

## GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE FAIR

THESE RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED

### EVERYONE PAYS

**No passes to the outside gates will be issued.  
This rule applies to all departments.**

### ENTRY OF EXHIBITS

1. Entries may be submitted through our online entry system located on our website. A credit or debit card is needed for payment through the online entry system. All entry fees will be charged after the exhibitor submits their entries.
2. Entries close on dates specified by each department. No entries will be accepted after the published date.
3. Exhibitors' gate admission tickets may be purchased through the Entry Department. Exhibitors will be limited to the purchase of two (2) exhibitor gate admission ticket books.

**NEW FOR 2021: Livestock Exhibitor Barn Access Badge will be provided and required to enter the barn during hours that it is closed to the public. Exhibitors will be provided two Barn Access Badges at exhibitor check-in at Gate 4 the first day they arrive. When exhibitors submit their entry for the 2021 Fair, they can also purchase a \$25 Livestock Exhibitor Barn Access Badge + Admission that includes barn access for the wearer during hours that the area is closed to the public and 14 admission/parking scans usable to admit multiple people at the gate. Exhibitor tickets are also available in book containing 11 admission/parking tickets for \$44. Please visit [kystatefair.org](http://kystatefair.org) for more details.**

4. No employee of the Kentucky State Fair nor any member of their immediate household can own or exhibit any articles or animals in any competition in which said employee is directly affiliated.
5. Every animal or article in competition will be under the supervision of the Superintendent of the department in which it is entered, but the Kentucky State Fair Board and Management will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.
6. Exhibits which have been mistakenly entered in a class may be transferred to proper classes prior to being judged at the discretion of the Superintendent. If such classes already have been judged, they will not be reopened.
7. All items entered in competition will be displayed at the discretion of the State Fair Management. The Kentucky State Fair Board, in its sole discretion, may decline the acceptance of any entry that it deems not suitable for display or exhibit at the Kentucky State Fair.

8. The Superintendent of each department shall check entries listed under each class in the entry book against each exhibit presented. At the time of judging, the Superintendent shall mark the entry book to show which animals or articles were passed on by the judge.
9. Judging books must be signed in ink. Entries that were not shown must be so designated. Superintendents are responsible for these requirements.

### **PLACING OF ENTRIES**

1. The Kentucky Exposition Center will be open to receive livestock and articles for exhibition at dates and times specified in departmental rules. No livestock or article may be brought onto the Fairgrounds and placed on exhibit except by and at the expense of the owner or his/her authorized agent.
2. Articles from outside Louisville can be mailed to the Department Entered, c/o Entry Department, Kentucky State Fair, 937 Phillips Lane, Louisville, Kentucky 40209. Packages will not be accepted by the State Fair unless all charges have been paid.

**Kentucky Department of Agriculture and the 4-H Extension office drop off location service has been suspended for 2021.**

3. All animals or articles for exhibition must be placed in the department before the time listed in departmental rules. If not placed before the specified time, the owner will forfeit all right to exhibit or compete for premiums subject to appeal to the Kentucky State Fair Board.

### **RELEASES**

1. Exhibitors must obtain signed releases from the Superintendent of their department.
2. See departmental rules for times of release. No animals or articles will be released before the published release date and time.
3. Early Release for Livestock - An exhibitor may request early release with proper documentation of entry at another State Fair or major Livestock Show. The request shall be made to Entry Dept. and shall be verified by State Fairs or Livestock Shows involved.

### **RULES APPLICABLE TO CATTLE, SWINE, SHEEP, GOATS**

1. All competing animals will be exhibited in the ring at the discretion of the Superintendent. Any exhibitor failing to comply with the general rules applying to their department will forfeit premiums.
2. Superintendents shall exclude livestock from competition if there is over a 10 minute delay by the exhibitor in bringing the animals into the show ring. If an animal is excluded from competition, all entry fees

