

Lawrence County Junior Fair

General Rules and Regulations – 2009

ELIGIBILITY

1. Entries are open to boys and girls who are 8 years of age or in the third grade by September 1, 2008 and not yet 19 years of age, on or before September 1, 2008.
2. Exhibitors must give their Social Security number to be eligible to show.
3. Person not meeting the age requirements shown in Rule 1 above, are NOT allowed to show or exhibit an animal in any class or be in the show ring when shows are being conducted.

ENTRIES

1. Two entries per class per exhibitor, except where otherwise noted under individual Department rules. Exhibitors will only be paid a maximum of 2 premiums per class.
2. **Junior Open-** Entries are open to any junior exhibitors.
Lawrence County Youth Only – Entries are open to junior exhibitors residing in Lawrence County or a member of a Lawrence County 4-H Club.
3. **Entry Deadlines –** All entries must be received by deadline dates. Anyone not submitting an entry form after this time will not be allowed to exhibit.
4. **Exhibitor Number –** Each exhibitor must have his or her own exhibitor number.
5. **Entry Fees:** All fees must be paid at time of entry.
6. **Pen or Stall Fees:** Each animal is required to pay pen or stall rent per department. Animals shown only as a Lawrence County 4-H project does not pay pen or stall rent.
7. **Entry Rules –**All entries must be exhibited by the exhibitor they are entered under. Entries must show in their proper classes, according to type, age, sex, breed or other qualifications as shown in the fair book. Each exhibitor will be responsible for placing entries in proper class number.
8. Entries must remain on the fairgrounds the entire week of the fair, unless otherwise stated. Prize money will be forfeited if exhibit is removed before designated time.
9. In the event that there are not enough entries to constitute a reasonable showing in any class, the superintendent of that department has the prerogative of combining classes as is necessary.
10. The Fair Association reserves the right to reject any exhibit offered.

PREMIUMS, RIBBONS AND AWARDS

1. State premiums will be paid on a maximum of two premiums awarded to the same exhibitor in a class.
2. Where only one exhibit is entered in a class, the exhibit shall be declared first place and be paid the first place premium.
3. Premium State Aid shall be paid on a maximum of 10 placings under any one premium number and ribbons will be awarded as such.
4. Special Awards will be noted in each department under class number.
5. Judge's book only will be used as evidence for payment of premiums. Ribbons and tags are not accepted.
6. No checks will be issued or corrected after October 1, 2009. Exhibitors finding mistakes in premiums paid must report the mistake to the Fair Treasurer within 30 days or no adjustment can be made.

JUNIOR FAIR GENERAL PROJECTS

1. **Entries** - Junior Open entries are open to boys and girls who are 8 years of age or in the third grade by September 1, 2008 and not yet 19 years of age, on or before September 1, 2008. Adult Open is open to anyone of ages 19 and over.
2. Items must be made or created by the exhibitor. Exhibits must be current years work. Falsification of any entry will disqualify participants.
3. Only two entries per class unless otherwise noted.
4. Quality work is encouraged. All exhibits must be clean.
5. The judges' decision is final.
6. Best of Show: An "Overall Best of Show" in each department will be chosen and will be presented a "Best of Show" Ribbon. All First Place winners in each class in each department will be judged for "Best of Show" Award. This award will be given at the Judge's discretion.
7. No smoking, food or drink allowed in exhibit areas. We encourage fair goers to visit the exhibits on display by their talented neighbors, but ask that you do not pick up or handle the exhibits.
8. Exhibits must be picked up on Friday, July 31, 2009 between 8 AM and Noon.
9. Premium checks will be release on Friday, July 31, 2009 between 8 AM and Noon. Exhibitor must sign a Premium Statement to receive check.

LIVESTOCK PREMISES IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:

Premises Registration is voluntary to exhibit all livestock at the 2009 Lawrence County Jr. Fair.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

Exhibitors are required to familiarize themselves with all rules to their exhibits. State Health Requirements are available on the Lawrence County Junior Fair web site or at the Lawrence County Extension Office. If any questions, contact the Lawrence County Junior Fair or Call the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare at 217-782-4944.

OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS AND REGISTRATION PAPERS:

1. Exhibitor's showing animals in purebred breeding class must be purebred and should be registered with their respective breed associations.
2. Registration papers are required for all purebred stock and will be checked by the superintendent.
3. Registration papers must be in the name of the exhibitor and show ownership before June 1, 2009.
4. Copies of the registration papers may be made if superintendent deems necessary.

