

Rules and Regulations

All exhibitors agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of the Kimberton Community Fair. The Fair Management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules and regulations as its judges may determine.

The Fair shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in its judgment, Exhibitors or Contestants may continue to participate in the Competitive Exhibits Program in the event that the Fair determines that any statement or representation is not true and accurate, or that any action is inconsistent with the rules, standards and dignity of the Program.

EXHIBITS AND EXHIBITORS

1. Entry Limits: Home Arts exhibitors are limited to one (1) entry per person per class with the exception of Department 24, Antique Farm Equipment, which has a limit of three (3) entries per person per class.
2. 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 by water, fire, theft, or otherwise, whatever may be the cause or extent of the damage or loss.
3. Entries will be made according to classifications listed in this Premium Book.
4. All entries must be grown, produced, or made since the previous year's Fair by the person whose name appears on the entry tag as "Exhibitor".
Any Exhibitor may be required to prove ability to reproduce an entry in any department in the presence of a qualified person.
Entry Date restriction does NOT apply to Houseplants, Quilts and/or Farm Equipment.
5. 4-H Age Requirements: For the purposes of exhibiting, 4-H members must have passed their eighth (8th) birthday, but not have passed their nineteenth (19) birthday by January 1 of the current year. Exhibitors must be members of a regularly organized 4-H club, carrying a project in the field in which they wish to make entry, and be under the supervision of the Pennsylvania State University Cooperative Extension Service by July 1 preceding the fair.
6. FFA Requirements: FFA Exhibitors must show proof of membership prior to exhibiting.
7. Other Age Requirements: For purposes of exhibiting, non-4-H youth categories will be determined by the youth exhibitor's age as of the first day of the current year's fair. Youth exhibitors must be at least 7 years old and no older than 18 years.
8. Fair Department Superintendents may enter exhibits in their own Departments, but neither they nor any other exhibitor may communicate with the judges during the time of determining the awards, except to answer questions posed by the judges.
9. Adding entries on the judging day will not be permitted.
10. The Fair reserves the right to cancel and show or contest, determine an exhibitor's eligibility to enter, and determine how many entries will be accepted from an exhibitor in the same class or, in the case of livestock, the same breed. Specific entry rules are indicated under each Department.
11. It shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor to make known the proper name of the article or breed of livestock, which is being entered. Any item entered improperly will be disqualified to receive a prize, but the judges will mark the

correct name on the entry tag for the benefit of the owner so that the same mistake in entering need not occur a second time.

12. Supervisors of a Department reserve the right of refusing to accept any exhibitor or entry. Furthermore, the Supervisors reserve the right to bar from competition any entry of decidedly inferior quality and those not possessing sufficient merit to warrant recognition. The Fair Management reserves the rights to remove any exhibit, or part of an exhibit, not worthy of viewing by the public.
13. No exhibit may be removed at any time before the close of the Fair except by consent of the Fair Management.
14. Food products cannot be polluted with any substance or chemical that causes them to become poisonous and unfit to be used as food.
15. Exhibits made by professionals will not be accepted.

JUDGING AND PRIZES

1. Judges, with expertise in the competitive categories, will be looking for the best specimens. Exhibitors should submit entries that are indicative of their best efforts.
2. Prizes, as listed, may be given for meritorious exhibits. In cases 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 prizes offered. The judges may, at their discretion, award a ribbon or rosette.
3. Should any animal, which is awarded a prize, be disqualified the animals gaining the lower prizes shall move into the next higher position if, in the opinion of the judges, the animals are worthy of such prizes.

4. During the judging, exhibits (except livestock shows) are to be closed to everyone except Fair Officials, Judges, and necessary attendants. No exhibitor or his agent shall communicate with the Judge during time of determining the awards except to answer questions posed by the Judges. Any exhibitor interfering with the Judges while making awards shall forfeit any premium to which he would otherwise be entitled.
5. It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to know the judging schedule. Stock must be shown in the ring in order to qualify for any awards, and must be in the ring promptly on call and a failure to comply with the order renders Exhibitors liable to be ruled out of the competition. No person shall be allowed in the ring while stock is being judged except the Judge, Supervisors and necessary attendants.
6. The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases except where a mistake, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of award, is proved. In such cases, the Exhibit Supervisor or Manager may make the decision. The case may be appealed to the Fair Management from whose decision there can be no appeal. All protests regarding the judging must be made in writing (signed by exhibitor) and must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal. Such protests must be filed at the Fair Office within (24) hours of the occurrence.
7. All ribbons won at present livestock show must be displayed upon completion of judging and remain on display until exhibits are released. Decorations with ribbons or ornaments previously won by animals at shows shall be prohibited until after the awards have been made in their respective classes by the judges.
8. If award ribbons are stolen or destroyed, the exhibitor may receive a duplicate at

the close of the Fair or show (to be supplied by the Fair free of charge).

