

# MIAMI COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

## RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Any person may enter any animal or article for exhibition. Said person is required to purchase an exhibitor ticket for \$15 or be a member of the Miami County Agricultural Society, or be active in one of the following Jr. Fair organizations - Miami County 4-H club, FFA, FCCLA, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and must make entries in proper classes.

2. All entries shall be made in the name of the bona-fide owner of the animal or article.

3. When any Director doubts the ownership of an animal or article offered for exhibition, the party shall not exhibit without first filing with the Secretary an affidavit of himself or accreditable witness known to some Director that he is the owner of said animal or article.

4. All animals shown as breeders must be so in fact, and be confined to their own progeny.

5. No animals shall be shown in more than one class, except sweepstakes and group classes.

6. No stall will be assigned until entries are made and accepted.

7. No straw furnished; sawdust is preferred.

8. Exhibitors of livestock will be required to keep their stalls, aisles and/or pens open and clean each day during the Fair.

9. All exhibitors of breeding animals must come prepared to prove the age and purity of breed, if applicable, (by affidavit or pedigree if required) to the satisfaction of the Superintendents in charge.

10. All livestock entered for exhibition will be required to be in place Thursday, August 11 at 10:00 p.m. and remain until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 18 unless otherwise stated. The penalty for not staying until 6:00 p.m. release time, unless excused by the superintendent for a valid reason, will be barred from exhibiting the succeeding year. Livestock exhibitors showing at other fairs who cannot make the 10:00 p.m. deadline should notify the department head at time of making entries and must bring a signed statement from the Secretary of the fair where livestock were shown just prior to the Miami County Fair. Swine exhibitors see special instructions in swine department section.

11. All animals to which premiums are awarded will parade in the ring as scheduled. Failure to do so will forfeit premiums unless excused by superintendents in charge.

12. No person except the judges, officers and/or agents of the Society, marshal and grooms will be allowed in the ring or immediate judging area while any article or animal is being judged.

13. No person shall interfere with the judges during their deliberations, and any person, by letter, action or otherwise, attempting such interference will be excluded from competing and if the Board is satisfied that a premium has been obtained fraudulently, any such premium and all privileges will be forfeited. If it is ascertained by the Board that an exhibitor has in an ungentlemanly and public manner taken exception to the judgment of the judges, the Board of Directors shall expel such persons offending from competing for any premium until such offender shall have made full and proper apology and shall have been reinstated by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

14. Camping is available for \$175 due April 1. No person under 18 years of age is permitted to stay on grounds overnight unless accompanied by a parent. Camping Permits will be available Saturday July 23 at 9:00 a.m. Permits not picked up by Saturday, August 13 at noon will forfeit their spot for the following year and will have to be put on the Camping waiting list to receive another camping site.

15. Reserve Parking is available for \$30 due April 1. Parking Permits will be available Saturday July 23 at 9:00 a.m. Permits not picked up by Saturday, August 13 at noon will forfeit their spot for the following year and will have to be put on the Reserve Parking waiting list to receive another parking spot.

16. All gambling devices are positively forbidden.

17. Concessionaires are bound by the terms of the contract they

sign at the time of securing concession privileges. The rules of time to be in place at start of fair, operation of stands and time of departure at end of fair will be enforced. All concessions must be in place and in operation by noon the starting day of the fair and remain in place until 11:00 p.m. the last day of the fair, unless otherwise stated on their contract. The abuse of any privilege granted will be cause to forfeit any and all remaining rights and privileges without recourse.

18. Nothing shall be sold or given away or otherwise disposed of by exhibitors which in any way conflicts with or is the subject matter of any privilege or concession granted or sold by the Miami County Agricultural Society.

19. Exhibitors and concessionaires may advertise and distribute advertising materials from their places of exhibit only. The tacking or posting of any advertising bills, cards, stickers, etc., other than in the space occupied by the exhibitor is strictly prohibited. This eliminates any type of roving solicitation or distribution, whatsoever.

20. The Board will take every precaution to insure the safety of persons and the safe preservation of stock and articles on exhibition after arrival and arrangement on the grounds but will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. Exhibitors are requested to give their attention to articles at the close of the fair and attend to their prompt removal.

21. Machines and vehicles will be parked, but the Board will not be responsible for any loss, theft or damage. Tow-away zones will be established for the protection of exhibitors as well as fair patrons. Signs will be posted in these areas and any vehicle parked there will be removed at owner's expense.

22. The Board of Directors of the Miami County Agricultural Society will not be liable for any damage by accident or injury that may unfortunately occur to any person or loss of any property.

23. All decorative materials must be fireproofed, as per state rules and regulations.

24. **NO DOGS PERMITTED ON FAIR GROUNDS.** Exception: Day of Dog Show when all show dogs shall be kept on leash and at Show Area at all times. Any violation will be reported to the Miami County Animal Shelter authorities for action.

