

# The Henry County Fair Rules

*June 20 - 25, 2017*

## **General Rules**

**Rule 1** The 2017 Henry County Fair opens Tuesday, June 20 and closes Sunday, June 25.

**Rule 2** Send fair entries to: **Henry County Fair Secretary, c/o Fair Secretary, P.O. Box 105, Cambridge, IL 61238**. Unless otherwise stated, all entries are due by **5:00 p.m. Monday, June 12, 2017**. **Entries must be postmarked or turned in at the Fair Office by June 12**. Absolutely no late entries will be accepted unless stated otherwise. The fair board has the right to refuse any mailed entries not received within three days of the deadline (postmark) date.

**Rule 3** Every article or animal entered for competition shall be under the control of the superintendent. Each exhibitor is responsible for any damage his/her exhibit incurs and is responsible for any and all damages to personal and/or public property.

**Rule 4** Exhibitor's entries signify acceptance of rules and classifications of the Henry County Fair. The exhibitor also declares that all statements made in connection with said entries are true.

**Rule 5** Any Exhibitor who shows poor sportsmanship in the presence of the awarding judge, or insults the judge or officials, shall forfeit the premium and be excluded from competition.

**Rule 6** **No alcoholic beverages will be permitted anywhere on the fairgrounds except in licensed beer tents.** (Includes barns, personal vehicles, trailers, etc.) All persons are included in the ban, no matter the person(s) age. The Fair has the right to confiscate any alcohol brought onto the Fairgrounds.

**Rule 6a** The fair association and superintendents may reserve the right to expel any individuals or groups from the grounds for misconduct, improper attire or improper gatherings at any time.

**Rule 7** The fair association and superintendents are not responsible for materials/exhibits left on the grounds after release time.

**Rule 8** The speed department will be under control of the race track during race days. No vehicle is allowed to cross the track during harness racing.

## **Livestock and Horses**

**Rule 9** Check the livestock rules for exhibition, processing and exhibition times. Livestock should enter the fairgrounds through the northeast corner of the fairgrounds and exit from the northwest corner of the fairgrounds.

**Rule 10** Park livestock trucks and trailers in the pasture north of the fairgrounds. This acreage is rented and space is limited. No cars allowed in the pasture, violators will be towed at owners' expense. Please be considerate of others when parking. Do not park next to large trash dumpsters. Violators park at their own risk.

**Rule 11** Pens/stalls will only be assigned to bona-fide exhibitors by the superintendent of the species. Stalls for storing feed, tack or supplies will be furnished at the regular price.

**Rule 12** No paper bedding will be permitted on the Henry County fairgrounds.

**Rule 13** Stalls in the racehorse barns will be limited to horses entered for speed premiums.

**Rule 14** Exhibitors are responsible for their own animals while they are on the fairgrounds. Exhibitors are also responsible for any damage done by their animals to public or personal property.

**Rule 15** Exhibitors will at all times give the necessary personal attention needed to their livestock exhibit, and at release time, take entire charge of the same.

**Rule 16** Registration or breed association certificates must be available for all purebred classes and must show ownership of the animals in the name of the exhibitor.

**Rule 17** No partnership ownership for 4-H or junior show classes. If ownership doubt occurs, the judge, superintendent or fair board may require proof of ownership. All animals (except horses) must be owned at least 15 days (unless longer ownership requirements are stated, i.e. 4-H).

**Rule 18** It is the exhibitor's responsibility to have their animals ready for exhibition according to the superintendent's posted schedule. Any exhibitor failing to comply will forfeit any premium from missed classes. No refunds for entry or stall fees.

**Rule 19** Exhibits will be released in accordance with the stated release schedule. Exceptions can be made if the fair veterinarian advises an early release due to disease, heat or other health complications.

**Rule 20** In the event of an outbreak of any contagious or infectious disease among domestic animals that affects public safety, the fair board reserves the right to cancel livestock shows. In such an emergency, the board can give public notice and cancel classes.

