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 must be cashed within 60 days - no exceptions.

1. All livestock and home ec exhibitors must pre-enter. This rule does not apply to tractor pull or horse, rabbit and poultry 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 8, 2020***. 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 8***, 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 Monday, June 8, 2020, 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 Noon and 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2020. 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 Monday after the show. ***Sheep*** will be released Thursday after checks are distributed. ***Cattle*** will be released Thursday after the open show. Jr. Rabbits will be released at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday. 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-Pink; Fifth-Yellow; Sixth-Green; Seventh-Light Green.
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.

Tear-Out Entry Blanks In Back of Fair Book.

RULES REGARDING LIVESTOCK

All Health Certificates must be presented and checked before any livestock is unloaded.

Entries will not be changed after entry deadline.

1. Make entries early by filling in blanks and mailing to Jane Meyer, 1795N 1800E Rd., Thawville, Illinois 60968 prior to midnight, Monday, June 8, 2020. Livestock entries not received by above date will not be accepted. **Metered Mail postmarks will not be honored.**
2. LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS MUST BE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS BY THESE TIMES: **Cattle** - 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 16; **Hogs** - 2:00 p.m. Sunday, June 14 (weigh-in 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.); **Jr. Rabbits** - Noon, Monday, June 15; **Sheep** - 9:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 17.
3. Every livestock exhibitor will be required to buy an exhibitor's season ticket at $10.00. A charge will be made for each stall and pen. See official entry blank for amounts.
4. Exhibitor's fees and requests for number of stalls and pens must accompany entry blank.
5. All Livestock Exhibitors need to check in at the Fair Secretary's office upon arrival. Beef and Swine exhibitors pick up parking passes and exhibitor tickets on Sunday, Monday or Tuesday at the office.
6. Awards will be made by the single judge system unless the superintendent decides more are required.
7. Where there is no competition and the exhibit is worthy, the first prize only is awarded.
8. All money must accompany entries or they will not be accepted. No refunds.
9. All livestock will be inspected before being housed. Whitman Veterinary Clinic will provide the veterinarian in charge of the livestock at the fair and all livestock will be under their supervision at all times.
10. Everyone must furnish their own watering utensils as there will be no public troughs.
11. Livestock exhibitors must furnish their own feed.
12. Help for unloading and penning the livestock will be furnished by the Fair Association.
13. Champion: Only animals awarded first prize in class rings are eligible to compete for best animal.
14. No protests considered unless presented in writing to the Fair secretary.
15. Definition: "Official Health Certificate: as referred to in these regulations shall be one issued and signed by an approved, accredited veterinarian or a veterinarian of the Bureau of Animal Industry.
16. Two entries per exhibitor allowed in livestock in each premium number in Open and Junior Show.

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR'S NOTICE

The truck gate at the north side of the grounds will be used for bringing in livestock the first day. Deliveries of supplies for the livestock must be made each day before noon, and the truck gate will be used for that purpose.

READ THE RULES BEFORE ENTERING!
Premiums subject to State reimbursement

The Ford County Fair Association thanks

Elliott Fire Department
Ford County Sheriff Department and Auxiliary
Gibson City Area Ambulance
Gibson City Fire Department
Piper City Fire Department
Roberts-Melvin Fire Department
Sibley-Sullivant Township Fire Department
The many - many volunteers for their continued support of the Ford County Fair.

Thank You