9. All prize money is paid by check. Checks are available for pick up during regular Fair hours according to the following schedule:
 - Home Arts and Tractors: between Wednesday and Saturday
 - Goat Show: between Wednesday and Saturday
 - Dairy Cattle Show: between Friday and Saturday
 - Sheep Show: will be mailed
 - Rabbits and Cavies - will be mailed

Exhibitor, or an alternate person who possesses a signed statement from the Exhibitor, must sign for the prize check. Exhibitors or alternate persons may be asked to show photo identification before claiming prize money. Any prize check will be mailed if, at the time of registration, a self-addressed, stamped envelope is submitted for the return of the premium check (not applicable to sheep exhibitors). Any issued checks not claimed by the Sunday after the Fair will be considered a donation.

10. All premium checks must be cashed within ninety (90) days after the Fair, or they will be considered to be a donation to the Kimberton Community Fair.

LIVESTOCK - see *specific Health Regulations on Species pages*

1. In the case where there is no Health Regulation listed for a specific issue or situation, the PA Department of Agriculture's current Animal Health Requirements and Recommendations For Animal Exhibition, Including Commercial Exhibition will apply.
2. Failure to follow the requirements for livestock exhibition may result in Kimberton Community Fair losing funding

from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Therefore, the management of Kimberton Community Fair reserves its right to set requirements that are more stringent than those of the PA Department of Agriculture veterinarians (2/10/06).

2. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture recommends that animals returning home from fairs and shows be isolated from other members of the herd or flock for a minimum of three weeks to help prevent the spread of disease and recommends that exhibitors of all animals discuss the health of their animals, including vaccine recommendations, with a veterinarian on a regular basis. The Department also encourages premises owners to register their premises with the Department, so that they can contact the owners in a disease emergency. Call 717-836-3235 to register premises. (2016)
3. All livestock offered for premiums must have been the property of the owners for thirty (30) days or longer. Health Certificates (aka Certificate of Veterinary Inspection) are to be issued in the name of the Exhibitor.
4. Joint ownership of livestock is defined as one owner in accordance with the registration papers.
5. Any animal of unthrifty nature, unsuitable condition, or which cannot be satisfactorily handled under show conditions must be removed from the Fairgrounds.
6. All market animals should be weighed on the same set of scales, under a qualified weight-master, under the direction of the Fair.
7. Overfitting of cattle is discouraged. Any artificial means used to change the form or shape of an animal will disqualify it from competition.
8. Livestock Exhibitors will be expected to maintain a clean and neat personal

appearance, including wearing standard show ring attire. Livestock show participants should wear white pants. Remember you are representing the Fair and the livestock industry.

9. Livestock Exhibitors are expected to display or parade their animals as directed by the Supervisor, to accept the stall assignments without controversy, to keep their animals in an attractive appearance, and to cooperate with the Department in every way that may serve to increase the educational value of the show.
10. Livestock Exhibitors are responsible for maintaining a clean and sanitary barn area during Fair week. All equipment must be removed promptly as the Supervisor may direct.
11. Exhibitor is responsible to furnish all hay, grain, straw, etc. The Fair is responsible for supplying water to all livestock.
12. When on exhibition in the ring, each animal must be under halter and under control of an owner or employee. The Fair will have stand-by attendants available during the youth judging or showing, persons designated to help if there is trouble with the animals.
13. Entry into showmanship and fitting classes will be at check-in time. At that time, verification of ownership and age of exhibitor (as of January 1) will be required.

GENERAL LIVESTOCK HEALTH RULES AND REGULATIONS

Also see specific Health Rules under each species' department.

1. The base date for computing health rules will be the opening day of the show.
2. The Animal Exhibition Sanitary Law requires attestation that a Veterinary-Client-Patient-Relationship (VCPR)

exists for all animals to be exhibited. This requirement can be fulfilled in any of the following means:

