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**General Rules for the Mercer County Grange Fair**

**Note: Every exhibit accepted for premiums must be given an entry tag which must be plainly marked, showing the name of the exhibit. In case of livestock, the breed name must be shown on cards large enough that the breed name is readily identified by the viewers or if the livestock is grouped together according to breeds, one large sign to designate the group will be satisfactory. However, the award winners must be placed on the stall or pen of the individual winners for the duration of the fair or show. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in forfeiture of premiums.**

1. **All exhibitors agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of the Mercer County Grange Fair.**
2. **The fair management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules and regulations as its judgment may determine.**
3. **Reasonable care will be taken to protect all exhibits on display from all injury and damage but the fair is not, in any way to be held responsible for accidents, loss or damage whatever may be the cause or extent of the loss or damage.**
4. **Entries will be made according to classification.**
5. **Premiums as listed may be given for meritorious exhibits. Where there is no competition, judges may give an award such as they deem the exhibit is worthy to receive. Same rule applies where there are fewer entries in any class than the number of premiums offered. The judge may award a ribbon or rosette. The fair reserves the right to determine how many entries they will accept from an exhibitor in the same class, or the case of livestock, same breed. THE DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES ARE FINAL IN ALL CASES except where mistakes, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusions not discovered at the time of an award is proved. In such cases, the superintendent, managers, or secretary of the fair or show, or such referee as he may be appoint, may make the decision. The case may be appealed to the Fair Management whose decision there can be no appeal. NO JUDGING ON THE DANISH SYSTEM.**
6. **All protests regarding the judging must be made in writing and clearly state the cause of the complaint or appeal. Such protests must be filed at the Fair Office within 24 hours of the occurrence.**
7. **It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to make known the proper name of the article or breed of livestock entering. Any item entered improperly will be disqualified to receive a prize but the judges will mark the correct name on the entry tag to help exhibitor avoid the same mistake.**
8. **All entries must be grown, produced or made since the last fair, by the person whose name appears on the tag as an exhibitor.**
9. **Superintendents of departments reserve the right to refuse to accept any entry and may bar from competition any entry they deem inferior.**
10. **Fair Management may at any time order the removal of exhibits or parts of exhibits unfit for display.**
11. **If ribbons are stolen or destroyed, they will be replaced free of charge at the close of the fair or show.**
12. **During judging, all buildings, except livestock arenas, are to be closed to everyone except fair officials, judges, Pennsylvania Fair Fund officials, and necessary attendants.  No exhibitor or his agent shall communicate with the judges during the time of determining awards except to answer questions proposed by the judges.  Any exhibitor interfering with the judges while making awards shall forfeit any premiums to which he would have been otherwise entitled.**
13. **All livestock offered for premiums must have been the property of the owners 30 days or longer.  (Livestock entered under a name other than the owners will be disqualified for premiums.)**
14. **Joint ownership will be considered as one owner in accordance with registration papers.**
15. **Market animals shall be weighed on the same set of scales under a qualified weight master at the discretion of the fair.**
16. **Should animals awarded a prize, be disqualified, the animals gaining lower prize shall move up into the next higher position, if, in the opinion of the judge, the animals are worthy of such prizes.**
17. **Over-fitting of cattle is prohibited.  Any artificial means used to change the form or shape of an animal, will be disqualified from competition.**
18. **When on exhibition, each animal must be under halter and controlled by the owner or employee.**
19. **A.            Any animal entry left at the fairgrounds before 10:00 AM on July 8, 2019 will not be accepted unless prior arrangements made.  Entries will be received from 10:00-8:00 on Monday, July 8, 2019.  NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 8:00 PM on Monday, July 8, 2019.

B.           All exhibits are entered free with the exception of animals.

C.             Exhibitor’s name and name of article, variety, etc. should be placed on tag of each exhibit.

D.            Any person who tampers with exhibits will be dealt with according to the law.  E.           Exhibits may compete in one class only.

F.          Exhibits may not be removed before 9:00 on Saturday, July 13, 2019.

G.        Ribbons will be given for first, second, and third place except where otherwise indicated.

H.         Money prizes will be given as listed in the fair book.

I.           No name advertising of any description in displays or exhibits.**
20. **Intoxication, disorderly conduct, gambling and lewd or obscene conduct is strictly prohibited.**
21. **No unauthorized peddling will be permitted on the grounds or in its vicinity.**
22. **Premium checks will not be awarded without Social Security Number on file in the fair office.**
23. **No exhibit may be removed at any time before the close of the Fair.**
24. **No Alcoholic Beverages or drugs will be permitted on the Grounds of the Mercer County Grange Fair. IF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS ARE FOUND ON THE GROUNDS AND ARE BEING USED BY ANY COMPETITOR IN COMPETITIONS, IT WILL BE CONFISCATED AND YOU WILL BE PROSECUTED TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THE LAW AND OTHER FAIRS WILL BE NOTIFIED ABOUT INCIDENT. YOU WILL BE IDENTIFIED.**