## **Awards**

- Rule 21** Awards will be made by the single judge system. Judges will report to the superintendents at their prospective departments at a time previously arranged by the superintendent, on the day fixed for awarding premiums in the departments which they are respectively to judge.
- Rule 22** No person shall act as judge in any class in which he may be interested as an exhibitor, agent or employee of an exhibitor, or otherwise. If such case shall be presented, the superintendent of the department may remove such interested judgment and substitute another judge temporarily.
- Rule 23** The maximum number of premiums to be paid will be as listed in the fair book. Premiums paid will begin with first and proceed down to the last place according to the number of entries. Even if there is only one qualified entry, that exhibit will receive first place.
- Rule 24** If any doubt arises as to the regularity of entry which the judge feels incompetent to decide, he shall at once report the same to the superintendent of the department for a decision, which when made shall be final.
- Rule 25** Judges are instructed that if they have good reason to believe that any exhibitor, by false entry or other attempt to deceive judges or the public, and obtain a premium by misrepresentation, they shall report the same to the board, who may expel such exhibitor for fraud for two or more years.
- Rule 26** The decision of the judge shall be final, and no appeal will be considered, except in case of protest.
- Rule 27** Objections to any person serving as a judge must be submitted to the superintendent in writing, prior to making any award, giving good sufficient reason thereof, and upon which the superintendent shall have full power to act.
- Rule 28** Any exhibitor attempting to interfere with the judging during the determination of awards (premiums) will be promptly excluded from competition.
- Rule 29** The public will not be allowed in any department judging except livestock classes.
- Rule 30** Superintendents will return the judges books to the fair office immediately following judging. Superintendents shall exercise great care in preserving and returning entry sheets of the department, as all checks for premiums are authorized only upon entries contained therein.
- Rule 31** Awards will be designated as follows: blue ribbon - first; red ribbon - second; white ribbon - third; royal purple - champion. Ribbons will be placed/awarded at the time of judging.

## **Protests**

- Rule 32** All protests must be made in writing accompanied by an affidavit, setting forth the grounds of protesting. Protests against the exhibition of either animals or articles must be filed at the fair office by Tuesday of the fair before awards are made. Protests against the awards must be filed at the fair office within two hours of the conclusion of the show involved in the protest. Protests against the exhibition of animals or articles will be considered by the board at its first meeting after filing of the protest.
- Rule 33** In every case of protest, the party protesting must deposit a \$25 protest fee, which in the event of the protest being sustained, be returned to complainant, and if the protest shall not be sustained, then said sums shall be forfeited to the fair association. The protestant must write a protest in a plain and careful manner.
- Rule 34** In addition to the right of protest herein guaranteed to interested parties, the Henry County Fair Association expressly reserves the right to take cognizance of fraud, which may have been consummated or attempted and to deal with any party or parties implicated therein in such manner, with the scope of the power of the board, as may from the evidence relating there to be deemed just and proper.

## **Payment of Premiums**

- Rule 35** Upon receipt of the completed judging books, the office staff will write and present premium checks to those entitled according to stated rules and offerings.
- Rule 36** Premium checks must be endorsed as they are "payable to". On presentation to the treasurer, properly endorsed, premium checks can be cashed at the fair.
- Rule 37** If you would like your check mailed to you, please bring a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the fair office by 8 p.m. on the last day of the fair. If checks are not picked up before the secretary's office is closed on Sunday evening of the fair, the exhibitor will forfeit that check.
- Rule 38** Swine checks will be distributed ASAP. The time is determined when the buyer's check is deposited in the swine account and checks computed. We will post a sign when they're ready. If you are not able to pick up your check by the end of the fair you can leave a self-addressed, stamped envelope for quick mailing or wait until they are mailed with swine carcass data (about a week). No swine checks from the 4-H sale or general market will be destroyed.

**Rule 39** The Social Security number of the exhibitor **MUST** be on all entry forms or no premium checks will be issued.

**Rule 40** All rules must be followed or premiums will be withheld from exhibitors for misconduct.

## ***Liabilities***

**Rule 41** Every precaution will be taken for safeguarding of animals or articles placed on exhibit and automobiles and other vehicles parked in proper places. However the fair association will not be responsible for any losses by fire, theft, or otherwise problems that may occur.

