

AGRICULTURE DIVISION – OPEN & JR. OPEN CLASS
GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
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General Rules & Regulations

1. No exhibitor will be allowed to stay overnight in barns without Board approval. Space and hookups are available elsewhere on the grounds. Failure to follow this rule is cause for loss of premiums.
2. All animal exhibits must be brought in between 8:00am and 8:00pm on Tuesday of Fair Week. Superintendents can make the time earlier depending on weather. Junior exhibitors must be present to show their own animals.
3. All exhibits must remain in place until Sunday of the Fair. This rule will be strictly enforced to eliminate traffic congestion and to promote safety. Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine and Goats will be released at 6:00pm. If you are showing more than one type of animal, your animals will be released at the latest time. Animals must be loaded from the west end of the barns. Animals will only be released from the Livestock Gate in recognized removal vehicles. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL ANY ANIMAL, NO MATTER THE SIZE OR KIND, BE CARRIED OR WALKED TO A VEHICLE OUTSIDE OF THE DESIGNATED LIVESTOCK PARKING AREA.** Any exhibitor attempting this will be stopped by security guards and fair representatives. Further action will force the DuPage County Fair Association to STOP PAYMENT on any premium check received by the exhibitor. Your cooperation during this hectic time is greatly appreciated. Rabbits and Poultry will be released at 8:00pm.
4. Premiums will be forfeited if your animal's space is NOT properly cared for. Each MUST BE fed, watered and cleaned at least twice daily. FIRST cleaning and feeding MUST be done before 10:00am EACH DAY. **Any Exhibitor washing or grooming an animal in an inappropriate spot, other than the designated area, will forfeit all their premiums.**
5. **NOTE: Department personnel may collect blood or tissue or urine samples from any animal being exhibited and/or raced at any Illinois fair to test for the presence of illegal drugs.**
6. Interpretation of the rules and regulations is the responsibility of the Executive Committee of the DuPage County Fair Association. Their decision will be final. Exhibitors and those seeking privileges must agree to abide by the rules and the Committee's interpretation of these rules. All exhibitors must comply with the health rules of the Department of Agriculture as the State of Illinois recommends.
7. **Individuals showing animals should wear showmanship attire (e.g. closed toe shoes, jeans, dress shirt or 4-H shirt).** The owner of the animal is the only one that can show the animal unless that owner has two or more animals in the SAME class, then a helper can be used.

Exhibits & Age Requirements

8. Age Requirements for exhibitors:
BEEF, DAIRY, SHEEP, GOATS, SWINE, POULTRY & RABBITS: Junior Open Class is open to any youth regardless of residence who is **8-18 years of age as of September 1 of last year.** Open Class is open to anyone regardless of residence.
9. All livestock exhibits must be owned and/or registered in the name of the exhibitor prior to June 1 of the current year. Non-Livestock exhibits must be grown by or be the work of the exhibitor during the current year with exceptions as listed in individual departments.
10. All livestock must be housed in facilities provided. Watchmen will be on duty, in the employment of the Fair Association, to guard exhibits, but the Fair Association cannot be held responsible for injury or loss from fire, theft, vandalism, or any other cause. Livestock buildings will be open from 6am – 10pm.
11. Animals shown in Market Classes may not be shown in Breeding Classes.
 - a. Breeding Class animals and Purebred Market Breed animals must have registration papers or will be shown as Grade Class animals (Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine and Goats).
 - b. PAPER MUST BE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE, UPON REQUEST, ANY TIME DURING THE FAIR (INCLUDING CHECK IN).
12. Exhibitors are limited to **two entries** per class in all Departments.
13. Fair Superintendents are permitted to exhibit except in the division(s) in which they serve as superintendents.

Exhibitor Passes

14. All exhibitors are required to purchase a Fair Exhibitor pass, unless the exhibitor is also exhibiting in the 4-H Division of the DuPage County Fair and has a 4-H exhibitor pass. **If the total amount of entry fees paid**
 - **Total entry fees paid by the exhibitor is less than \$5 - purchase a Fair Exhibitor pass for \$35.**
 - **Total entry fees paid by the exhibitor is \$5 or more - purchase a Fair Exhibitor pass for \$30.**Fair Exhibitor passes will be included with your entry tags and will be available during scheduled pick-up times.
15. **Online Entry is the preferred method to enter competitive classes.** Online entries can be processed by following the links found on the DuPage County Fair Association Web site at: www.DuPageCountyFair.org. On the home page, click on the "Competitive Exhibitors" tab to start the process. Online entries require the use of a credit card to process the transaction. The Association accepts Visa and MasterCard. **Entries submitted using the online option must be processed by July 12, 2019. The program will not be available after that date. No Exceptions!** If due to special circumstances you cannot utilize the online program, please contact the Fair Association Office at (630) 668-6636 by July 5, 2019 for further instructions. Exceptions will be made for special circumstances.

Pen & Stall Requirements

16. Entries in all departments will be limited to available facilities. Livestock stall and pen assignments will be made at the discretion of the department superintendents. The Ag Committee will have final decision when limiting animals for entry by date of online entry will be considered in accepting entries and assigning pens/stalls. Livestock entered and not brought, does NOT reserve added space.

Parking & Removal of Exhibits

17. **Livestock exhibitors with large animals** will be issued **one** free **LIVESTOCK PARKING VEHICLE PASS** to each family. This pass is for vehicle only and is not intended as a pass for driver or passengers. **NO LARGE TRUCK OR TRAILERS ARE ALLOWED TO PARK IN THE LIVESTOCK PARKING AREA.** Livestock Trailer parking will be located in the County's extra parking lot across from the Fair.
18. Car, Truck and Trailer staging is available in a reserved section across from the Livestock Gate. Removal vehicles will be allowed to enter the Livestock parking area Sunday, under the direction of Livestock Superintendent, determined by place order in the reserved parking section.

Premiums and Ribbons

19. Open Class premiums and ribbons are paid and awarded by the Fair Association and may be obtained at the Open Class Office in the Exhibition Building on Sunday of the Fair between 5pm and 9pm. For those who are unable to pick up their premiums at this time, please make arrangements to do so on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday following the close of the Fair. The exhibitor must sign all premium statements before checks can be released.

JUNIOR AGE REQUIREMENTS

20. Effective since January 2006
Junior classes are eligible for premium State aid only if they are open to boys and girls who are 8 years of age or in third grade and not yet 19 years of age on or before September 1 of the year previous to the fair. All animals (i.e., individual, herd or flock classes) shown in junior classes must be the property of the boys and girls showing them. If the same animals are shown in both the open classes and junior classes, they shall be shown under the same exhibitor's name (for example, the father is not permitted to show an animal in the open class and the son or daughter to show the same animal in the junior classes).

Camping

21. **Campers must abide by all the rules set by the DuPage County Fair Association. All fees must be paid prior to set up. Contact the office for a campground application. The camper parking committee will provide parking placement and should be contacted upon arrival.**

LIVESTOCK BARNs OPEN TO PUBLIC:

8am – 10 pm= Wednesday – Saturday

8am– 6pm = Sunday

Online entry deadline:

July 12, 2019