



182nd ORANGE COUNTY FAIR

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JULY 20 - 30, 2023

****ENTRY RULES & REGULATIONS****

(Unless otherwise noted in the specific rules of an individual Department)

OPENING & CLOSING OF ENTRIES:

- 1.) **Entries for the Orange County Fair will be open for display on Thursday, July 20, 2023.**
- 2.) All entries shall remain in place until the closing of the Fair on **Sunday, July 30, 2023.**
- 3.) **Entries Acceptance & Removal:**
 - a. The time for acceptance of all entries is listed under each Department's Rules and Regulations. All Departments have set certain times for acceptance and the release of all entries. There will be no deviation from this rule.
 - b. **All entries are to be brought to the RED BARN (Old Sportsman Building/Old McDonalds Farm)**
 - c. All entries will be released on **Monday, July 31, 2023**, unless otherwise specified by the Department Superintendent. When picking up entries please make sure that you bring your claim tags.
- 4.) **Unclaimed Entries:** All entries that are not removed on **Monday, July 31, 2023, will be brought to the Fair Office and held for one (1) week. Any entry not claimed within one (1) week will be disposed of.**

ENTRY FORMS:

- 1.) **Entry Forms can be sent by mail, email or made in person until the date listed under the Departments Rules and Regulations.**
- 2.) Entry forms will be accepted between the hours of **10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Tuesday-Friday**, at the Orange County Fair Office.
- 3.) If you are mailing in your entry forms, please send it to: **Orange County Fair
239 Wisner Avenue
Middletown, NY 10940
Attn: Entry Clerk**
- 4.) When mailing your entry form, please make sure that your entry fee is included.
- 5.) If paying by check/money order, please make payable to: **Orange County Fair**
- 6.) Entry fees will be ten percent (10%) of the First Prize Premium for each class entered, unless otherwise stated in the specific rules of a department.
- 7.) All Junior Exhibitors will be charged an entry fee of \$1.00, per each Department entered. This entitles them to enter more than one class in the Junior Section of that Department. They shall also receive a Junior Season Pass.
- 8.) **ENTRY FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.**

9.) **When completing your entry form please use only one (1) Form per Department entered. Entry forms may be duplicated.**

10.) Entry forms should be made out carefully, as lack of correct and incomplete information may cause a delay in issuing awards.

11.) All entries must be made out in the name of the owner, agent, producer or manufacturer and a certificate to that effect must be furnished by the exhibitor on request of the Orange County Agricultural Society, Inc.

ENTRY TAGS:

1.) All entry tags will be mailed. If you do not receive your entry tags in the mail by **Wednesday, July 12, 2023**, your tags will held in the Fair office and then given to the department you entered on the date that the entries are scheduled to be brought in.

2.) When receiving your tags, if any changes or adjustments are needed, please call the Fair Office.

EXHIBITOR PASSES:

1.) **Exhibitor passes are issued as a courtesy and do not include amusement rides.**

2.) **Exhibitor passes will be issued as follows:**

ADULT/SENIORS

- Entry Form(s) total: **\$5.00 or more = Four (4) Exhibitor Passes.**

- Entry Form(s) total: **Less than \$5.00 = Two (2) Exhibitor Passes.**

JUNIOR EXHIBITORS (Ages 7-18)

- **Receive a Junior Exhibitor Pass that is good for admission to the Fair daily.**

3.) **Exhibitor passes will be distributed by the Department Superintendent on the day when the Entries are brought in for display.**

4.) **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL EXHIBITOR PASSES BE GIVEN OUT AT THE FAIR OFFICE.**

JUDGING/JUDGES:

1.) Judging for all entries will take place **Saturday, July 15, 2023, through Saturday, July 29, 2023.**

2.) Entries receiving premiums will be designated by prize ribbons or stickers, which will be affixed by the Judges for the information of the public. **Only the Judge's books will be used as evidence for payment of premiums. In no case will a ribbon or sticker be considered a voucher for a premium.**

3.) No person will be allowed to act as a Judge in any class in which he has articles or stock entered for premiums.

4.) No person shall be entitled to a premium in any class unless the entry shall be deserving thereof.

5.) Any exhibitor who shall make or cause to be made any false statement regarding any entry exhibited or shall interfere with the Judges in the performance of their duties in any manner whatsoever, shall be excluded from the competition and shall not be entitled to any premiums during the current year.

6.) In case there is one entry in a class, the Judges shall decide whether it is entitled to a 1st, 2nd or 3rd premium. Judging is done based on perfection, not by comparison.

PROTESTS:

1.) All protests must be submitted in writing and filed with the Orange County Agricultural Society within six (6) hours after judging of the class is completed. A fee of \$10.00 must accompany each protest and will be forfeited to the Society if the protest is decided against the person protesting.

PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS:

- 1.) Premium checks will be mailed to all winners. Please make sure that we have your complete mailing address.
 - 2.) As the Society is required by law to make a detailed report to the State Agricultural Department, all checks issued for premiums must be presented on or before **December 2023**.
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EXHIBITORS:

- 1.) **The Officers of the Orange County Agricultural Society will have charge of the exhibition and the right to control all exhibits. They will always endeavor to exercise every reasonable precaution to avoid theft, fire, and accident. The Orange County Fair and its officers will in no case be responsible for loss or damage that may occur and upon these conditions alone entries will be received.**
- 2.) The Orange County Agricultural Society reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally or to cancel any entries, disqualify exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries or cancel awards, without claim for damages.
- 3.) **Any exhibitor refusing to cooperate with Department Superintendents will be subject to possible forfeiture of premiums and suspension of future exhibiting privileges.**
- 4.) **The Department Superintendents have the right to reject any and all exhibits that are unfinished, soiled or worn.**
- 5.) No animal or article will be allowed to compete for more than one premium unless otherwise specified by that Department.
- 6.) Competitors for premiums in all Departments must have resided in Orange County or an adjoining County for at least six months immediately preceding the Fair, unless otherwise stated under a department's additional Rules and Regulations.
- 7.) **Exhibitors must see to the delivery and the removal of their exhibits to the grounds. The Fair cannot provide transportation or be subject to any expense.**
- 8.) The Orange County Agricultural Society and its management will not be liable for entries made in error and will not re-open judging to accommodate such entries.
- 9.) The owners of articles on exhibition will be allowed to sell the same during the Fair unless stated under a department's additional Rules and Regulations; said article not to be removed until the closing of the Fair.
- 10.) The Officers of the Orange County Fair and the police appointed will keep order on the grounds, see that the rules are faithfully executed and keep vigilant night watches during exhibition.
- 11.) All inquiries as to the Fair and its arrangements and for purchase of privileges can be sent to the Orange County Agricultural Society, Inc., 239 Wisner Avenue, Middletown, New York 10940.