

HERITAGE ARTS

DEPARTMENT J – 2019 HORTICULTURE

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ENTRY: Online entry is mandatory* at: www.montanafair.com

MontanaFair will provide assistance in online entry beginning Monday, July 15th, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm through Wednesday, July 31, 2019.

CONTACT: entryoffice@metrapark.com (406)256-2400

ONLINE ENTRY DEADLINE IS: WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2019 by 5:00 pm - Late entries will not be accepted online or at the door.

EXHIBITORS FEE: \$5.00 fee (per exhibitor) for unlimited entries in Department J - Horticulture Department. Fee must be paid at time of entry.

EXHIBITS RECEIVED: Montana Pavilion – **Thursday, August 8th, between 10:00 am & 6:00 pm. EXHIBITS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER Thursday, August 8th at 6:00 PM.** Please come early and allow yourself time to be checked in and verify that all requirements for entering are met. Exhibitors or families that have 20 or more entries in this department must contact the Superintendents (entryoffice@metrapark.com) for a scheduled appointment for check-in.

GATE ADMISSION: MontanaFair will provide one free day gate admission pass to exhibitors who enter five or more entries in any one department (limit one per exhibitor/per department). Exhibitors may purchase a MontanaFair season gate admission pass for \$30.00 or one day gate admission passes for \$5.00 each, if purchased at time of entry (which will be given to you when you check in your exhibit) or from the MontanaFair entry office, located in the exhibit hall (lower level) of the MetraPark main arena) by 4:00 pm Friday, August 9, 2019. Heritage Arts Horticulture Exhibitor discount tickets will not be available after this time. Exhibitor tickets will not be available for purchase at department check-in of exhibits at the department check-in tables.

EXHIBITS RELEASED: Sunday, August 18, 2019, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Items not picked up during this time period will not be secured and **WILL BE DISCARDED! Or Will Be DONATED to a non-profit.** *This policy will be strictly adhered to in 2019!* Please make sure to pick-up your ribbons with your exhibits. MontanaFair will not mail exhibits or ribbons to exhibitors.

PREMIUMS: Premiums will be awarded in all classes where there is at least one exhibitor. Please note: Premiums are paid by results as stated in the Official Judge's Book. Ribbons do not constitute a premium. Ribbons will be awarded in all classes.

1st place - \$6.00, 2nd place - \$5.00, 3rd place - \$4.00, 4th place - \$3.00

BEST OF SHOW AWARDS: Rosettes will be awarded to the "Best of Show" in each Horticulture Division, selected from the 1st place class winners in the division. **Please pick up your ribbons when you pick up your exhibits. They will not be mailed by MontanaFair.**



RULES AND REGULATIONS: Exhibitors must read and observe the General Rules and Regulations of MontanaFair as listed on the last pages of this document. In the event of a conflict between the MontanaFair General Rules and Department J – Horticulture Department Special Rules, department rules will govern.

1. Exhibitors are limited to ONE entry per class.

2. Vases will be provided by MontanaFair for the display of cut flowers.
3. Some flowers are not meant to be cut for display as they do not display well after cut. Please consult internet to see which are not to be cut and enter them in the cut flower division in pot.
4. Please do not add more stems or items than this class list calls for, otherwise they will be disqualified.
5. The Superintendent shall have the right to remove or replace any item after judging that has become unsightly. See Rule #3.
6. Any entry that displays a noxious weed will be disqualified.
7. MontanaFair is not liable for any printing errors or omissions from this department information or the website.

DIVISION 1 – Cut Flower Exhibits - Open

All flowers in Division #1 must have been grown by exhibitor, (children must prepare and arrange their own exhibits). Submit minimum of three flowers (per class entry) or six or more flowers in collections. Type of flower includes all varieties and colors.

