

DUPAGE COUNTY FAIR
AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES / HOME ECONOMICS / ARTS DIVISIONS
2018 GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

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- 1) The term "Open Class" refers to the Competitive Exhibits portion of scheduled DuPage County Fair activities. All Open Class entries will be displayed in **Building 1**, except Fine Arts and Photography which will be displayed in Bldg. 2, during the annual DuPage County Fair.
- 2) The DuPage County Fair **Agricultural Sciences/Home Economics/Arts** Open Class Competitive Exhibit Divisions are amateur contests open to any person *currently* residing in **DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Will, and Cook**.
- 3) An amateur is defined as one who does not derive the major source of their income from teaching/selling the items in the entered classes.
- 4) Exhibitors are divided into several age categories. These categories are defined below, and exhibitors must follow these requirements when entering competitive exhibit classes:
 - a) **Junior Division:** 8 years of age through 18 years of age as of September 1 of last year.
 - b) **Adult Division:** limited to exhibitors 19 years of age and older as of September 1 of last year.
 - c) **Two Open Class Competitive Exhibit Departments have a single age division: Department J-7 (Grain & Apiary) and Department M-17 (Collections). - age 8 and older as of September 1 of last year.**
- 5) **Online Entry is the preferred method to enter the Agricultural Sciences/Home Economics/Arts Divisions.** Online entries can be processed by following the links found on the DuPage County Fair Association website at www.DuPageCountyFair.org. On the home page, click on the "Exhibits/Contests - Exhibits" tabs 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 Friday, July 13, 2018. 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 for further instructions. Exceptions will be made for special circumstances only.
- 6) If exhibitors have questions about the online entry process, they may contact the Fair Association Office at (630) 668-6636 for an assistance referral.
- 7) The 2018 edition of the DuPage County Fair Premium Book shall be the only source that exhibitors shall use to determine class numbers and class descriptions for the 2018 DuPage County Fair. In the event of any discrepancies between the print or online versions of the Premium Book, the decision of the Open Class office shall be final in these situations.
- 8) 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 by the exhibitor is less than \$5, the exhibitor is required to purchase a Fair Exhibitor pass for \$35. If the total amount of entry fees paid by the exhibitor is \$5 or more, the exhibitor is required to 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.
- 9) An exhibitor may make TWO entries per class, **except** in the following Departments:
 - a) **Department M-15 (Photography Adult Division)** and **Department MP-66 (Photography Junior Division)**. One entry per class.
 - b) **Department O-18 (Foods Adult Division)** and **Department OP-68 (Foods Junior Division)**. One entry per class.
- 10) Each entry in a competitive exhibit class **MUST** be the work of the exhibitor during the current year (**July 2017 through July 2018**), with the following exception; 4-H members may enter their last year's 4-H projects in any competitive exhibits classes that are appropriate, as long as age and Department requirements are met.
- 11) An exhibit may be entered only once in the Open Class Competitive Exhibits Divisions of the DuPage County Fair, with the exception of specific rules governing **Department M-17 (Collections)**.
- 12) **Competitive exhibits in the Agricultural Sciences/Home Economics/Arts Divisions MUST be received in Building #1 between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday of Fair week.**
 - a) **EARLY ENTRY TAG PICK-UP!** You can pick up your entry tags in the Open Class Office on Monday of fair week between the hours of 7:00pm and 8:00pm.
 - b) Exhibit entry tags will be distributed to the exhibitor on Tuesday in the Check-in area in **Building 1**, and he/she must affix them to all exhibits, following rules as outlined in certain Departments. Take exhibits with entry tags affixed to the specific divisions for placement in respective classes. **Please allow time to get and attach tags to exhibits and place exhibits in proper areas by 7:00pm. Fine Arts and Photography exhibits will be taken to Bldg. 2 after receiving tags. All exhibits must be in place by 7:00pm Tuesday evening. NEW TIME!**
 - c) Retain the bottom half of your exhibit entry tag as this is the Claim Check you will need to present for the release of your exhibit at the exhibit check out Sunday evening of the Fair.
- 13) Failure to follow specified rules and regulations is cause for disqualification and/or loss of Prize Money.