- and charges are forfeited without liability to the Kentucky State Fair Board.
3. The stalls, pens and exhibition space shall be cleaned and maintained in order for a good public image and to add to the attractiveness of the livestock areas.
  4. Exhibitors are solely responsible for their animals, including any damage or injury caused by them.
  5. Every animal shall be entered and exhibited in the name of the bona fide owner. The owner of the dam at the time of services is considered the breeder of the animal.
  6. **In breed shows without defined classes, substitutions can be made only with an animal of the same sex and a birth date within 90 days of the original entry and only in the name of the original exhibitor-owner as listed on the entry form. No substitutions will be allowed in the 4-H/FFA Youth Market Livestock Shows.**
  7. Dairy and Beef animals owned in partnership or by syndicate may be shown in the name of the partnership or syndicate only; except that at the time of entry a determination will be made that animals will be shown in the name of one partner or syndicate member. Animals must be shown the same way in group classes as they are in open single classes.
  8. All Dairy and Beef animals must have registration papers in the owner's name or a photocopy of valid papers in process for registration or transfer (to be collected by the Superintendent and forwarded to the appropriate Association) to be eligible to show. No animal will be checked in without this identification.
  9. The Kentucky State Fair Board reserves the right to decline entries from any exhibitor and may return entry fees before the opening of the show, or to remove any animal or attendant from the show without liability.
  10. **Any breed show which falls below 20 head shown will be put on a one year probation. At the end of this one year period, the Kentucky State Fair reserves the right to discontinue the show if this minimum number is not met.**
  11. Animals affected by or having been exposed to any contagious disease during the thirty days preceding the Fair will be excluded from the grounds. In case of outbreak of any contagious or infectious disease among the domestic animals, the Kentucky State Fair Board will not be liable for any damage or loss that may occur to exhibitors.
  12. The Fair will provide dumpsters for the disposal of manure and trash. These containers will be placed at various locations throughout livestock buildings at all times. No bedding or manure is to be heaped in the area at any time. It must be put into the designated dumpster and

will be removed when full and replaced by another receptacle. Help us keep our livestock building clean.

13. **KY law prohibits tents with roofs. Tents or sleeping areas without tops are permitted if made of fire retardant material per requirement of the state fire code Section 13.3.2.6.1 and State Fire Marshall.**

### NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the National Code of Show Ring Ethics, fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the Kentucky State Fair. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and

rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedure of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually

instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

**FOR HEALTH REQUIREMENT INFORMATION,  
CONTACT:**

**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
DIVISION OF ANIMAL HEALTH  
109 CORPORATE DRIVE  
FRANKFORT, KY 40601  
PHONE: (502) 573-0282 OPTION 3**

**FOR ALL UP-TO-DATE HEALTH REGULATIONS FOR EACH SPECIES  
OF  
LIVESTOCK, PLEASE CONTACT THE  
KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
AT THE ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER ABOVE,  
OR VISIT THEIR WEBSITE AT  
[WWW.KYAGR.COM](http://WWW.KYAGR.COM).**

## OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

If veterinarian services are needed, owner may contact the veterinarian through the Livestock Office in the West Wing. Owner may use any vet they desire in the care of their animals and is responsible for fees charged for these services.

## DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF EXHIBITORS

Exhibitors shall care for their exhibits at all times. At the close of the Fair, exhibitors must assume responsibility for them.

## DISCOURTESY TO JUDGES AND OFFICIALS

The Manager or Superintendent of any department will have the authority without liability or recourse to the Kentucky State Fair Board, to bar an exhibitor, or his representatives, in the event of discourteous act to a judge or an official of the Fair, and he will have power to disqualify the entry of that exhibitor. In the event of such disqualification, the exhibitor forfeits all fees paid as well as any prize money won or awards earned.

## PROTESTS

1. All protests must be made in writing, plainly stating the reason for the complaint or appeal and must be filed with the management of the Kentucky State Fair Board. All protests must be accompanied by a \$500.00 cash deposit which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained.
2. Protests against the exhibition of animals or articles shall be filed at least 24 hours before the awards are made. Protests against awards shall be filed by 8:00 p.m. on the day on which the awards were made, or, in the case of articles judged prior to the opening of the Fair, by 8:00 p.m. on the official opening day of the Fair.
3. All protests will be considered at a time set by the Kentucky State Fair Board and the interested parties will be notified and given the opportunity to submit evidence.
4. In addition to the right of protest herein guaranteed to interested parties, the Kentucky State Fair Board expressly reserves the right to take cognizance of fraud, which may have been consummated or attempted, and to take such action as may be deemed just and proper.

## NO LIABILITY

1. Every possible protection and courtesy will be extended exhibitors at the Kentucky State Fair, but the Board shall not be responsible for any loss of exhibits, animals or equipment in case of fire, theft, or loss from any other cause.
2. The Kentucky State Fair Board, its agents, servants, and employees shall not be held liable in case of injury to exhibitors, or the public on the grounds or in the buildings from any cause whatsoever while on the grounds of the Kentucky State Fair.