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J-1-101	Asters	J-1-123	Phlox
J-1-102	Begonias	J-1-124	Rose – Miniature
J-1-103	Carnations	J-1-125	Rose – Single
J-1-104	Calendulas	J-1-126	Rose – Any
J-1-105	Celosia	J-1-127	Rose – One Bloom (In Exhibitor's own Bowl)
J-1-106	Chinese Lanterns	J-1-128	Shasta Daisies
J-1-107	Coreopsis	J-1-129	Snapdragons
J-1-108	Cornflowers	J-1-130	Statice
J-1-109	Cosmos	J-1-131	Strawflowers
J-1-110	Dahlias	J-1-132	Sunflowers
J-1-111	Dianthus	J-1-132	Sweet Peas
J-1-112	Daisies	J-1-134	Zinnias
J-1-113	Delphiniums	J-1-135	Any Other Annual (not listed)
J-1-114	Echinacea	J-1-136	Any Other Perennial (not listed)
J-1-115	Gallardias	J-1-137	Any Novelty Flower (not listed)
J-1-116	Gladiolus	J-1-138	Dahlia Collection
J-1-117	Gomphrena	J-1-139	Gladiolus Collection
J-1-118	Hollyhock	J-1-140	Rose Collection
J-1-119	Lilies	J-1-141	Snapdragon Collection
J-1-120	Lisianthus	J-1-142	Zinnia Collection
J-1-121	Marigolds		
J-1-122	Pansies		



DIVISION 2 – Cut Flower Exhibits – Youth (17 & Under)

All flowers in Division #2 must have been grown by the youth exhibitor, prepared, and arranged by them. Submit minimum of three flowers (per class entry) or six or more flowers in collections. Type of flower includes all varieties and colors. Youth exhibitors must be entered under their own name. Exhibitors in Division 2 can also enter Division 1.

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J-2-101	Asters	J-2-123	Phlox
J-2-102	Begonias	J-2-124	Rose – Miniature
J-2-103	Carnations	J-2-125	Rose – Single
J-2-104	Calendulas	J-2-126	Rose – Any
J-2-105	Celosia	J-2-127	Rose – One Bloom (In Exhibitor's own Bowl)
J-2-106	Chinese Lanterns	J-2-128	Shasta Daisies
J-2-107	Coreopsis	J-2-129	Snapdragons
J-2-108	Cornflowers	J-2-130	Statice
J-2-109	Cosmos	J-2-131	Strawflowers
J-2-110	Dahlias	J-2-132	Sunflowers
J-2-111	Dianthus	J-2-133	Sweet Peas
J-2-112	Daisies	J-2-134	Zinnias
J-2-113	Delphiniums	J-2-135	Any Other Annual (not listed)
J-2-114	Echinacea	J-2-136	Any Other Perennial (not listed)
J-2-115	Gallardias	J-2-137	Any Novelty Flower (not listed)
J-2-116	Gladiolus	J-2-138	Dahlia Collection
J-2-117	Gomphrena	J-2-139	Gladiolus Collection
J-2-118	Hollyhock	J-2-140	Rose Collection
J-2-119	Lilies	J-2-141	Snapdragon Collection
J-2-120	Lisianthus	J-2-142	Zinnia Collection
J-2-121	Marigolds		
J-2-122	Pansies		

DIVISION 3 – Potted or Hanging Plants - Open

This division is open to all exhibitors.

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J-3-101	African Violets
J-3-102	Begonias
J-3-103	Cacti or Succulents
J-3-104	Dish Gardens or Planters
J-3-105	Ferns
J-3-106	Foliage Dish Garden or Planter – (non flowering)
J-3-107	Geraniums
J-3-108	Ivy
J-3-109	Petunias
J-3-110	Philodendron & Pothas
J-3-111	Terrariums
J-3-112	Flowering Plant (any other not listed)
J-3-113	Hanging Plant (any other not listed)



DIVISION 4 - Container Garden – Planters - Open

This division is open to all exhibitors.

