

# RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Unless indicated otherwise, **All EXHIBITS** must be in place by 5 p.m. Monday and must remain until 8:00 p.m. on Saturday. **VENDOR** tear down time is 9 p.m. on Saturday, this will be enforced!
2. The Society shall take every precaution for the safekeeping of animals and goods of exhibitors, but assume no responsibility in case of loss or damage, and upon this condition only are entries received. The Society shall not be liable for injury to any person that may occur to them while on the fairgrounds.
3. The Society reserves the right to reject any or all entries after a suitable and educational exhibit is reached or may open any department to make the exhibit suitable and attractive.
4. Any exhibitor who shall make, or cause to be made, any false statements or improper entries in regard to any animal or article exhibited, for the purpose of influencing the judges or avoiding regulations, shall not be entitled to any premium on the animal or article, or on any other exhibits.
5. Premiums will not be awarded on animals or articles of any inferior quality though there may be no competition. In case of no premium, judges will write "not worthy" against the number.
6. Judges are requested to particularly examine the Rules and Regulations, and to conform to them in every particular as near as possible, and in awarding premiums to observe closely the printed lists.
7. The Board is authorized to reserve the right of rejecting any premium awarded on what may seem in their judgment to be an irregular or questionable entry.
8. Persons removing animals or articles from the grounds without permission shall forfeit any premium that may have been awarded.
9. All premiums will be paid by checks. Most checks will be available for pick-up on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Please check with your superintendent for more information. All checks not picked-up will be promptly mailed to persons to whom premiums have been awarded.
10. Exhibitors of cattle and horses must be ready to bring them out when called for, and unless presented when called for will not be entitled to any premium. No one but exhibitors and judge to be allowed in the ring during the judging.
11. All exhibitors of purebred stock are required to present register and transfer papers in their own name to the department superintendent prior to judging. Any exhibitor, who feels that this rule is not being enforced, may present a written protest at the time of judging to the Board, who will act upon it at once.
12. Exhibitors must furnish their own hay, bedding and grain.
13. Due to homeland security regulations, all bags and coolers are subject to search at gates. Only sealed, non-alcoholic containers will be allowed through gates.
14. The Delaware Valley Agricultural Society reserves to itself by its Board of Directors the sole and absolute right to interpret these conditions and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters and questions arising out of, or connected with or incident to the fair. Also to refuse and to cancel any entries, disqualify exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries and cancel awards of prizes, as the management may deem expedient. All entries are made subject to the above rules.

## RULES FOR EXHIBITORS

1. Competition in every class is restricted to residents of Delaware County unless indicated otherwise.
2. Unless otherwise stated in the special Departmental Rules there will be **NO ENTRY FEES** for exhibitors in the open classes. Entry fees must be paid when entry is made where designated. No premium checks will be written for under \$1.00.
3. Attention is called to the rule of the State Department of Agriculture that no article shall be permitted to be exhibited in the Domestic Department if it has been previously exhibited therein.
4. All exhibits must be in place by 5 p.m. Monday and judging will begin Tuesday morning. Exceptions to this rule are: Dept. H (Homemaking) - Classes 1-219 and 501-526; also pies, where perishable exhibits must be placed by 10 a.m. Tuesday; Dept. J (Flowers); Dept. W (Art Show).

(See Department for details.) **All entries should be received in advance. See Departments for address of entry clerk and entry deadlines**

RULES FOR ANIMAL EXHIBITORS

6. Make checks payable to **Delaware Valley Agricultural Society if applicable.**  
Admission Tickets will be needed,  
Monday beginning at 7 a.m.

**TICKETS**

Gate Admission – Day or Night Monday  
through Saturday 10.00

Season Pass ..... 20.00

- Children 12 or under admitted free if accompanied by parent or guardian.
- Season passes are good Monday through Saturday.
- Free parking at all times.

Senior Citizens- Thursday Admission \$5.00

- Tuesday, Children's Day
- Friday, 4-H Day.

**Grandstand – Available at the Box Office**

Monday Night \$8.00  
 Tuesday Night FREE  
 Wednesday Night \$8.00  
 Thursday Night \$8.00  
 Friday Night \$8.00  
 Saturday Night \$10.00  
 Saturday AM Memorial  
 Tractor Pull Donation

1. All individuals staying overnight in the dairy, livestock and horse area must have parent and superintendent permission. Under 18 years of age a written permission from parent is required.
2. Every 4-H animal exhibitor regardless of age must complete an overnight permission slip, signed by parents, indicating if they are staying in the dormitory, in a camper, at home, or requesting permission to stay with their animals. The 4-H dormitory is available for all 4-H youth exhibiting animals at the fair.
3. **Lights will be out in the dairy, livestock and horse area at 11 p.m.**
4. Dairy and livestock exhibitors' meeting to be held in the dairy show ring at 7:00 p.m. on Monday night. **This is a mandatory meeting.**
5. Failure to abide to any Fair Rules, or failure to cooperate with any superintendent, can result in forfeiture of premiums and be excluded from next year's show.
6. Rabies shots are not needed for Delaware County Open Goat Show but are needed to show at the NYS Fair

All exhibitors shall provide their animals with proper care including adequate food and drink and necessary veterinary care. No exhibitor shall mistreat, overdrive or overload or torture any animal in his care. The Delaware Valley Agricultural Society of Walton, NY shall have the right to ban or dismiss from the premises any exhibitor or person who fails to render proper care to animals exhibited or who mistreats any animal on the grounds.

