interferes with the judging process will be asked to leave the judging area. Further action will be at the discretion of the Superintendent and Fair Management.

An exhibit entered in the incorrect class may be transferred to the appropriate class at the discretion of the Department Superintendent and Fair Management prior to the start of judging. However, if the correct class for the entry has already been judged the class will not be reopened and the exhibit will not be judged.

9. **AWARDS:**

The judge may, but is not required to, award all the ribbons offered in a class. It is the intention of Fair Management that no premium or distinction of any kind be given to any exhibit deemed unworthy by the judge.

The Premium Schedule is as follows:

- Best of Show** – Purple Rosette - \$10 Premium
- Best of Douglas County** – Purple Rosette - \$10 Premium
- Best of Division** – Lavender Rosette - \$8 Premium
- 1<sup>st</sup> place** – Blue Ribbon - \$5 Premium
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place** – Red Ribbon - \$4 Premium
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place** – White Ribbon - \$3 Premium
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place** – Yellow Ribbon - \$2 Premium
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place** – Green Ribbon - \$1 Premium
- Participation** – Orange Ribbon

Payment of Douglas County Fair premiums will be mailed to exhibitors after July 20, 2018. The Douglas County Fair will not be held liable for any award or premium offered by a private or business donor separate from the Douglas County Fair should that donor fail to provide the offered award or premium.

**10. DISPUTES AND PROTESTS:**

The Douglas County Fair Management reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these Rules & Regulations and to arbitrarily settle disputes and questions of differences. Any protest based on the statement that the judge(s) was incompetent will not be considered. If a protest on any other grounds is not resolved with the Department Superintendent, the Exhibitor may present a protest in written form to the Fair Management, within 24 hours of ribbons being displayed

**11. RELEASE TIME:**

Removal of entries by the exhibitor prior to release time set by the Douglas County Fair is prohibited. Premiums will be forfeited. All Open Class exhibits except livestock will be released from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM on Sunday, July 15, 2018 ONLY.

**12. RETURNED CHECKS:**

There will be a \$40 service charge for any non-sufficient fund check. If the exhibitor does not make payment of the check and service charge within five (5) days, the exhibitor will not receive any premium for entries.

**13. SOLICITATION:**

Exhibitors in the Open Class Departments are not allowed to solicit Fair Guests.

**14. LOTTERIES:**

No lottery or raffle shall be conducted at the Douglas County Fair without the written authority of Douglas County Fair Management.

**15. SMOKING:**

Smoking is prohibited in all buildings.

**16. ALCOHOL ABUSE:**

The State of Nebraska Rules of Alcohol Use and Abuse are enforced on any property where the Douglas County Fair has a presence.

**17. FIRE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:**

By order of the State Fire Marshal, the use of flammable and combustible materials inside any buildings is strictly prohibited.

**18. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

The Douglas County Fair reserves the right to cancel events or change scheduling if deemed necessary.



# Open Class Agriculture/Produce Department #1

<b>Registration</b>	7:00 PM on July 10, 2018
<b>Deadline:</b>	
<b>Entry Delivery:</b>	July 10, 2018   1:00 PM – 7:00 PM
<b>Entry Release:</b>	July 15, 2018   5:00 PM – 7:00 PM – <b>NO EARLY RELEASE</b>
<b>Show Times Open to Public:</b>	Friday, July 13, 2018   12:00PM – 8:00PM Saturday, July 14, 2018   10:00 AM – 8:00 PM Sunday, July 15, 2018   12:00 PM – 5:00 PM
<b>Entry Fees:</b>	<b>Youth (18 &amp; Under)</b> – \$3.00 per Entry <b>College Student</b> (Must bring a college ID or you will have to check in as an adult) - \$3.00 per Entry <b>Adult (19 &amp; Over)</b> – \$5 per Entry
<b>Premiums:</b>	PREMIUM PAYOUTS: will be mailed to the exhibitors. Check will be mailed out after July 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2018.

## Department Specific Rules:

All articles must be produced and grown by the Exhibitor. If the Judge deems articles have been purchased for exhibition, they may be disqualified. Corn exhibits selected from late varieties and entered either as medium or 90 days will be ruled out. After being submitted, the superintendent shall have control of same: Exhibitors shall not interfere with or handle exhibit afterwards.