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J-4-101 Collection of Growing Blooming Patio Plants (single container)

J-4-102 Collection of Fruit or Vegetable Producing Plants (single container)

Vegetables**Rules:**

1. **Exhibitors are limited to ONE entry per class.**
2. Minimum of 3 specimens per entry unless noted.
3. Cutting an entry is at the discretion of the Judge.
4. Leave one inch of stem on most vegetables. Circular with information on "Harvesting & Preparing Vegetables for Exhibits" is available at the County Extension Office to assist in proper preparation.
5. Exhibitors identify/name and the variety on the entry tag.
6. Judging vegetables will be based on the following:
 - A) Prime Culinary Quality - 50 % - (Taste, texture, smell, maturity, substance, color, (inside or out), weight for size, type or variety)
 - B) Form - 25 % - (Little waste, meaty, typical)
 - C) Condition - 15 % - (Limp, degree of maturity, blemished, groomed, clean)
 - D) Consistency/Uniformity - 10 % - (Shape, size, color, stage of maturity, length)

The outstanding points to consider in selecting a vegetable are quality and condition. The judging of a vegetable exhibit is generally based on the readiness of the product for immediate use. The quality of the product is determined by actual test. Medium sizes are generally preferred to the very large sizes. Uniformity, a point which applies to exhibits that include more than one specimen, is particularly important. Uniformity largely determines the appearance of the exhibit. Avoid specimens that are over ripe, immature, stringy, pithy, woody, corky, pulpy, irregular, wilted, cracked, discolored, coarse, sunburned or diseased. All specimens should be free of dirt, decay, rust spots, blemishes and insect damage.

DIVISION 5 - Vegetables - Open

This division is open to all exhibitors. See rule #2 and rule #4 above for proper preparation.

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J-5-101 Beans - Bush or Row

J-5-102 Beans - Wax

J-5-103 Beets - Table

J-5-104 Broccoli (1 head)

J-5-105 Cabbage - Heirloom, Salad, Etc. (1 head)

J-5-106 Cabbage - Variety (Napa, Sale, Red Dragon, Chinese, Etc. (1 head)

J-5-107 Corn

J-5-108 Corn on the Stalk

J-5-109 Carrots – Baby

J-5-110 Carrots – Long

J-5-111 Cauliflower (1 head)

J-5-112 Cucumber – Burpless

J-5-113 Cucumber – Slicing

J-5-114 Cucumber – Sweet Pickling

J-5-115 Cucumber – Dill Pickling

J-5-116 Eggplant

J-5-117 Garlic (1 full head)

J-5-118 Kale

J-5-119 Kohlrabi

J-5-120 Lettuce or Other Green (Bibb, Salad, Blend)

J-5-121 Lettuce – Head (1 head)

J-5-122 Onions – Bunch

J-5-123 Onions – White or Yellow

J-5-124 Onions – Salad

J-5-125 Parsnips

J-5-126 Peas In-A-Pod (Snap, Snow, Etc.)

J-5-127 Pepper – Chili (any small chili pepper)

J-5-128 Pepper – Green

J-5-129 Pepper – Red

J-5-130 Pepper – Yellow

J-5-131 Pepper – Bell

J-5-132 Pepper – Habanero

J-5-133 Pepper – Jalapeno



J-5-134	Pepper - Any Other Variety (list variety)	J-5-146	Squash – Summer (1)
J-5-135	Potatoes	J-5-147	Squash – Winter (1)
J-5-136	Pumpkin – Ornamental (Small)	J-5-148	Squash – Zucchini
J-5-137	Pumpkin – For Décor or Jack O’ Lantern (1 Medium or Large)	J-5-149	Tomatoes – Cherry
J-5-138	Pumpkin – For Pie or Desserts (1)	J-5-150	Tomatoes – Beefsteak
J-5-139	Gourds – Any	J-5-151	Tomatoes – Heirloom
J-5-140	Radishes	J-5-152	Tomatoes – Roma
J-5-141	Rhubarb	J-5-153	Tomatoes – Any Other Red
J-5-142	Rutabaga	J-5-154	Tomatoes - Green
J-5-143	Spinach	J-5-155	Tomatoes – Any Other (not listed)
J-5-144	Swiss Chard	J-5-156	Turnips
J-5-145	Squash – Buttercup (1)	J-5-157	Any Other Vegetable (not listed)

