

GENERAL RULES

Rule 1 - All entries must be made on official Barry County Fair forms. Entry forms, and entry tags available at the Expo office. All entries must have complete name and mailing address. Payment of livestock entry fee must accompany entry forms or they will be rejected.

Rule 2 – **All YOUTH entries - livestock and non-livestock, are due June 4 at the Barry Expo Complex.** Livestock fees are due with entries.

All OPEN CLASS livestock entries, Home Economic entries, Agronomy, Horticulture and Flower entries must be PRE-ENTERED on official forms and received at the Fair office by June 18th.

Open class Livestock entries are to be sent to department Superintendent along with entry fee. Open class Home Economic, Agronomy & Horticulture exhibits are to be brought to the Fair on **Sunday Noon-6 PM** at start of fair. Flower exhibits are to be brought on **Tuesday of Fair from 8am-11am** to center hall of Expo building.

4-H & OPEN CLASS NON-LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS WILL BE RELEASED SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2009 FROM 8:00AM – 1:00PM

Expo Bldg will be open for 4-H Youth to work on booths the week prior to fair.

Monday-Wednesday 9:00am – 4:00pm
Thursday-Saturday 9:00am – 9:00pm

Rule 3 - No change of entries will be made after the deadline, except to correct errors, and then only with the consent of the superintendent in charge of the department where the article will be exhibited. The society reserves the right to refuse any entries offered.

Rule 4 – Check in times:

Poultry – Friday noon – 8pm preceding fair.
Rabbits & Cavies – Saturday 4-7PM
Cattle – Sunday 2-7PM
Swine – Sunday 7AM-7PM
Goats – Sunday 10AM-7PM
All other livestock are to be in by 7PM Sunday

Non-Livestock Judging – Saturday 9AM-3:00PM
Open Class non-livestock Sunday Noon-6PM
Flowers – Tuesday 8-11AM

All projects judged on Saturday must be exhibited. Premiums will be forfeited if exhibits are removed early or not exhibited. Livestock exhibits except rabbits, cavies and poultry may be removed after 12 midnight Saturday. Animals purchased at the Livestock Sale MAY NOT be removed until 7:00 AM Sunday. Exhibitors removing exhibits early, without superintendent's approval, will forfeit the right to exhibit the following year.

Rule 5 – **HEALTH TESTING REQUIREMENTS – All livestock exhibitors MUST be in compliance with animal health requirements as defined by the department. Copies**

of animal health requirements are available in fair office or may be accessed at: www.michigan.gov/mdafairreqs or www.mi.gov/mda

Rule 6 – Throughout fair week, all exhibitors must display an exhibitors card with appropriate ribbon/sticker for each livestock exhibit. Non-livestock projects must have ribbons affixed to project. All champion or special honor ribbons must be displayed with exhibit.

Rule 7 - 4-H Youth exhibitors must be duly enrolled in a Barry County club by April 1 of current year. The same 4-H or FFA project may not be shown in the 4-H Division in more than one county fair.

Rule 8 – Youth exhibitor status is available to young people aged 9 through 18 years. Age is determined by the young persons' age as of January 1st of the exhibit year.

Rule 9 - Premiums will be mailed within 60 days of closing of fair. In case the receipts of the fair are insufficient to pay premiums and expenses, the society may prorate sums on all premiums awarded.

Rule 10 - No alcoholic beverages allowed on the grounds.

Rule 11 - The management will not be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to any animal exhibited or any article of any kind or nature that may be lost or destroyed or in any way injured. Each exhibitor will be responsible for any injury that may be occasioned to any person whomsoever by any animal owned or exhibited by him or her; and shall indemnify the management against all claims or injury, occasioned by any animal owned or exhibited by him or her, or arise from any negligence of the person in charge of any such exhibit.

Rule 12 - **PREMIUMS ARE PAID FROM THE RECORDS IN THE JUDGE'S BOOK.** If you have any questions, check with department superintendent as soon as department is judged.

Rule 13 - Premiums and ribbons will be awarded for all classes listed unless otherwise specified.

Rule 14 - The board of directors reserve the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters and questions or differences in regard thereto. It further reserves the right to amend or add to these rules.

Rule 15 - Any animal that might endanger the health or life of an exhibitor or spectator could be asked to be taken home by the superintendent or Board of Directors. **WE WILL NOT BE DRUG TESTING LIVESTOCK TO RESOLVE A DISPUTE AT THE BARRY COUNTY FAIR.**

Rule 16 - No dogs allowed on grounds except 4-H dogs on show day or 4-H dogs on display and assistance dogs.

Rule 17 – The Fairboard reserves the right to reject exhibitors from all future fairs' due to unruly behavior or failure in cooperating with superintendents and judges, or for other reasons that the Fairboard determines in its discretion to be appropriate. **THE FAIRBOARD'S DECISION IS FINAL.**

Rule 18 – Exhibitors must be 9 years of age by January 1st of current fair year to be eligible to compete in the classes of the open show.

Rule 19 – Demonstration & Educational projects are open to participants 26 years of age or younger as of January 1st of the fair year who has been determined to be eligible for special education services by the local school district.

Rule 20 – Judges shall not have a supervisory role at the fair. They shall not have an ongoing or direct relationship with any participating exhibitor or employee in the class or classes that he or she is requested or hired to judge.

Rule 21 – Ownership is not required for an exhibitor to show any animal other than market livestock classes.