No entries will be released before specified time. If you are unable to pick up your exhibits at the release time, it is your responsibility to find someone to do so. Any items remaining after 7:00 PM on Sunday, July 15 will be disposed of immediately. **Spoiled Produce will be disqualified.**

## Division and Class List:

### **DIVISION 101 – VEGETABLES**

#### **Class #**

01	Russet Potatoes (6)	28	Red Tomatoes, no stems (6)
02	Kennebec Potatoes (6)	29	Pink Tomatoes, no stems (6)
03	Cobbler Potatoes (6)	30	Yellow or Orange Tomatoes, no stems (12)
04	Norland Potatoes (6)	31	Red Table Beets (6)
05	Yukon Gold Potatoes (6)	32	Short Carrots, 2-4 inches in length (6)
06	Any other variety white potatoes (6)	33	Long Carrots, Over 4 inches (6)
07	Any other variety red potatoes (6)	34	Turnips (6)
08	Sweet Potato, any variety (3)	35	Rhubarb, 2-inch fan, pulled, not cut (6)
09	Red Onion, unpeeled (6)	36	Eggplant, Tradition (2)
10	White Onion, unpeeled (6)	37	Eggplant, Japanese
11	Yellow Onion, unpeeled (6)	38	Eggplant, Any Other
12	Jumbo Onions 4 in. or over, any variety, unpeeled (3)	39	Okra, Edible, 5 inches or less in length (6)
13	Green Beans, in pods (12)	40	Kohlrabi (6)
14	Wax Beans, in pods (12)	41	Any Other Non-Root Crop (Fruit Above Ground) (6)
15	Lima Green Beans, in pods (12)	42	Any Other Root Crop (Fruit Below Ground) (6)
16	Green Cabbage (2 heads)	43	Sweet Basil (Dried, Shown with Leaves) 6 Stems
17	Red Cabbage (2 heads)	44	Dill (Dried, Bunch, 2 Ft. Length) 6 Stems
18	Green Bell Peppers (6)	45	Sage (Dried, Shown with Leaves) 6 Stems
19	Red Bell Peppers (6)	46	Garlic Chives (Fresh, Shown in Jar/Glass of Water) 6 Specimens
20	Banana Peppers (6)	47	Onion Chives (Fresh, Shown in Jar/Glass of Water) 12 Specimens
21	Hot Peppers, Jalapeno (12)	48	Parsley (Fresh, Shown in Jar/Glass of Water) 12 Specimens
22	Hot Peppers, Red, Large (6)		
23	Hot Peppers, Green (12)		
24	Hot Peppers, Yellow (12)		
25	Hot Peppers, Chili (12)		
26	Hot Peppers, Not Named (12)		
27	Any other Sweet Pepper (6)		

49	Horseradish, 2 Specimens	16	Crookneck Squash, Immature, Edible
50	Garlic, 6 Bulbs	17	Straight-Neck Squash, Immature, Edible
51	Oregano (Fresh, Shown in Jar/Glass of Water) 12 Stems	18	Pumpkin, Sugar or Pie, Matured
52	Rosemary (Fresh, Shown in Jar/Glass of Water) 6 Stems	19	Pumpkin, Connecticut field type, Matured
53	Shallot, 6 Bulbs	20	Cumshaw Pumpkin Matured
54	Other Herb Not Listed (Fresh, Shown in Jar/Glass of Water) 12 Stems	21	Mini Pumpkin (4 inches or under), Matured, White
		22	Mini Pumpkin (4 inches or under), Matured, Orange
		23	Any other Pumpkin, 2 Specimens
		24	Watermelon, Round (larger than 9 inches), Green, Matured
		25	Watermelon, Round (larger than 9 inches), Stripe, Matured
		26	Watermelon, Long Green, Matured
		27	Watermelon, Long Stripe, Matured
		28	Watermelon, Ice-Box Varieties (9 inches or smaller), Matured
		29	Muskmelon, 2 Specimens
		30	Cantaloupe, 2 Specimens
		31	Cucumber, Green Slicing, 3 Specimens, May Be Shown Without Stem
		32	Cucumber, Pickling, 12 Specimens, over 2 1/2 inches Long, May Be Shown Without Stem
		33	Lemon Cucumber, 3 Specimens, With or Without Stem