DIVISION 6 - Vegetables – Youth (17 Years & Under)

All vegetables in Division #6 must have been grown by the youth exhibitor and prepared by them. Submit minimum of three items (per class entry) unless noted. All classes are any variety, any color unless noted. Youth exhibitors must be entered under their own name. Exhibitors in Division 6 can also enter Division 5.

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J-6-101	Beans - Bush or Row
J-6-102	Beans - Wax
J-6-103	Beets - Table
J-6-104	Broccoli (1 head)
J-6-105	Cabbage - Heirloom, Salad, Etc. (1 head)
J-6-106	Cabbage - Variety (Napa, Sale, Red Dragon, Chinese, Etc. (1 head)
J-6-107	Corn
J-6-108	Corn on the Stalk
J-6-109	Carrots – Baby
J-6-110	Carrots – Long
J-6-111	Cauliflower (1 head)
J-6-112	Cucumber – Burpless
J-6-113	Cucumber – Slicing
J-6-114	Cucumber – Sweet Pickling
J-6-115	Cucumber – Dill Pickling
J-6-116	Eggplant
J-6-117	Garlic (1 full head)
J-6-118	Kale
J-6-119	Kohlrabi
J-6-120	Lettuce or Other Green (Bibb, Salad, Blend)
J-6-121	Lettuce – Head (1 head)
J-6-122	Onions – Bunch
J-6-123	Onions – White or Yellow
J-6-124	Onions – Salad
J-6-125	Parsnips
J-6-126	Peas In-A-Pod (Snap, Snow, Etc.)
J-6-127	Pepper – Chili (any small chili pepper)
J-6-128	Pepper – Green
J-6-129	Pepper – Red
J-6-130	Pepper – Yellow
J-6-131	Pepper – Bell
J-6-132	Pepper – Habanero
J-6-133	Pepper – Jalapeno
J-6-134	Pepper - Any Other Variety (list variety)
J-6-135	Potatoes
J-6-136	Pumpkin – Ornamental (Small)
J-6-137	Pumpkin – For Décor or Jack O’ Lantern (1 Medium or Large)
J-6-138	Pumpkin – For Pie or Desserts (1)
J-6-139	Gourds – Any
J-6-140	Radishes
J-6-141	Rhubarb
J-6-142	Rutabaga
J-6-143	Spinach
J-6-144	Swiss Chard
J-6-145	Squash – Buttercup (1)
J-6-146	Squash – Summer (1)
J-6-147	Squash – Winter (1)
J-6-148	Squash – Zucchini
J-6-149	Tomatoes – Cherry
J-6-150	Tomatoes – Beefsteak
J-6-151	Tomatoes – Heirloom
J-6-152	Tomatoes – Roma
J-6-153	Tomatoes – Any Other Red
J-6-154	Tomatoes - Green
J-6-155	Tomatoes – Any Other (not listed)
J-6-156	Turnips
J-6-157	Any Other Vegetable (not listed)



Fruits

Rules:

1. **Exhibitors are limited to ONE entry per class.**
2. Minimum of 3 specimens (6 for berries) per entry unless noted.
3. Cutting an entry is at the discretion of the Judge.
4. Exhibitors identify/name and the variety on the entry tag.
6. Judging fruits will be based on the following:
 - A) Prime Culinary Quality - 50 % - (Taste, texture, smell, maturity, substance, color, (inside or out), weight for size, type or variety)
 - B) Form - 25 % - (Little waste, meaty, typical)
 - C) Condition - 15 % - (Limp, degree of maturity, blemished, groomed, clean)
 - D) Consistency/Uniformity - 10 % - (Shape, size, color, stage of maturity, length)