- 14) All **Agricultural Sciences/Home Economics/Arts Divisions** prize money may be picked up in the Open Class Office between **5:00pm – 9:00pm on Sunday night.**
- 15) **“Special Awards”** are presented at the judge’s discretion. This award represents a subjective uniqueness acknowledged by the judge. **Special Awards have no ranking, points, or monetary values.**
- 16) **“Champion Awards”** in individual Departments will be made to the Exhibitor winning the most points using the following point scale: 1st place – 8 points 2nd place – 4 points 3rd place – 2 points
- Champion must have a minimum of **24 Points** in that area.
- a) In the event of a tie score, the following tie breakers will be used:
1. Exhibitor with the most 1st places.
 2. Exhibitor with the most 2nd places.
 3. Exhibitor with the most 3rd places.
- b) If there is still a tie score, the Judge will decide who will be named as Champion.
- 17) Judges will award three placings (first-third) per class to exhibits meeting all judging standards and Department rules/specifications, unless said class has less than three entries. In that case, the judge will award a placing (starting with first place) for each entry that meets standards. If there is a lone entry in the class, that entry must be awarded first place, unless it has been disqualified. **Building 1 & Building 2** will be CLOSED Wednesday morning for judging and setting up displays and will re-open at approximately 1:00pm. **Building 1 & Building 2** will be closed at 7:00pm on Sunday to allow superintendents to dispose of selected exhibits as previously stated. Then at 8:00pm **Bldg. 1 & Bldg. 2** will re-open to allow exhibitors to pick up their exhibits. The checkout line should form on east and west sides of building 1 and west side of building 2 for Fine Arts & Photography.
- 18) A judge’s decision is final. If, in the opinion of the judge, the exhibit is entered in the wrong class, the exhibit will not receive a rating.
- 19) **No Competitive Exhibit entries will be released before 8:00 p.m. on Sunday of the Fair. Failure to follow this rule will result in the forfeit of any Prize money or ribbons earned.** Exhibits will not be released until the Claim Check (bottom half of the exhibit’s entry tag) has been presented. Exceptions to this rule are listed below:
- a) Exhibitors with entries in **Department L-9 (Garden Cut Flowers Adult Division)** and **Department LP-60 (Garden Cut Flowers Junior Division)** and **Department M-11 (Flower Arranging Adult Division)** and **Department MP-62 (Flower Arranging Junior Division)** may pick up their containers on Sunday after 8:00 p.m. **Flowers will be discarded.**
 - b) Exhibits in **Department J-8 (Vegetables Adult Division)** and **Department JP-59 (Vegetables Junior Division)** will be disposed of by Department Superintendents.
 - c) Exhibits in **Department O-18 (Foods Adult Division)** and **Department OP-68 (Foods Junior Division)** **will be disposed of** by Department Superintendents. Every effort will be made to retain jars used in canning classes, and cake forms/decorations.
 - d) The DuPage County Fair Association will not be responsible for exhibits left after 9:30 p.m. the Sunday of Fair.
 - e) Exhibits not picked up following the Fair will be disposed of after September 1 of the current year.
- 20) Interpretation of the Rules and Regulations is the responsibility of the Board of Directors of the DuPage County Fair Association. Their decision will be final.
- 21) Exhibitor authorizes the DuPage County Fair Association to display the exhibitor’s exhibit. The DuPage County Fair Association will exercise every care and precaution, but cannot be held responsible for damage or loss of exhibits. Any exhibit displayed shall be at the risk of the exhibitor. It is understood that exhibits are entered to be evaluated for prizes only. The Exhibitor, or the person who enters the exhibit on the Exhibitor’s behalf, expressly assumes any and all liability or responsibility for the accident, loss or damage to person or property as a result of his or her participation, or arising out of the display of his or her exhibit, whether it be caused by the negligence or otherwise of the DuPage County Fair Association, its Officers, Directors, Employees, Volunteers and Agents. By entering an exhibit, the Exhibitor, or person who enters the exhibit on the Exhibitor’s behalf, agrees to waive any and all claims, damages, demands, or costs against the DuPage County Fair Association, its Officers, Directors, Employees, Volunteers and Agents.
- 22) The management of the Fair and the Exhibit’s Department and/or their designee reserve the right to remove and disqualify any exhibit which is not in the best interest of the Fair; or which is objectionable to the Fair or endangers the public; or is objectionable in any way; or has been entered in violation of these official rules and regulations; or to reject, limit or disqualify the acceptance of, or the display of, any exhibit brought to the Fairgrounds.

****Building 1 & Building 2 will open at 9:00am each day, except Wednesday, due to judging and setting up displays. Building 1 & Building 2 will close at 9:00pm each evening except on Sunday, closing will be at 7:00pm and will re-open at 8:00pm for people to pick up their exhibits.**

ONLINE ENTRY DEADLINE - July 13, 2018