3. All equipment regardless of source of power must comply with all national, state and local safety codes. All exhibitors' electric cords must be the 3-wire grounded type per state fire code Section 11.1.7.4. All exposed noncurrent carrying metal parts of fixed equipment, which are liable to be energized, will be grounded.

### AWARDS

1. Competent judges selected from lists, suggested by exhibitors and Breed Associations, have been invited to judge and have accepted, but in case of their inability to serve, the Management reserves the right to replace or substitute another judge, or judges, to fill the vacancy. No refunds of entry fees, stall rent, etc., will be made in any department due to replacement of judges.
2. Judges will report to the Superintendent in charge at their respective departments according to times and date specified in contract.
3. An exhibitor cannot (a) act as judge in a class in which said exhibitor is showing or (b) exhibit an entry in any class where the judge is a principal agent, employee, or relative of the exhibitor.
4. Where there is only one entry in a class, the first prize will be awarded if merited. If an exhibit is not worthy of first prize, judges may, at their discretion, award the prize which the animal or article deserves.
5. Should any doubt or questions arise as to the regularity of any entry, or any other important matter, which the judge feels incompetent to decide, he should notify the Superintendent, Board Member in Charge of Department or Management, whose decision will be final.
6. The decision of an awarding judge will be final, and no appeal will be considered except in case of protest.
7. Objections to any person serving as a judge must be submitted to the Kentucky State Fair Board in writing, prior to making an award, giving good and sufficient reason therefor, and upon which the Board shall have full power to act.
8. Any exhibitor attempting to interfere with the judges during their adjudications will be promptly excluded from competition.
9. Each Superintendent in charge should carefully maintain the judging books of the department, since the judging books are the only basis for the payment of premiums.

### PREMIUMS

1. Premiums will be paid by the Kentucky State Fair as early as possible after the awards in the various departments have been made and checked.

#### **Attention Livestock Exhibitors:**

**All premium checks will be disbursed after the conclusion of testing and when all sponsorship funding has been received.**



2. Premiums will be paid by check sent by the Kentucky State Fair to the post office address of the exhibitor. **Social Security number or Tax ID must be submitted when entering in order to receive a check of premiums won.**
3. Errors in premium statement will be corrected until December 1, following the Fair, after which time the books are closed and unpaid premiums are forfeited to the Fair.
4. The Kentucky State Fair Board will list in good faith special premiums and awards in the premium list, but is not responsible for their payment and delivery.
5. The following colors of ribbons will be used to designate awards in all departments:
 

First premium.....	blue
Second premium .....	red
Third premium .....	white
Fourth premium .....	pink
Fifth premium .....	yellow
Sixth and additional premiums .....	green
Championships.....	Royal Purple Rosette
Grand Championships.....	Royal Purple Banner
6. Ribbons have no value for payment of premiums, as premiums are paid only from the record of the judging books.

### STALLS

1. Stalls will be assigned only to bona fide exhibitors. Exhibitors subletting stalls without permission of the Superintendent of the Department shall forfeit their stalls, and stalls shall be subject to reassignment.
2. Unless an animal is entered in the Livestock Department, it may not occupy a stall or pen until all exhibition animals are accommodated. Space for tack and display is subject to availability. **NO REFUNDS OF FEES WILL BE MADE.**
3. Exhibitors not arriving by designated time will forfeit fees paid and reserved stalls shall be subject to reassignment. In case of unavoidable delay or failure to attend the Fair, proper notification should be given to the Fair Office.

### ENTRY FEES

Jack or Mare & Colt (Per Head).....	25.00
Mules (Per Head).....	25.00
Open Beef Cattle (Per Head).....	25.00
Open Dairy Cattle (Per Head).....	25.00
4-H/FFA Cattle (Per Head).....	15.00
Open Sheep/Swine (Per Head).....	15.00
4-H/FFA Sheep/Swine/Goats (Per Head).....	10.00
Market Goats and Wether Dam.....	15.00
Novice Sheep, Swine (Per Head).....	10.00

Open Dairy Goats (Per Head).....	12.00
Open Boer Goats (Per Head).....	15.00
Poultry & Pigeons (Per Bird).....	5.00
Rabbits (Each).....	5.00

Mare and Colt or Cow and Calf pair is considered one entry. Entry fee required for Calf entered in individual class.