The outstanding points to consider in selecting a fruit are quality and condition. The judging of a fruit exhibit is generally based on the readiness of the product for immediate use. The quality of the product is determined by actual test. Medium sizes are generally preferred to the very large sizes. Uniformity, a point which applies to exhibits that include more than one specimen, is particularly important. Uniformity largely determines the appearance of the exhibit. Avoid specimens that are over ripe, immature, stringy, pithy, woody, corky, pulpy, irregular, wilted, cracked, discolored, coarse, sunburned or diseased. All specimens should be free of dirt, decay, rust spots, blemishes and insect damage.

DIVISION 7 – Fruits - Open

This division is open to all exhibitors.

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J-7-101	Apples – Red, Any	J-7-110	Honeydew - Any
J-7-102	Apples – Green, Any	J-7-111	Hops – Any
J-7-103	Apples – Yellow – Golden Delicious	J-7-112	Plums -.Any
J-7-104	Apples – Crab - Any	J-7-113	Raspberries - Any
J-7-105	Blackberries – Any	J-7-114	Strawberries – Any
J-7-106	Cantaloupe - Any	J-7-115	Watermelon - Any
J-7-107	Cherries – Any	J-7-116	Berries – Any Other (not listed)
J-7-108	Gooseberries – Any	J-7-117	Melons – Any Other (not listed)
J-7-109	Grapes – Any (1 bunch)	J-7-118	Fruit – Any Other (not listed)

DIVISION 8 – Fruits – Youth (17 & Under)

All vegetables in Division #8 must have been grown by the youth exhibitor and prepared by them. Submit minimum of three items (per class entry) unless noted. All classes are any variety, any color unless noted. Youth exhibitors must be entered under their own name. Exhibitors in Division 8 can also enter Division 7.

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J-8-101	Apples – Red, Any	J-8-110	Honeydew - Any
J-8-102	Apples – Green, Any	J-8-111	Hops – Any
J-8-103	Apples – Yellow – Golden Delicious	J-8-112	Plums -.Any
J-8-104	Apples – Crab - Any	J-8-113	Raspberries - Any
J-8-105	Blackberries – Any	J-8-114	Strawberries – Any
J-8-106	Cantaloupe - Any	J-8-115	Watermelon - Any
J-8-107	Cherries – Any	J-8-116	Berries – Any Other (not listed)
J-8-108	Gooseberries – Any	J-8-117	Melons – Any Other (not listed)
J-8-109	Grapes – Any (1 bunch)	J-8-118	Fruit – Any Other (not listed)



DIVISION 9 – Homegrown Herbs

This division is open to all exhibitors.

- J-9-101 Basil
 - J-9-102 Cilantro
 - J-9-103 Dill
 - J-9-104 Mint
 - J-9-105 Parsley
 - J-9-106 Rosemary
 - J-9-107 Thyme
 - J-9-107 Herb Collection (3 varieties of planted herbs)
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DIVISION 11 – MOTHER NATURE’S SURPRISES – Open

This division is open to all exhibitors. Submit one specimen.

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- J-11-319 Funniest Vegetable (not decorated or enhanced)
 - J-11-320 Longest Vegetable
 - J-11-321 Biggest Vegetable
 - J-11-322 Heaviest Vegetable
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FLOWER ARRANGEMENT CONTEST

Designer’s Choice of Fresh Flowers or Plants ~ Arranged in Exhibitor’s Vase or Planter*

**(Arrangements may be decorated or enhanced)*

Two Different Age Groups

Class J-50-101 ~ Youth – 17 Years & Younger

Class J-50-102 ~ Adult – 18 Years and Older

Contest Premiums ~ 1st \$25.00 – 2nd \$20.00 – 3rd \$15.00 – 4th \$10.00

One entry per exhibitor

Exhibits will be accepted at Montana Pavilion on Thursday, August 8th - 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

VEGETABLE ARRANGEMENT CONTEST

Designer’s Choice Vegetables ~ Arranged in Exhibitor’s Container*

(Examples: Wreaths – Cornucopias, Etc.)