- a. A VCPR Form with veterinarian's signature (see Index of this book)
 - b. A signed statement on the Fair's Entry Form for the animal(s) being exhibited: *"I attest and affirm that a "veterinary consultation relationship" - as that phrase is defined in the Animal Exhibition Sanitation Law found at 3 Pa.C.S.A. § 2501 et seq. and any amendments thereto - exists with regard to any animals I will be exhibiting."* Animals entered with a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) are exempt from this statement requirement (2017).
 - c. A valid Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) - valid for thirty (30) days after the date of issuance and for only one destination.
 - d. **CVIs are required for out-of-state livestock (2024).**
3. Exhibitors may present their attestation either upon arrival at the Fair, or by mailing to the Fair to expedite check-in. Animals will not be admitted to the Fairgrounds without the proper health documentation. These documents must always remain available during the Fair as additional inspections by the PA Department of Agriculture's veterinarian could be made.
 4. The Fair will retain copies of the health documentation for a period of one (1) year.
 5. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI. Animals presented for exhibition may be subject to inspection by show officials and/or veterinarians contracted by the Fair before they are permitted to be admitted to the fairgrounds or at any time while on the Fairgrounds. Livestock will be rejected if known to be or appear to be unhealthy,

infected with or exposed to any contagious, infectious, or external parasitic disease, or restricted by quarantine, or if health certification or identification documentation is not acceptable.

6. Use only grooming products that are approved for use on meat and dairy animals when fitting livestock entries for show. Unapproved products may contain ingredients that result in unacceptable residues in the meat or milk. If any exhibitor is uncertain whether a specific product is residue safe and approved for use on meat or dairy animals, the product should not be used. **IMPORTANT:** If upon slaughter, treatment with drugs, biologics or any chemical from fitting products is the cause of condemnation of a carcass, the loss of the carcass and any other damages will be borne by the exhibitor.
7. The Fair is not, in any way, to be held responsible for diseases or illnesses that exhibition livestock may become infected with following the Fair.
8. Before importing animals from a state or area that is quarantined to prevent the spread of disease, owners must contact the PA Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Animal Health and Diagnostic Services regarding imports from that state or area.

GUIDELINES FOR CARE OF ANIMALS

1. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to care for animals in a manner that is responsible and ethical. The following are some guidelines for the treatment of animals exhibited at the show.
 - a. Restraining Animals
 - i. Animals should be tied or penned in a manner that will not hurt the animal or restrict its breathing in any way.

- ii. Animals should be tied so that all four feet are firmly on the ground and they have enough room to stand comfortably and lie down.
 - iii. Animals should be tied so that they are not able to injure animals tied near them.
 - iv. Animals unaccustomed to each other should not be penned together.
 - b. Handling - any type of rough handling which could harm the animal is prohibited. The use of whips, canes, and show sticks should be restricted to showing only and then be used only to guide the animals, not punish them. Remember, animals will respond quicker and better to quiet, gentle handling than loud, rough handling.
 - c. Bedding - all animals should have bedding that is dry and clean. Pens should be cleaned regularly to keep the animals clean and comfortable. If non-traditional bedding such as carpeting is used, it should be regularly cleaned (at least twice daily) to keep the pen free from manure.
 - d. Feeding and Water - animals should be well fed and have access to clean water regularly. Realizing that many market animals must have restricted amounts of feed to maintain the proper weight, animals must be fed adequate amounts of feed to meet the animal's basic requirements. Animals not allowed reasonable access to feed and water will be disqualified from the show.
 - e. Transportation - animals should be transported in a way that is both safe and considerate of the animal's well-being.
 - f. Blanket/Sweat Collars - any type of material such as blankets or sweat collars should be large enough to permit normal body functions such as breathing, eating, drinking or lying down.
 - g. Health - it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to provide proper health care for their animals through routine

inspection and consultation with health care professionals. The improper or illegal use of drugs or antibiotics is prohibited. If medication is indicated, be sure to follow the label directions and allow more than the stated withdrawal time.

- h. Waste material - all waste (manure, wool, etc.) must be placed in areas as designated by the Fair Committee.

CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

The Kimberton Community Fair has developed a Code of Show Ring Ethics to curtail unethical, deceptive, and fraudulent show ring practices.

Exhibitors of animals at the Fair shall at all times conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at the livestock show.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors have a responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, and other responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and may be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the Fair Board.

The following is a guideline for all exhibitors and livestock in competitive events:

- 1. All exhibitors must present, upon request, proof of ownership, length of ownership

and age of all animals entered.

Misrepresentation of ownership, age or any fact relating thereto is prohibited.

- 2. Owners, exhibitors, or other responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request.
- 3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their own animals while at the show.
- 4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of volatile drug residues.

The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor and/or other responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal and state statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the analysis of urine, saliva, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be evidence that such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the approved laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from

the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animals at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, or other responsible person to prove otherwise.

At any time an animal arrives on the Fairgrounds, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animals shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hooves or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct interference with the judge, fair board, or other exhibitors before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges and show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, or other responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics, or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics.
9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, or other responsible person whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, or responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the Fair Board for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings of disciplinary action taken by the Fair Board may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering of an animal in the show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, or other responsible person that he or she has read the Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of any penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of Federal and State statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.