

2023 OPEN CLASS EXHIBITS

LIVESTOCK

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IMPORTANT RULES FOR OPEN CLASS EXHIBITORS

1. Rules of the Michigan State Department of Agriculture regarding communicable livestock diseases will be followed.
2. To further guard against possible spread of disease, exhibitors will provide their own water pails and feed containers.
3. Hay and grain must be furnished by the exhibitor.
4. Adult class livestock may be removed from grounds at 7:00 pm Saturday of fair
5. In all classes of livestock, only one money will be awarded on group placings where there is no competition.
6. Members of the same family or firm will not be considered an extra exhibitor.
7. The decisions of the judges will be final. The Fair Association will not alter a decision but will support the judges.
8. All premiums listed can be pro-rated subject to State participation.
9. All entries must be made one week before fair date.
10. The Fair Board will not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury to any animal exhibited or for any article of any kind or nature that may be lost or destroyed or in any way injured.
11. The Superintendent shall have complete control of the sale and management of privileges of all kinds. He shall collect all monies for rent and receipt for the same.
12. Exhibitors must have their articles or animals in place on the grounds the first of the fair or be excluded from the exhibitions.
13. No article or animal shall be entered in more than one class or compete for more than one premium except for group classes.
14. All animals must be registered. Registration must be checked by the Superintendent on entry day.
15. All premium protests must be in writing and made to the Superintendent before the close of the fair.
16. No exhibitor will be allowed to interfere with the viewing committee. Anyone so interfering will forfeit his premium.
17. No premium shall be awarded by any committee unless the animal or article is worthy.
18. Prize ribbons or cards will be attached by the committee to articles receiving prizes as soon as possible after awards are made.
19. If any person acts as judge of any kind of articles of which he is an exhibitor, he shall forfeit such premiums as shall have awarded him on such articles.
20. No loose animals will be allowed on the grounds, and all animals that are pastured on fairgrounds shall be at owner's risk.
21. The Fair Board reserves the right to withhold premiums in all cases of fraud or violations of rules.

22. All premiums not called for at the office of the Secretary in Holland before the first Monday in the following November will be forfeited to the Fair Board.
23. The Fair Board will not pay any premiums on articles or animals not mentioned in the Premium List, and the Superintendent has no authority to receive entries for anything not printed on the list.
24. Persons having claims against the Association must present them to the Secretary at the close of the fair, in order that they may be examined at the first meeting of the board. The police and other officers of the Fair will exercise all care possible to protect its patrons. THE ASSOCIATION WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE THAT MAY OCCUR UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent of the several departments to execute the orders they receive from the Board and to preserve order and decorum throughout the buildings.
25. The Fair Board will not permit any advertising or commercial displays in the Exhibitor buildings.
26. After animals are removed from pens on the last day of the fair, all pens must be cleaned out. Do not push to the center of the aisle. The manure/straw must be brought to the appropriate dumpster outside.
27. Checks for premiums earned at the Ottawa County Fair will not be given out until your Superintendent gives you a release form that your stalls have been completely cleaned. This includes Open Class Dairy Cattle, Beef Cattle, Draft Horses, 4-H and FFA Youth Programs
28. Rules per Ottawa County Fair Board of Directors