**(Arrangements may be decorated or enhanced)*

Two Different Age Groups

Class J-50-104 Youth – 17 Years & Younger

Class J-50-105 Adult – 18 Years & Older

Contest Premiums ~ 1st \$25.00 – 2nd \$20.00 – 3rd \$15.00 – 4th \$10.00

One entry per exhibitor

Exhibits will be accepted at Montana Pavilion on Thursday, August 8th – 10:00 am–6:00 pm



2019 MONTANAFAIR GENERAL INFORMATION/RULES & REGULATIONS

THE PRESS: Please contact our Marketing Department at 256-2400 for information and credentials.

MAIL FACILITIES: Exhibitors and others may have their mail addressed in care of MontanaFair, PO Box 2514, Billings, MT 59103 or MontanaFair, 308 6th Avenue N, Billings, MT 59101. Postage due or COD deliveries will not be accepted.

EMERGENCY MESSAGES: Emergency messages for exhibitors should be directed to the MontanaFair Entry Office at (406)256-2400 or the Yellowstone County Sheriff at (406)256-2441.

ADVERTISING: Under no circumstances will any person or firm be allowed to place any advertising matter upon buildings, fences, trees or any place on the grounds, nor will it be permitted to distribute any advertising or sell articles outside the space assigned. No political advertising, petition solicitors, subscription or sheet writers.

INTERPRETATIONS & LIABILITY: MontanaFair Management reserves the right to interpret all rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, arising out of and not covered by them. Any person who violates any of the rules as published on the MontanaFair website www.montanafair.com will forfeit all privileges and premiums and may be subject to such penalty as ordered by MontanaFair management. Submission of written or online entry serves as agreement from exhibitor to comply with this statement.

In the event of General and Department Special Rules conflict, the Department Special Rules will govern.

MontanaFair, MetraPark and Yellowstone County, MT, their employees, agents or board members thereof will assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, death or theft, sustained by person, property or livestock of any exhibitor, exhibitor's family or employees, concessionaire or spectator. Every animal and article upon the grounds shall be under the control of MontanaFair management.

Management will put forth every effort to ensure the safety of articles after their arrival, but in no case will it be responsible for loss, theft, damages, livestock injury or death which may occur while in transit or during the time of exhibition.

DOGS: No dogs, except certified service dogs and dogs entered into competition will be allowed in any exhibit building, arenas or on the carnival midway. All dogs on the grounds must have proof of current vaccinations and health requirements as per Yellowstone County. All dogs must be on a leash at all times. Dogs, small and large animals shall not be left in vehicles or trailers or be unattended in the any parking lot or other area of the MontanaFair grounds. Unleashed dogs or dogs left unattended will be reported to the Yellowstone County Animal Control Department.

SERVICE VEHICLES: The use of private motorized service vehicles (golf carts, all-terrain vehicles, etc.), ARE NOT ALLOWED at the 2019 MontanaFair.

DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENTS: Each Superintendent will have charge of the department assigned and listed on the departmental information materials. The Superintendent will have charge of the building display spaces, stalls and equipment within the department. Rearrangement of stalls and spaces will be done only with supervision and as agreed by the Superintendent.



ENTRY INFORMATION

ALL DEPARTMENTS & EXHIBITORS:

1. MontanaFair accepts online entry only. www.montanafair.com
2. Entries are not considered complete until all applicable fees have been paid.
3. Should an individual enter either an animal or article in the name of another than that of the bonafide owner, or attempt to perpetrate a fraud by misrepresentation of any fact, the entry thus made must be removed from exhibition and all fees paid and premiums or awards must be forfeited.
4. Any entry which may have been inadvertently or erroneously entered may, at the discretion of the Department Superintendent or Judge, be transferred to the proper class prior to judging.
5. Exhibitors will cooperate at all times to conduct the best possible fair.
6. **Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated** and the offending exhibitor will forfeit all premiums due and exhibit may be immediately dismissed from the fairgrounds.
7. MontanaFair is not responsible for errors in website information.

