

2018 Macoupin County Fair General Rules & Regulations

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

Ticket Sales-Ticket sales at the Fairgrounds will begin June 22, 2018. The ticket office will be open 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. June 19-22, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. June 25 and again 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. June 26-30.

ENTRIES All entry forms must be postmarked no later than June 22, 2018. Walk-in entry forms no later than June 25, 2018. **NO LATE ENTRIES.** All entry checks to be made payable to Macoupin County Fair. Entries may be made by mail or in person. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS REQUIRED – PREMIUM CHECKS WILL NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT EXHIBITORS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.

ENTRY FEES- Entry fees must be paid upon registration in every department except N. **Entry fees will not be refunded.**

EXHIBITOR PASS- All livestock exhibitors are required to purchase an exhibitor pass for \$5.00. Other exhibitors may purchase a pass if they feel it is necessary. You must be an exhibitor at the fair to purchase a pass. Exhibitors passes will get only the exhibitor into the front gate.

EXHIBIT REMOVAL- All exhibits are to be removed from buildings on Sunday July 1, 2018 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

CONCESSIONS AND DISPLAY- Contact David Spann 217-899-3437

CAMPING- Designated areas of the Fairgrounds only. Camping fees are \$20.00 per night. Campers are asked to purchase their camping tags at the Fair Office at time of check-in. Camping tags are to be displayed at all times.

SPECIFIC DEPARTMENT RULES – See individual departments for any special department rules

MAINTENANCE FEES – Must accompany the entry blanks, AND number of animals limited to number entered by deadline date. **Additional animals cannot be brought in.** State number of pens or stalls needed. Fees due regardless of whether or not the exhibitor shows up.

PREMIUM CHECKS – Premium checks must be cashed within 30 days from date of fair, or be declared null and void. Premiums will be paid contingent upon the State of Illinois having their premium fund reimbursement program in effect at the time of our fair.

ENTRY BLANKS AND EXHIBITOR TICKETS – May be obtained from the Secretary on request. Exhibitors will greatly assist the management by filling out their own entry blanks.

REGISTRATION PAPERS – registration papers are required for all purebred livestock. (Source: Old section repealed at 9 Ill. Reg. 3233, effective March 1, 1985; new section added at 21 Ill, reg. 2139, effective January 29, 1997) (Title 8 – Illinois Administrative Code: Part 260 Fairs Operating Under the Agricultural Fair Act). Registration papers must be on the grounds to be checked at any time it is requested by the State Inspector, Judge, Superintendent or any Department or Fair Official. Registration papers are not required on steers, barrows and wethers, but they must be from purebred sires and dams, not crossbreeds. Animals' tattoo number must correspond with tattoo number on the registration paper.

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SHOW RING ETHICS – All exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition at the Macoupin County Fair will be required to sign the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics Exhibitor Entry Statement.

This applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show, both open and junior classes.

All livestock entered in competition are subject to random testing. Any exhibitor and/or livestock found to be in violation of this code will be disqualified. No exhibitor (individual, partnership, or firm) will be permitted to enter or show more than two (2) animals for any purse offered under one premium number. All animals must show to collect premium money. Only exhibitors will be permitted in the ring while animals are being judged. Exhibitor is responsible for having livestock and other exhibits in the show ring at the time classes are called. Sponsors of the show will take every precaution to prevent injury or sickness to exhibitors or to livestock, occurring in connection with the show. Each exhibitor will be responsible for keeping his or her pens and stalls clean and bedded. All feed boxes, pails, etc, must be kept neatly stored and alleyways must be kept cleared and clean at all times. All trophy winners must be present to accept their trophy, or it will be forfeited. Trophies will be presented at the time of show in livestock departments, unless otherwise stated. The superintendent of each department will have the arrangement and supervision of articles or animals on exhibition in his or her department or class, in accordance with the Rules of the Fair, and under the direction of the Board of Directors. Each superintendent will take charge of Judges Books and return them to the secretary. Macoupin County Fair and Agriculture Association will not be responsible to any person, individual, corporation or association for any loss by either fire, theft, damage, or for person injury sustained by anyone through the negligence of any person or group of persons, exhibits, or exhibitors.

PROTESTS – Protests designed to affect awards must be made by an interested party and notice in writing stating the grounds for protesting must be given to the secretary on date of contest. In every case of protest, the parties protesting must deposit a sum of money equal to the amount of the purse. In the event of the protest being sustained, the above sum shall be returned to the complainant and if the protest shall not be sustained the said sum shall be forfeited to the board.

DISCLAIMER NOTICE: Prize money will be paid as printed, provided state appropriate funds are received.

SPECIAL RULES GOVERNING JUNIOR FAIR – Junior classes are eligible for premium State aid only if they are open to boys and girls who are 8 years old or in third grade and not yet 19 years of age on or before September 1 of the year previous to the fair. All animals (i.e. individual, herd, or flock classes) shown in junior classes must be the property of the boys and girls showing them. If the same animals are shown in both open classes and junior classes, they shall be shown under the same exhibitor's name (for example, the father is not permitted to show an animal in the open class and the child to show the same animal in the same animal in the junior classes). (Section 260.95 (i.e., can be 19 on or after September 1 of the year previous to the fair) All animals in purebred classes must be registered in the name of the exhibitor and papers must be checked with the department superintendent before the animal is brought into the show ring. All animals must be exhibited in the show ring by owner unless permission is granted by the board of directors. All animals exhibited must be owned and personally cared for by the exhibitor. If animal is registered in parent and child partnership, child is permitted to show in junior department, only that animal used in his project and a verification of same is required from project supervisor. The parent is not permitted to show an animal in open class and the child show the same animal in junior show. No pen rent charged if exhibitor has paid pen rent in the open class.

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SPECIAL ART HALL EXHIBIT RULES – All entries must pay entry fee upon registration. Please enclose additional \$2.00 if tags are to be mailed. **ALL EXHIBITS MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE ART HALLS BY 9AM Wednesday, JUNE 27, WITH EXHIBITORS TAGS ATTACHED UNLESS “SPECIFIC” SHOW RULES STATE OTHERWISE.**

Several departments will accept entries TUESDAY evening between 6:00-8:00pm.

Please check individual department rules to see where this applies.

ONE ENTRY PER CLASS IN DEPARTMENTS J – L – M – N – O – Q. ALL DEPARTMENTS MUST PRE-REGISTER. – Each exhibitor must purchase an exhibitor ticket except Dept. N. Exhibitors from other counties may make entries; however only Macoupin County Residents may be awarded trophies. Superintendents in each department may use their own discretion in handling entries on entry day and day of removal. Entries entered under incorrect number will be disqualified. Building will remain closed during judging. All exhibits to be removed at 3:00 pm Sunday, July 1. Art Halls open after judging on Thursday 2 pm. Open 3:00 P.M. Thursday – Saturday.