**Rule 42** Neither this association nor any of its officers or agents shall be liable for damage, loss or injury to any person or property caused by the neglect or willful act of any license or privilege to exhibit or occupy space on said grounds, and all said licenses shall identify said association, its officers and agents against any expenses or liability.

**Rule 43** This association nor any of its officers or agents shall be permitted to negotiate insurance, to make any guarantee whatsoever against damage or loss. Property owners desiring insurance against fire, theft or hazard must make their own arrangements therefore. No officers or employees have authority to suspend or change this rule.

## ***Permits and Privileges***

**Rule 44** Address all **concession communications to Jake Seys**, Concession Superintendent, **P,O, Box 105 Cambridge, IL 61238** or cell 309-714-1100.

**Rule 45** Each concessionaire must confine himself to the space assigned. Failure to do so will subject him to forfeiture of his privilege without reimbursement. Do not throw or dispose of any water onto the race track.

**Rule 46** No game of chance or immoral exhibition will be allowed on the grounds. Decisions regarding immoral judgment shall be made by the board.

**Rule 47** Concessionaires buying space must pay 1/2 of contract fee, except electrical charges, at the time of signing contract.

**Rule 48** All concessionaires will be assign space at the rental fee fixed by the superintendent of concessions under direction of the board of directors.

**Rule 49** Under no circumstances will any person or firm be allowed to place any advertising matter upon buildings, trees or any other place on sheds, nor will it be permitted to distribute advertising matter outside the place assigned to them. Also, please do not empty any liquids onto the horse race track at any time.

**Rule 50** All vehicles and trailers that are not directly affiliated with a concession, should park in an area designated by the buildings and grounds or parking superintendents. These regulations apply to all leases of space at the Henry County Fair whether for display or sales purposes.

**Rule 51** No space will be sold for gambling devices, questionable shows or for the sales of intoxication liquors, beer, ale, or similar substitutes, except for Henry County Fair Association tents. Also the sale of sparklers, smoke bombs and fireworks is prohibited.

**Rule 52** The superintendent of concessions will sell all privileges, locate all tents, stands and concessions and may cancel any permit at any time for any cause unsatisfactory to the superintendent.

**Rule 53** After a site has been contracted, there will be no changes in location. No roving concessions will be sold. There will be no subleasing of space without the consent of the superintendent.

**Rule 54** All stands, tents, and displays coming under the control of the superintendent of concessions, shall stay in place until **6:00 P.M.** the last day of the fair (Sunday).

**Rule 55** All stands selling food and drinks must follow the rules of the Dept. of Public Health, Division of Foods & Dairies.

**Rule 56** No speaker or other sound equipment shall be so loud as to interfere with other concessions. Repeated violation of this rule will mean annulment of space permit.

**Rule 57** No advertisements other than those of exhibitors can be erected on the grounds during the fair.

**Rule 58** Rates for outside concession spaces shall be established by the concession superintendent/s and the fair board.

**Rule 59** In all locations in which a tent is used, a charge will be added to the frontage of the tent to cover renting the tent.

**Rule 60** All concessions must furnish a disconnect fuse box and all wiring used inside their exhibit. Our electricians will connect the exhibit to electric lines and everyone using our electricity will be billed accordingly.

**Rule 61** Electric current for light, heat and power may be arranged for exhibits on the grounds and will be charged for.

***Lighting and Power (Subject to change if electricity rates go up)***

Rates will be set by the electrician and the superintendent/s of concessions. Rates will be available upon request. Address requests for space to Jake Seys P.O. Box 105, Cambridge, IL 61238.

***Temporary Food Service Establishment Regulations***

The Henry County Fair Association will uphold any and all Illinois Department of Public Health's Food Service Sanitation Rules and Regulations pertaining to operation of a Temporary Food Service Facility at fairs, carnivals and other public gatherings. For information, please contact Jake Seys 309-714-1100.



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