

General Rules and Regulations

1) Insurance

Exhibitors must provide proof of liability insurance as stated in the Rules at the beginning of appropriate Classes in this book. Persons without proof of insurance will not be permitted to participate or compete. Insurance requirements for persons wishing to participate in any other activities sponsored by the Society, such as but not limited to operating a vehicle or riding/driving a horse in the Santa Claus Parade, are the same as for exhibitors at the Fair.

2) Responsibility

The Chatsworth Agricultural Society, either as a group, or its individual Members, will not assume any liability or responsibility resulting from any accident or injury, however caused, to any person or persons while they are on the Fair Grounds. Further, the Society and its individual Members will not assume any responsibility for loss or damage to any person, property, or animal while on the Fair Grounds.

3) Membership

The membership fee set by the Board of Directors will be clearly displayed on the first page of the annual Fair book. This fee must be paid to the Secretary or Treasurer no later than the Saturday of the Annual Fair. Junior memberships are available at no charge for Elementary School students (up to and including Grade 8 or equivalent). There are no family memberships.

4) Entry Fees, Parking and Other Charges

The Board will establish fees for entry to the Fair Grounds and other fees as may be appropriate. Entry fees will be clearly displayed at the entrance to the Fair Grounds and on the first page of the annual Fair book. Committees may set special fees which will be described in the Class Rules.

5) Exhibitors

- a) Generally, exhibitors must be Members or Junior Members in the current year.
- b) The exceptions to Rule 5 (a) are:
 - i) 4-H Club exhibitors in Class 4 (Sheep) are not required to be Junior Members or Members, are not required to pay an entrance fee at the gate and are not required to pay for participation in those Classes.

- ii) As long as they meet any age requirements specified, High School students are not required to be Members to exhibit in any Class for young people (for example: Class 7 – Youth Activities; Class 20 – Junior Fair; and the Grey County Farm Safety Association Poster Contest).
- c) Ages for children are as of the date of the Saturday of the Fair unless otherwise noted.

6) Articles, Animals and Produce (additional Specific Rules also apply in some Classes)

- a) Articles exhibited must be owned by the exhibitor and produce exhibited must have been grown by the exhibitor in the year.
- b) Animals exhibited must be owned by the exhibitor except in the case of 4-H members (for whom 4-H rules apply) and for Showmanship competitions.
- c) Animals exhibited must be in their places on the Fair Grounds and properly secured or caged by the time specified in each Class.
- d) Any livestock that appears sick must be removed by the exhibitor at the request of the relevant Committee.
- e) Articles entered for exhibition in the hall may be put in their assigned places between 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm on Thursday evening or on Friday morning. All articles must be placed by 12:00 pm on Friday after which judging will begin.
- f) The exhibitor's name should normally appear only on the hidden portion of entry tickets, but the owner's name may be on an article as long as it is not visible to a judge (for example: on the bottom of a pie plate in Class 11; on the bottom of a vase in Class 13; or on the back of a photo in Class 17).
- g) Exhibitors or their representatives must place their own exhibits.
- h) No exhibitor may enter more than once in any Section of a Class.
- i) No exhibit shall be removed from the hall until 4:00 pm on Saturday afternoon.
- j) While Directors will take appropriate precautions to ensure the safety of articles brought for exhibition, no payment will be made in the event that any article is damaged, lost or stolen.

7) Judging

- a) Competent judges will be engaged for judging of the Fair exhibits, animals, and contests.
- b) No person shall interfere with a judge in the discharge of her/his duties.

- c) Any exhibitor abusing a judge in any way will be asked to leave the Fair Grounds immediately and will be barred from exhibiting at the Fair for a period of time to be decided by the Board of Directors.
- d) Only exhibitors, judges and officials of the Society will be allowed inside any show ring.
- e) Only judges and officials of the Society may be present at judging of exhibits in the hall.
- f) A judge may decide to not make any award if he/she deems an animal or article to be unworthy or may decide that none of the animals or exhibits is worthy of first or any prize.

8) Prizes


- a) Exhibitors in most Classes must list their winning entries on the Prize Money Claim Form provided (in the middle of the Fair book) and return it to the Treasurer by August 31st. If the form is not provided by that date, prizes will be paid in accordance with the sheets prepared by the judges which shall be taken as final. Extra copies of the form are available on the day of the Fair.
- b) Exhibitors are responsible for picking up merchandise or vouchers from the Secretary or Treasurer on the Saturday of the Fair. If this is not possible, it is the responsibility of the Exhibitors, not the Society, to make other arrangements.
- c) The Treasurer is authorized to deduct the membership fee for the next year from prize money claimed for those Classes in which prize money is paid after the Fair.
- d) Any person donating a Special Prize for a specific Section in a Class is not allowed to compete for that prize in that Section.
- e) The Society will not be held responsible for any Special Prize in the event that the donor does not make the donation.
- f) Should any fraud or deception be discovered on the part of an exhibitor or their representative, the Board of Directors may withhold any prize and may prohibit such exhibitor from exhibiting for such time as it determines and may publish the name of such exhibitor should it be deemed necessary to do so.
- g) The Society will pay prizes by the end of October of the current year.
- h) Prize money not claimed, including prize cheques not cashed, will be considered to be a donation to the Society.

9) Protests


- a) Any exhibitor may lodge a protest about the outcome of judging. Protests must be in writing and delivered to the Secretary by 4:30 pm on the Friday immediately following the Fair. The letter of protest must state clearly the reasons for the protest and must be accompanied by a payment of \$10.00.
- b) The Board of Directors shall consider the protest and make a decision within three weeks. If the protest is upheld, the monetary award that would have been appropriate will be paid and the fee of \$10.00 shall be refunded. If the protest is not upheld, the payment of \$10.00 shall be forfeited to the Society.

10) Applicability

The preceding Rules and Regulations, and all additional Specific Rules for each Class, will be strictly enforced.



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