ANIMAL RELEASE

1. All livestock will be released from the fairgrounds one (1) hour after the 4H Livestock Auction. (Early release will be allowed for OUT OF COUNTY Exhibitors (Non Lawrence County 4-H) to remove livestock and equipment from the fairgrounds on Thursday morning, (ONLY) between 6 AM – 9:30 AM. After 9:30 AM no animals or equipment will be allowed to leave until one (1) hour after the auction.
2. Premiums checks will be released one hour after the 4-H Auction on Thursday. Checks may be picked up at the office in the main building on Friday, 10 AM – 2 PM. All exhibitors must sign a Premium Statement to receive premium check.

CONSUMER PROTECTION

To prevent exhibitors and guests from contracting any disease, and to set an example for attending public, exhibitors will keep animals, stalls/pens, aisles and area clean. It is highly suggested that all exhibitors wash their hands on a regular basis.

JUDGING and PROTESTS

1. All exhibitors and parents are expected to show respect and courtesy to judges. Violations may result in disqualifying the exhibitor. Qualified judges will judge all exhibits. Decision of the judge is final.
2. Any participant, or representative attempting to interfere with judges before, during or after their event will cause the participant to be disqualified from participation. In the event of a discourteous act to a judge or official of the Fair, recourse may be barring an exhibitor, participant or their representative and will forfeit all entry fees and any prize money that may have been awarded them.
3. All Protests must be filed by the Exhibitor.
4. If anyone contests any classification or regulation, they must bring it before the attention of the **Superintendent** for consideration **BEFORE** the show begins.
5. **PROTESTS** – All protests must be in writing, accompanied by an affidavit setting forth the grounds for protesting. Protests against an exhibitor of either an animal or article must be filed with the Secretary of the Fairboard on the day of the contest. In every case of protest the party protesting must deposit a sum of money equal to the amount of the purse. In the event of the protest being sustained the deposit shall be forfeited to the Junior Fair Association. All protests must be made within ten days from the close of the fair.

CAMPERS, TRAILERS AND HORSE TRAILERS (WITH LIVING QUARTERS) -16 CAMPING SITES AVAILABLE

1. Campers, trailers and Horse trailers (with living quarters) hooked up to the fairgrounds utilities will be charged \$15.00 per day or \$75.00 for the week.
2. Camping Sites are first come first served. No reservations.
3. Campers and trailers are not to hook up to utilities before 8 AM on Saturday, July 25, 2009 and are to be unhooked by 12 Noon Sunday, August 2, 2009.
4. Camping fees will need to be paid and a permit issued before camper can be hooked up.
5. Fees payable at Fair Office or by mail. Form available on Web site.

ADVERTISING

No "For Sale" sign is permitted on any exhibit at the Lawrence County Fair. No exhibitor will be permitted to distribute advertising matter, handbills, fliers or business cards on the grounds of the Lawrence County Fair. The tacking or posting of any advertisement, bill, sign banner, etc. is strictly prohibited. No exhibitor shall display any form of political advertising or disseminate political propaganda unless a contract has been issued permitting such a privilege.

Nothing shall be sold or given away, or otherwise disposed of by exhibitor which will in any way conflict with, or which is the subject matter of any concession granted or sold by the Fair, unless given written authorization from the Lawrence County Fair Association.

DISCLAIMER STATEMENT

THE LAWRENCE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR ASSOCIATION WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE TO ANY PERSONS, INDIVIDUAL, CORPORATION OR ASSOCIATION FOR ANY LOSS BY FIRE, THEFT OR PERSONAL INJURY SUSTAINED BY ANYONE THROUGH NEGLIGENCE OF GROUPS OR PERSONS, EXHIBITS OR EXHIBITORS.

ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOL OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ARE ALLOWED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS AT ANY TIME.

LAWRENCE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR ASSOCIATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHECK ANY COOLERS, CAMPER OR TRAILER ON THE FAIRGROUND..

AS OF JANUARY 1, 2008, THE SMOKE-FREE ILLINOIS ACT REQUIRES THAT PUBLIC PLACES MUST BE COMPLETELY SMOKE-FREE INSIDE AND WITHIN 15 FEET FROM ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

NO SMOKING ALLOWED IN THE MAIN BUILDING, GRANDSTANDS, BARNS, TENTS OR SHOW AREAS AT ANYTIME.