CHECKS RETURNED/DENIED CREDIT CARDS: Any exhibitor issuing a check for payment of entries, stalling or gate admissions which does not clear their account for any reason, will have five days to make payment to keep entries eligible to participate in competition. This applies to credit card transactions that are denied. A \$30.00 fee will be assessed to the exhibitor. This fee must be paid in cash, money order or cashier's check prior to competition. If MontanaFair has not been notified of transaction denial or returned check prior to judging, any premiums earned will be withheld.

REFUNDS: MontanaFair has a firm no refund policy. While recognizing that illness or injury of an exhibitor or livestock occurs, and other events or reasons can come up between entry online and exhibits are received, no refunds of any fees are permitted. Submission of online entry acknowledges the NO REFUND POLICY.

CODE OF ETHICS: MontanaFair is a member of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) and will abide by the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics when conducting MontanaFair 2019 as printed at www.fairsandexpos.com/pdf/ShowRingCodeofEthics.pdf

EXHIBIT RULES & REGULATIONS

JUDGES: Every effort is expended to provide competent judges. No exhibitor or spectator will be allowed to interfere with a judge in the performance of his/her duties. Exhibitors, owners, agents or representatives should not converse with judge until all judging of applicable exhibits has been completed. Under no circumstances should anyone converse during class judging.

DELAY OF JUDGING: Exhibitors must arrange for the prompt showing of all exhibits at the call of the judge. At the judge's discretion, any exhibit not presented promptly when called may be disqualified. Call for "closing of the gate" is at the Department Superintendent's discretion.

UNWORTHY EXHIBITS: Judges must not award a prize to an unworthy exhibit. No premiums will be awarded to undeserving exhibits where there is competition or not. Judges are allowed to award premiums as they feel worthy. The decision of the judge shall be final and no appeal will be considered except in cases of formal protest. As ribbons and awards can be given in error at time of exhibit pickup or dismissal from a class after judging, please be aware that premiums are not paid by ribbons received. The judge's placing in the official judge's book designates the premium paid.

PROTESTS:



1. Protests (whether formal or informal) must be submitted in writing, signed and accompanied by \$50.00 cash or certified check (refundable if the protest is sustained). The protest must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Department Superintendent immediately after the occasion for the protest. A protest pertaining to eligibility is most suitable when submitted prior to judging.
2. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation.
3. Depending on the basis of the protest, interested parties may be notified and given the opportunity to submit evidence. A decision may be withheld until a complete investigation can be made.
4. No complaint or appeal that a judge overlooked an entry will be considered.
5. Consult 4-H Livestock (A) & Non-Livestock (N) departments for 4-H grievance policy.

PREMIUMS:

- Exhibitors receiving premiums in excess of \$600.00 must provide a completed, signed and dated W-9 with the personal social security number or federal taxpayer identification number. Name on W-9 must match the exhibitor as stated on the official entry form or online entry submission.
 - Provided there are judged exhibit(s) in a class, all placings and premiums may be awarded except as otherwise provided in rules in any department.
 - **Premiums will not be paid according to tags or ribbons, but by the awards as recorded in the judge's book. The judge's record is final.**
 - Fair Management does not guarantee the payment of special premiums offered by merchants or private parties. These special premiums are accepted in good faith by MontanaFair.
 - Combined or cancelled classes are at the discretion of the Department Superintendent. Combined classes will receive only one premium for placings.
 - Ties for placing will result in split premium.
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- **Premium checks not cashed within 90 days from date of issue will become stale-dated & void.**