## **DIVISION 102 – VINE VEGETABLES**

### **Class #**

01	Vegetable Spaghetti Squash Matured		
02	Butternut Squash Matured		
03	Acorn Squash, Green, Matured		
04	Acorn Squash, Any Other, Matured		
05	Buttercup Squash Matured		
06	Banana Squash Matured		
07	Any Other Matured Winter Variety Squash		
08	Any Hubbard Squash		
09	Scallop Squash, Any Types, Mature, Decorative		
10	Zucchini Squash, Mature, Decorative		
11	Crookneck Squash, Mature, Decorative		
12	Straight-Neck Squash, Mature, Decorative 13 Turk's Turban Squash, Mature, Decorative		
14	Scallop Squash, Any Types, Immature, Edible		
15	Zucchini Squash, Immature, Edible		

- 34 Any Other Variety  
Cucumber Not Listed, 3  
Specimens
- 35 Other Vine Products

**DIVISION 103 – SHEAF DISPLAY**

**Class #**

- 01 Hard Red Winter Wheat,  
Shown Without  
Leaves
- 02 Rye, Shown Without  
Leaves
- 03 Oats, Shown Without  
Leaves
- 04 Soybeans Leaves  
Permitted on the Top  
One Third, Stalk Cut at  
Ground Level
- 05 Alfalfa
- 06 Any Sweet Clover Before  
Bloom Stage
- 07 Red Clover
- 08 Alsike Clover

**DIVISION 104 – STALK DISPLAY**

**Class #**

- 01 Grain Sorghum, Red or  
Bronze, with Leaves
- 02 Grain Sorghum, Yellow or  
Cream, with Leaves
- 03 Yellow Popcorn
- 04 White Popcorn
- 05 Yellow Dent Corn
- 06 White Dent Corn
- 07 Strawberry Popcorn
- 08 Any Flint Corn
- 09 Sunflower Heads with 1 Ft.  
Stem, 2 Qty.

**DIVISION 105 – CORN**

**Class #**

- 01 Yellow Dent Corn
- 02 White Dent Corn

- 03 Yellow Sweet Corn
- 04 White Sweet Corn
- 05 Bi-Colored Sweet Corn
- 06 Yellow Popcorn
- 07 White Popcorn
- 08 Strawberry Popcorn
- 09 Flint Ear Corn

**DIVISION 106 – FRESH FRUIT**

**Class #**

- 01 Apple, Any Variety (6)
- 02 Apricot (6)
- 03 Blackberry (12)
- 04 Blueberry (12)
- 05 Boysenberry (12)
- 06 Cherry, Any Variety (12)
- 07 Peach (6)
- 08 Pear (6)
- 09 Raspberry (12)
- 10 Strawberry (12)

**DIVISION 107 – CUT FLOWERS**

**Class #**

- 01 Annuals (Marigolds, Snap  
Dragons,  
Zinnias, Gladiolus, Dahlia,  
etc.)
- 02 Perennials (Lavender,  
Black-Eyed Susan, Daylily,  
Rose, Carnations, Daisies,  
etc.)

**DIVISION 108 – PLANTS AND  
PLANTERS**

**Class #**

- 01 House Plant
- 02 Tropical Plant
- 03 Cactus or Succulent
- 04 Flowering Plant
- 05 Foliage Planter





# 2018

## Static Entry Form

Exhibitor Information			
NAME:			
AGE as of JANURARY 1, 2018 (ONLY IF UNDER 21):			
PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME (ONLY IF UNDER 21):			
PHONE:			
ADDRESS:			
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:	COUNTY:
EMAIL:			

### Entry Registration

Division Name	Dept. #	Division #	Class #	No. of Entries	\$ per Entry	Total \$ Due
<b>EXAMPLE: Six Easy Bites</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$ 5</b>	<b>\$ 10</b>
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<b>Total</b>					\$	\$

**Check or Debit/Credit Card Accepted for Entry Fee Payment**

**All Exhibitor Information must be completed in order to receive Premiums.**

***By Signing Below, I shall fully agree to follow all Rules, Regulations and Schedules of the Douglas County Fair.***

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**Signature**

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**Date**