### DEPARTMENTAL ENTRY FEES

**Entry Fee: \$15.00 per exhibitor, all entries made in any departments (except Homebrew Beer). For Example: An exhibitor can enter one (1) item in Fine Arts and Crafts and two (2) items in Textiles and it will cost \$15.00. Entries must be submitted by midnight on July 8 or a late fee will be charged.**

**NEW in 2021: Entries in any digital classes will be charged \$1.00 per entry.**

Homebrew Beer Department - \$5.00 per beer entry fee to enter this department if entry is submitted by midnight on July 8.

### LATE ENTRIES

**An entry fee of \$20.00 per exhibitor will be charged for all entries submitted after July 8. Late entries must be submitted by midnight on July 10. No entries will be accepted after that date.**

**NEW in 2021: Entries in any digital classes will be charged \$1.00 per entry.**

An entry fee of \$8.00 per beer will be charged for all Homebrew Beer entries submitted after July 8. Late entries must be submitted by midnight on July 10. No entries will be accepted after that date.

### ENTRY FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

A service charge of \$25.00 will be assessed on all declined credit or debit cards.

### OPERATION OF VEHICLES

The speed limit within the Kentucky Exposition Center is 15 miles per hour except for the Circle of Champions which is 25 miles per hour, and it is strictly enforced. In addition, there are fire lanes which must be clear at all times, no parking areas, areas in which vehicular traffic is prohibited, and other traffic and vehicle control regulations. State statute provides fines for violation of any traffic control regulations established by the Kentucky State Fair Board.

## GOLF CART OPERATION

Golf carts may not be operated in Coliseum, Exposition Wings and Halls, or on the Midway, unless written permission is given by Kentucky State Fair Board General Management. All golf carts operated on the grounds shall have a permit issued by the Kentucky State Fair and shall pay a \$107.00 processing fee on all golf carts (rented or owned). If you lose the golf cart permit you must purchase another permit. If your golf cart is impounded, golf cart will be held for 24 hours.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### LIVESTOCK

All exhibitors bringing livestock including Poultry, Pigeons and Rabbits onto the grounds shall use Gate 4 located off Crittenden Drive. Any vehicle bringing horses or livestock to the Fair which is to remain on the grounds throughout the Fair period must park in area designated by Superintendent of their department.

### RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

A limited amount of RV parking will be available at a charge of \$30.00 per night; however, no electric, no water, no sewer, no dumping facilities and no in/out privileges. Each person in the RV will need to pay fair admission. Space will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis and no space can be guaranteed. Contact the access control office located at the administration offices in front of Freedom Hall. The number is (502) 367-5380.



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The Administrative Office is equipped with a TDD. The number is (502) 367-5131.

The Kentucky Exposition Center meets requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Accessible parking for individuals with limited mobility is located throughout the grounds. For ticketed events, call the KEC Ticket Office at (502) 367-5144. Tickets are subject to availability.

# GENERAL INFORMATION & SERVICES

## FIRST AID

A first aid room is on the 1st floor of the Coliseum, South Wing "C" and outside West Hall near the W8 overhead door.

## STATE POLICE

Outside West Hall near W8 overhead door.

## FEED AND BEDDING

Feeders Supply Company (502) 583-3867  
or (502) 367-5096 from August 19-29

Feed for livestock and horses may be brought in by exhibitors for their entries only or ordered from the official State Fair feed supplier. These orders must be placed so that deliveries may be completed by 9:00 a.m. each morning.

Storage of large quantities of feed or bedding is not permitted. Extra feed and bedding must be kept in trucks and trailers in the assigned parking areas.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Located on grounds throughout the Kentucky State Fair.

## ATM LOCATIONS

1. West Hall (Outside)
2. South Wing B (Inside Lobby)
3. Freedom Hall (Front Lobby)

## FOUND CHILD

State Police Office

## DOG NOTICE

Dogs will not be permitted on the grounds of the Kentucky Exposition Center during the course of the Kentucky State Fair except those under leash control of the owner. Service dogs are permitted on the grounds. Any dog running free will be impounded and removed from the grounds.

## TRASH AND WET GARBAGE INFORMATION

The Fair will provide dumpsters for the disposal of manure and trash. These containers will be parked at various locations throughout the livestock buildings at all times. Wet garbage containers will be stationed at various places at Thrill Ville.