

Dickinson County Fair Rules & Regulations

General

1. All residents of Dickinson County may exhibit at the Dickinson County Fair.
2. Any youth that is an active member of a Dickinson County youth club and/or attends a Dickinson County school may exhibit at the fair.
3. No exhibit may be entered in more than one class or entitled to more than one premium except in sweepstakes, collections, articles, or animal of various kinds and ages in the same department.
4. All animals must be exhibited in all classes by the same exhibitor. Violation of this rule will forfeit premiums which might otherwise be awarded.
5. A formal protest by an agriculture exhibitor, community arts or youth exhibitors, or others, shall be made in writing to the manager, accompanied by an affidavit setting forth the grounds of the protest. A formal protest against an agriculture exhibition of **animals, community arts, or youth exhibit or others shall be filed not less than 24 hours before the judging and the fairboard shall hear such protest** and make a decision before judging. A formal protest against placing shall be filed not more than 6 hours after the placing is made, and shall be considered by the fairboard. Interested parties shall be duly notified and given an opportunity to submit evidence pursuant to a procedure established by the director, before a final decision is made. Protest to MDA within 45 days.
6. All exhibits must positively be entered by **10:00 pm** on entry day.
7. After arrival at the fairground, all entries are under the supervision and control of the fair officials and the superintendents. All reasonable care will be taken by the fair committee to provide against loss or injury to exhibits but they will not be responsible for loss or any exhibits.
8. No exhibits are to be removed before 5:00 pm on Monday. If removed, premiums will be forfeited.
9. All exhibitors are requested to pick up their exhibits at the close of the fair, even though they were taken in by others, and the fair association will not be responsible for loss or damage of goods uncalled for after 6:00 pm on Monday.
10. All special exhibits must be arranged for with the secretary prior to the fair. These special exhibits are educational and not open to all exhibitors.
11. Premiums are based on \$18,000 pay off. If premiums go over \$18,000, a certain percentage may be deducted from check to bring down to \$18,000. Prorate evenly all entries.
12. In case there is but one exhibit competing for a premium, the judge may recommend third, second, or first premium - as the merit may warrant.
13. Ribbons and/or rosettes are to be awarded in all classes, unless otherwise stated.
14. All animal exhibits shall report directly to the unloading area for an inspection by a licensed veterinarian before entering the barns.
15. Each department superintendent, under the decision of the chairperson of the fairboard, shall have the full charge of the department to which he/she may be assigned. Exhibitors must follow orders relating to placing exhibits, showing, etc. Every precaution will be taken, but no responsibility will be taken by the fair in case of loss or damage.
16. The superintendent shall check for accuracy, exhibitor's social security number, class numbers, exhibit description, and award placement.
17. Judges will report to the fair office to meet the department superintendent prior to judging. No person shall act as judge in any class in which he may be interested as an exhibitor. If such case should be presented, the department superintendent may remove the judge or substitute another judge temporarily.
18. Judges are instructed that if they have good reason to believe that any exhibitor is attempting to deceive the judges or the public to obtain a premium by misrepresentation, they shall report the facts at once to the department superintendent.
19. Any and every entry, including those in the Danish system does not guaranteed a premium award.
20. If there is any question as to the regulatory of an entry or the right of an animal or article to compete in any class, the matter shall be submitted to the Department Superintendent for decision.
21. By disregarding or violating any of these rules or regulations an exhibitor or contestant will forfeit all premiums, and rights, and will be subject to such penalty as the Dickinson County fairboard may order, could include removal from fairgrounds and ban from future fair participation.
22. If doubt arises as to the meaning or application of a rule, the department superintendent shall interpret the same. A request for an opinion by either the exhibitor or judge, shall be made in writing and submitted to the fair office.
23. The Dickinson County fairboard reserves the right to cancel any entries and awards without claims for damages. Cancellations or additional entries will not be permitted after entry closing date and time, unless special permission is granted by the Fairboard.
24. In addition to the rights of protest herein guaranteed to interested parties, the Dickinson County fairboard expressly reserves the right to take cognizance of fraud, which may have been consummated or attempted, and deal with any party or parties implicated therein in such manner, within the scope of power of the authority as may form the evidence relation thereto be deemed just and proper.
25. The Dickinson County fairboard reserves the right to interpret these rules and regulations and to settle and determine all matters, questions or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to, the operation of the Dickinson County Fair.
26. Listed premiums money mounts may vary and will be distributed as fairboard sees fit.
27. All parking permits must be visible in vehicles at all times. Vehicles with no permit or parked illegal are subject to be fined and towed at the expense of the owner.
28. Open livestock and horse fees: SEE ENTRY FEE.
29. Market animals can not be shown in breeding stock classes.
30. Market record books must be handed into the fair office only by noon Thursday.
31. MDA Livestock Rules and Regulations are a summarized version.
32. Each and every exhibitor must have a daily or weekly bracelet visible on their wrist during the fair. Weekly passes may be purchased at the time of pre-registration.
33. Only two (2) barn parking passes per farm NO EXCEPTIONS!
34. Separate entry forms for youth and open departments and entry fee form all need to be submitted at the time of pre-entry.

Other Information:

Bulletin Boards are offered again this year - Bulletin boards for wanted items or for sale will be placed in the rotunda, poultry barn, and horticulture building. The bulletin boards will be maintained by fair board members.

Cost - Full page - \$5.00, 1/2 page - \$3.00, index card - \$2.00, and all business cards - \$1.00 each.

No premiums paid to anyone under the age of 9 years. Ribbons only.