

## GENERAL RULES

1. Exhibitors assume all risk in exhibiting. Fair Board will not be responsible for damage, theft, etc. of projects.
2. No exhibit shall be entered in more than one class, unless otherwise specified.
3. No premium shall be awarded when animal or article is not deemed worthy by the judge.
4. Exhibitor failing or refusing to exhibit any animal or article that has been duly entered shall forfeit all fees paid by him.
5. **PREMIUMS ARE PAID ONLY FROM THE RECORDS OF THE JUDGE'S BOOK.** If you have any questions check with department superintendent as soon as the department is judged.
6. **PREMIUM CHECKS MUST BE CASHED WITHIN 90 DAYS.** Any un-cashed premium checks by the end of one (1) year from issue date shall be considered a donation to the education fund of the Eaton County Fair. Guidelines are available for 4-H clubs and organizations to draw on these funds for educational purposes.
7. Club/Group booths must be completely set up on Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> by noon.
8. Only one fair admittance pass per exhibitor.
9. Any animal substitutions must be arranged prior to the fair with the project superintendent and the fair office.
10. All animal exhibitor's and or parent/guardian, must sign the exhibitor agreement located on the entry form.
11. Any exhibitor wanting an early release must submit a written request to the project superintendent prior to noon Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>.
12. **NO LIVESTOCK EXHIBIT** will be released until 6 a.m. on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, unless special written permission is given by the project superintendent and Fair Board representative. All decorations, gates, tack, bedding and anything used for the purpose of exhibition of a project shall remain in place until the designated release time. Non-livestock exhibits will be released on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. Exhibits removed by any person or persons prior to release time without permission from their superintendent will forfeit premiums for that exhibit.
13. Any exhibitor under the influence of alcohol and/or illegal substances will not be allowed to participate at the fair and will remove projects from exhibit and forfeit premiums.
14. No alcoholic beverages and/or illegal substances allowed on the fairgrounds.
15. No pine boughs in barn decorations, only fire resistant materials may be used.
16. In case the receipts of the fair are insufficient to pay the expenses and premiums in full, the Fair Board reserves the right, to withdraw all or part of the premiums in all departments.
17. Ribbons or rosettes will be awarded for all places as listed for each class, unless otherwise specified.
18. Only exhibitors, parents and leaders are allowed in their exhibit area after 12:00 midnight.
19. No bicycles are allowed on the fairgrounds.
20. All Fair Board decisions are final.
21. Due to health problems, pets are not allowed in the campgrounds or in the livestock exhibit areas after 12 noon on Monday. The only exception is clover bud show day.
22. The Fair Board reserves the right to accept or reject any exhibit when exhibitor fails to comply with the regulations.
23. Project animals may be subject to drug testing.
24. Any exhibitor may file a complaint regarding any of the following:
  - (a) Conflict of interest of the judge.
  - (b) Disqualification of an exhibit or exhibitor.
  - (c) Exhibitor, group leader, or superintendent behavior.
  - (d) Eligibility of the exhibit.The complaint shall be in writing and accompanied with \$40 cash (non-refundable) and be in the hands of the Fair Board Secretary no later than ten days from the end of fair. All protests shall be referred to a special committee which shall review the protest and report their findings to the executive committee of the Fair Board. The executive committee will make the final decision on the protest. The executive committee shall have ten days after receipt of a filed complaint to notify the exhibitor of their recommended actions. The exhibitor filing the complaint may make an appeal to the Michigan Department of Agriculture within 45 days of filing the initial complaint if the exhibitor is not satisfied with the association's action. The Department Of Agriculture shall have 60 days after receipt of any appropriately filed appeal to investigate the complaint and shall issue a finding of fact and notice of department action and any recommended actions for the association.
25. Failure to comply with these rules may result in the loss of premiums and/or expulsion from the fairgrounds.
26. No golf carts, 4-wheelers; etc will be allowed, unless approved by the Fair Board.
27. Wristbands **MUST** be picked up by the designated times. **Any wristband picked up after Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> will be charged a fee of \$20 (\$10 for wristband & a \$10 late fee).**

### ENTRY FORM INFORMATION

1. All youth entries must be typed or printed, and in the fair office by Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011 by 5:00 p.m. **NO** changes will be allowed after June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011. (See rule 9 above). **No late entries will be accepted.**
2. Open class entries are due May 20th by 5:00 p.m. No changes or late entries will be accepted.
3. Be sure correct name and address are clearly printed or typed on entry form. Write club name, if applicable, on top of form, and sign form.
4. The Eaton County Agriculture Society reserves the right to refuse entry if or when space is unavailable.
5. You must enter every premium class in which you plan to participate.
6. Entries will not be accepted without signature(s).