Mercer County Grange Fair General Rules

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 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 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 the 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 deemed 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 posed 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 be 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 of 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. All animal entries except swine must be entered prior to 8:00 PM on June 24. All animal entries except swine must remain on the grounds until 7:00 PM on Saturday, June 29. Any animal exhibit removed prior to the scheduled time will result in a forfeiture of premiums. **Only breed per entry sheet.** All livestock exhibitors must fill out a vet-client relationship form/Exhibitors rule page and completed CVI. We are on a first come first serve basis. PLEASE SUBMIT ALL FORMS TO THE CHAIRPERSON of the department.

B. All exhibits are entered free of charge.

C. Exhibitor’s name, and name of article, variety, etc. should be placed on the 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 in the Exhibit Building may not be removed before 2:00 PM on June 30, 2024.

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. Any exhibitor whose total premiums exceed $599 will need to provide their Social Security Number to the Fair Treasurer so they can issue a 1099.

23. Premium checks will be voided after six months if they are not cashed.

24. No exhibit may be removed at any time before the close of the Fair.

25. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR ILLEGAL DRUGS ARE PERMITTED ON ANY GROUNDS BEING USED BY THE MERCER COUNTY GRANGE FAIR. IF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS ARE FOUND ON THE GROUNDS AND BEING USED BY COMPETITORS, BEFORE, DURING, OR AFTER COMPETITION, THEY WILL BE CONFISCATED AND THE INDIVIDUAL WILL BE PROSECUTED TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THE LAW. OTHER FAIRS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE INCIDENT AND YOU WILL BE IDENTIFIED.