

General Rules and Regulations

Notice: Premiums will be paid at the Office of the Secretary on the Fairgrounds. Premiums must be called for at the office as they *WILL NOT* be mailed out. Checks need to be cashed within 60 days.

1. All livestock and home ec exhibitors must presenter. This rule does not apply to tractor pull or horse and rabbit shows. (These will remain one day shows as in the past, with the entries to be made on show day.)
 2. All entries must be postmarked on or before **June 24, 2011**. The Ford County Fair cannot be responsible for the U.S. Postal Service misplacing or detaining your entry. Metered mail postmarks will not be honored.
 3. Entry blanks must be filled in completely. The **social security number** is especially important as entries cannot be made and checks cannot be issued without it.
 4. All **entry fees must** accompany the entry blanks. If the fees are not paid by **June 24**, the deadline date, the entries will be returned to the exhibitor. **NO REFUNDS.**
 5. No changes will be made in the judge's book. The only errors to be corrected will be those made by the office staff. Superintendents should check with the office if an exhibitor feels an error has been made.
 6. A charge of \$75.00 will be made for all checks ISF. If you lose your premium check and want a new check issued, you will be charged for the bank's "Stop Payment" fee.
 7. Livestock exhibitors desiring to use a portable generator during the fair must meet the rules set forth by the State Fire Marshall and the Fair Board. No generators will be permitted without first registering it with the fair secretary and securing a permit. Only 1 fan per 3 animals allowed.
- Notice: Official entry blanks must be in the hands of Jane Meyer, 1795N 1800E Rd., Thawville, IL 60968 or postmarked prior to midnight Friday, June 24, 2011, or entries will not be accepted. Metered mail postmarks will not be honored. Entries may be made at the secretary's office at the fairgrounds between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 24, 2011. Exhibitor's fees and requests for number of stalls and pens must accompany entry blanks or entry will not be accepted.**
8. All exhibits will remain the property of exhibitor.
 9. No person will be allowed more than one entry in the same premium number except in livestock.
 10. All exhibits of grain, fruit, and vegetables must have been produced during the current growing season.
 11. Judging will take place at the time specified by the head of each department. Exhibitors will cooperate with the judges in order that judging may be carried through without delay. Entry tag must be on exhibit or exhibition while it is being judged.
 12. **Hogs** will be released Wednesday evening. **Sheep** will be released Friday after checks are distributed. **Cattle** will be released Friday at 4 p.m. Jr. Rabbits will be released at 7:00 p.m. on Friday. The Illinois State Fair Association rules require that all livestock remain on the fairgrounds for 72 hours **if space is available**. (This rule will apply only to the cattle and jr. rabbits.) Livestock may not be released to go to another fair.
 13. When bringing livestock exhibits to the fair, report to the Superintendent of entries at the Secretary's office. Household and Horticulture exhibits will be received at the Home Ec Building.
 14. The Superintendent of each department shall have the arrangement and supervision of all articles or animals on exhibition in his department. Entry cards on livestock must be received before animals are unloaded and penned. All entry cards on livestock will be received from the secretary at the fairgrounds.
 15. The Superintendent shall record all entries with the name of exhibitors, class and lot of entry, record winners and affix the ribbons. He also has the authority to examine registration papers of pedigreed animals.
 16. Superintendents will be particular to observe the colors in designating awards: Champion-Royal Purple; First-Blue; Second-Red; Third-White; Fourth-Yellow; Fifth-Green; Sixth-Pink; Seventh-Gray.
 17. The management will in no case be responsible for loss or damage to exhibits. Watchmen will be on duty each day and night of the fair.
 18. The decision of the judges will be final and no appeal will be considered. Exhibits may be barred from competition for trying to influence of finding fault with the judges' decision.
 19. ***The interpretation of all rules governing any exhibit shall rest entirely with the Fair Association and their decision shall be final.***
 20. Any exhibitor attempting to interfere with the judges during their judging will be promptly excluded from competition.
 21. Trucks and cars entering the grounds for the purpose of delivering merchandise will be required to buy a season ticket. ***Deliveries are to be made before noon each day.***
 22. Care will be exercised to prevent accident or damage of every kind, but the management will not assume any liability for damage to property or person.
 23. No dogs will be allowed on the fairgrounds with the exception of the 4-H Dog Show and those must be on a leash.
 24. Neither the Secretary or any Officer of the Fair shall disclose to competitors or any other person, what entries have been made, nor shall any other person, other than the Secretary and Officers of the Fair, be allowed to know what other entries have been made before entries close.
 25. Registration papers are required for all purebred animals. Junior livestock exhibitors must provide proof of ownership for the purebreds.