25. No drug-related or obscene literature to be sold or distributed on Fairgrounds at any time.

26. Persons exhibiting un-sportsmanlike conduct, or violating ground rules, are subject to removal from fairgrounds and banned from showing that year.

27. Any violation of these published rules by exhibitors or concessionaires will result in forfeiture of any and all premiums and privileges.

28. Alcoholic beverages allowed in designated areas only.

29. No smoking allowed in any barn.

30. Golf Carts will be permitted for those vendors/concessionaires under Fair contract ONLY. A fee of \$25.00 will be added to your contract. Vehicle Insurance must be provided with General/Equipment Floater with General liability in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more per vehicle. These vehicles must also be off the Midways by 10:00 a.m. unless being utilized to obtain necessities to operate stands, i.e. ice, change, etc. Those abusing privilege will have their permit revoked for the remainder of the fair.

31. **NO GOLF CARTS, MULES, GATORS, ETC.** will be permitted for use by the general public/exhibitors. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

32. No power driven equipment such as trucks, golf carts, etc. shall be used by vendors/concessionaires or exhibitors during the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on the midway. This is necessary due to the large number of fair goers to eliminate possible personal injury.

33. All delivery vehicles are to be in, deliveries made, and off the grounds before 10:00 a.m. daily and none will be permitted on the midways thereafter.

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## ADMISSION POLICIES

Re-entry with wristbands will be starting at noon daily. If you enter onto the fairgrounds with a pass before noon and wish to get a wristband knowing you will be leaving before noon you will have to request a wristband when you show your pass at the gate for admission. **NO GATE REFUNDS. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

**NOTICE:** All persons 9 years of age and older must pay to enter the fairgrounds. Everyone must pay at the gate UNLESS you have a Miami County approved pass. This includes Horse Shows and Pulls, Tractor Pulls, Races, Contest, etc.

### MAIN GATE NOTICE:

Main Gate is located north of the animal shelter off County Rd 25-A. All fair patrons and North End exhibitors are to use this gate.

Alternate South Gate is accessed from Harrison Street and is for use by: Holders of Reserved Parking Permits, persons needing handicapped parking, south end exhibitors and event participants.

There will be 1-2 shuttles running at each gate daily from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

### NOTICE - NOTICE - NOTICE

The last day to purchase season tickets at the gate is Sunday August 14. The last day to purchase a Miami County Agricultural Society membership is Thursday, August 11, at 4:00 p.m.

### ADMISSION

General Admission: 9 years and over - Daily ticket \$5.00, Season ticket \$20.00 with wristband re-entry starting at noon daily, Jr. Fair ticket \$2.00 with wristband re-entry starting at noon daily, Exhibitors and vendors ticket \$15.00 with wristband re-entry starting at noon daily, Concessionaire ticket \$15.00, Miami County Agricultural Society Member ticket \$25.00. Children: 8 years and under, admitted free.

### NOTICE - NOTICE - NOTICE

If you want a wristband before noon you will have to request it when you enter the gate that morning when ticket stub is taken.

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO JUDGES

No person who is an exhibitor can act as a judge on the class in which he exhibits or upon stock or articles in which he has an interest. Superintendents will indicate to the judge the animals or articles entitled to compete for premiums. If there is any question by the judge as to the regularity of an entry or the right of any animal or article to compete in the class, or age, or otherwise, the judge shall report the same to the superintendent in charge for adjustment. No judge is permitted to change an award after the premium ribbon or card has been attached, unless a mistake has been made in placing the ribbon or card. When animals or articles are not deemed worthy, the judge shall not award a premium.

## DUTIES OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS

It is the duty of each superintendent to see that the department is well filled, to be on the ground early in the morning of the first and each succeeding day of the fair, to take charge of all articles belonging to their departments on their arrival on the ground, to see that they are arranged systematically in their proper places and arrange each kind in a group by itself, so as to exhibit to the best advantage to the spectators as well as to the judges. They should prevent the handling of all articles on exhibition. Each superintendent must select his judge in reasonable time before the fair and if it is known that said judge cannot be present in time to perform the work assigned him; said superintendent shall select a suitable substitute. No person or persons shall be allowed to enter the fairgrounds for the purpose of organized solicitation or promotion, or for the purpose of picketing, disrupting, for disturbing any concessionaire, tenant or lessee of the Miami County Agricultural Society, or from interfering in any way with any viewer of, or participant in, the activities of the Miami County Fair. Any person entering for the purposes herein before mentioned shall be ejected from the premises of the fairgrounds.

### BAD CHECKS

There will be a \$30.00 charge for any check returned and possible forfeit of exhibiting the following year.



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