Fair patrons who wish to sell wares and written materials or to solicit funds must do so only from concessionaires' booths or other areas designated by the Agricultural Society. The Agricultural Society has adopted a policy which allows priority to concessionaires from previous years. Remaining booths and commercial spaces will be rented on a first come first serve basis, with a view toward exhibiting a variety of interests and educational experiences.

**ALL GRANDSTAND TICKETS CAN BE  
 PURCHASED AT THE BOX OFFICE OR  
 ONLINE AT:  
[www.delawarecountyfair.org](http://www.delawarecountyfair.org) OR CALL  
 1-616-425-6461  
ALL TICKET SALES FINAL.  
NO REFUNDS.**

**Department of Agriculture and Markets**  
**PART 350**  
**STANDARDS FOR CONDUCT OF FAIRS**

**Section**

- 350.1 Entry fees maximums
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- 350.11 Compliance with an enforcement of livestock health requirements

**3501 Entry fees maximums.** Entry fees shall not exceed ten (10) percent of first premium, except in poultry departments, where the fees shall not exceed twenty-five (25) percent of first premium. However, a flat charge of two dollars (\$2.00) per entry may be made in the cattle department in lieu of the ten (10) percent of first premium. Any deviation from this standard must receive the approval of the commissioner.

**3502 No fee for 4-H, F.F.A., junior fair or school department exhibits.** No entry fee shall be charged for 4-H club, F.F.A. and Junior Fair exhibits entered for competition in their own classes, or for entries in the school department.

**3503 Prompt, full payment of premiums.** All premiums advertised and awarded must be paid promptly and in full, without deduction in the guise of donations or otherwise, notwithstanding any statement to the contrary or in modification thereof announced or stated in the premium book.

**3504 No premium for unworthy exhibit.** No premium should be awarded by any judge or paid by any society for an unworthy exhibit.

**3505 Premium amount to attract well-balanced exhibits.** The amount of premium offered in the various

departments should be such as to secure well-balanced exhibits, in the light of the types of agriculture carried on in the territory served by the fair.

**3506 No exhibits by judges in departments they oversee.** No judges shall be permitted to enter exhibits in competition for premiums in the department with which they are connected.

**3507 Exhibits to be plainly labeled.** All exhibits must be plainly labeled so that the full significance of the exhibits will be made clear.

**3508 Re-exhibition in domestic department.** No article shall be permitted to be exhibited in the domestic department if it has been previously exhibited therein, unless, by official action of the board of directors of any fair society, an exception is made to this requirement.

**3509 Exhibits in the name of bona fide owner; ownership of horses entered in 4-H horse shows or exhibitions; poultry, sheep, swine limits.**

(a) All exhibits must be entered in the name of the bona fide owner.

(b) Ownership of all exhibits must have existed for at least thirty (30) days previous to the time of showing, unless exhibited by the original producer or fabricator of the article exhibited.

(c) Proof of ownership of all exhibits must be presented by the exhibitor on request of the fair society.

(d) In the case of horses entered in 4-H horse shows or exhibitions the animal may be owned by the exhibitor or his immediate family.

(e) In such departments as poultry, sheep and swine, the number of breeds that an exhibitor or family shows may be limited to the number of breeds to be determined by official action at a meeting of the board of directors of any fair society.

**35010 Rejection or refusal of an exhibit.** Any fair society shall reserve the right to reject or refuse and to order the removal of any exhibit which, in the opinion of its board of directors, is not eligible or worthy of showing or has not met the livestock health requirements.

**35011 Compliance with and enforcement of livestock health requirements.** Each fair or exposition which receives money from the state pursuant to Article 24 of the Agriculture and Markets Law shall comply with and enforce the livestock health requirements set forth in Part 351 hereof.

# **CATTLE BVD TESTING**

## **Requirement for NY Fairs**

**All cattle and new world camelids (llamas, alpacas, guanacos and vicunas) exhibited at New York County Fairs and the State Fair must test negative for Bovine Viral Diarrhea Persistent Infection (BVD-PI)**

- § One negative test in lifetime of animal**
- § Consult with your private veterinarian for appropriate testing**
- § Make sure complete animal ID is included in lab submission**
- § Retain copy of test results or test certificate with complete ID for future fairs**
- § Schedule testing well in advance of the fair**
- § Includes rodeo and petting zoo cattle**
- § No Negative Test, No Entry**

**Questions?**

**Call NYS Ag. And Markets, Division of Animal Industry at 518-457-3502**