

2020 General Rules & Regulations

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Rogers County Free Fair Board wishes to take this opportunity to welcome all Rogers County residents to exhibit and attend the Rogers County Free Fair in September. Every effort is being made by the Board to make this a successful fair with a large number of quality exhibits, plenty of entertainment and a place for you to meet your friends. With your cooperation, we believe that a very successful fair can be held this year which will not only have an educational value, but will also assist in maintaining the morale of Rogers County farmers, 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters members and encourage the production of more and better food products.

This catalog, including the premium list, for the 2019 Rogers County Free Fair, is being printed previous to final action on the Rogers County Free Fair Board estimate by the County Commissioners and the Rogers County Excise Board. The catalog is being issued, therefore, with the distinct understanding that if for any reason whatsoever, sufficient funds are not available to pay in full premiums and awards as listed, the Rogers County Free Fair Board reserves the right to prorate premiums on a percentage basis. The attention of all exhibitors is especially called to this condition and provision, and exhibits are accepted only with this definite understanding.

It is a well-known fact that up to the present time it has never been necessary in Rogers County to prorate premiums, the appropriations for the Fair having been sufficient in every instance to pay all premiums in full. It is the opinion of the Board that this will also be true this year, and it not anticipated that prorating of premiums will be necessary. The Board solicits your continued cooperation on the above condition, with the hope and belief that the appropriation will be sufficient to pay all premiums in full and that it will not be necessary to take into account the above provision.

It is the purpose of the Fair Board to do everything that is possible to make this Free Fair a success and to add to the comforts, pleasures and conveniences of the visitors and exhibitors who attend.

Our Fair last year was a success, and with the past experience we hope to be able to serve the people who contributed to much better advantage this year. We hope our agricultural exhibits will be better and larger this year, which will demonstrate that Rogers County is second to none in the State.

The agricultural exhibits will clearly portray the wonderful agricultural resources of the County; the livestock show will be evidence of the fact that Rogers County is outstanding from the standpoint of the quality of the livestock.

The Free Fair Board earnestly solicits your support and cooperation in making this fair a success, as no other factor does more to stimulate and improve farm conditions than agricultural fairs, where one may observe the improvements of farm crops and animals and compare them with their own. The management appeals to you to lend your support by bringing exhibits, boosting and attending. It is upon your support that we depend for a successful Fair.

GENERAL INFORMATION

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING ROGERS COUNTY FAIR

- 1. Interpretation of Rules:** The Rogers County Fair reserves to its management the final and absolute right to interpret all rules and regulations in this handbook, and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard there to or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Fair. The Management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules, as they, in their judgment, may deem advisable.
- 2. Responsibility of Exhibitor:** The following rules and regulations will apply to each and every department of the fair. Participants, exhibitors and others are required to familiarize themselves with them. All animals and property entered for competition, display or for any other purpose brought upon the Rogers County Fairgrounds by any person shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the Rogers County Fair.
- 3. Special Rules:** To be eligible to enter, exhibitors and their livestock must meet the special rules of the animal or breed of animal to be exhibited. These requirements are listed in the Special Rules section and Junior Show division.
- 4. Show Ring Code of Ethics:** All exhibitors and contestants competing in the Rogers County Fair must adhere to the Show Ring Code of Ethics.
- 5. Animal Welfare:** The Rogers County Fair is committed to humane treatment of all animals exhibited. Every possible precaution is taken to insure the animals' safety and well-being. The production practices in the livestock industry are based on good principals of animal husbandry. No one has a greater economic stake in the welfare of animals than the livestock producers and organizations involved in the promotion of agriculture. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to provide proper and humane care and treatment to animals. Show Management reserves the right to disqualify and remove any exhibitor deemed to be in violation of this basic principle of animal husbandry.
- 6. Animal Care:** All owners or persons in charge of property or livestock shall care for, guard, protect and preserve same, as the Roger County Fair does not undertake to do so, and it shall not be held responsible for any loss, shrinkage, or damage to said property or livestock or the owners or exhibitors thereof. The Rogers County Fair is not responsible for the acts of third parties.
- 7. Diseased Animals:** No animals carrying a disease of any kind will be admitted onto the Fairgrounds at any time. Show Management has authority to refuse unloading privileges to any livestock showing signs or symptoms of disease.
- 8. Animal Health Regulations:** Exhibitors agree to read and comply with all the current Oklahoma Health Rules and Regulations. Current Oklahoma Animal Health Rules and Regulations take precedence over all rules, no exceptions. Any animal showing evidence of infectious or contagious disease or sickness will be removed from the Fairgrounds. The decision of the superintendent will be final in this matter.
- 9. Exhibit Requirements:** Entries are limited to bonafide residents of Rogers County Oklahoma or members of Rogers County 4-H, FFA, FHA and OHCE groups. Youth exhibitors will only be eligible to show for one semester after the youth exhibitor graduates from high school regardless of age in all categories and groups.
- 10. Conduct of Participants:** Any individual criticizing or interfering with the judge, other exhibitors or show officials before, during or after the event may result in that individual being declared ineligible or barred from exhibiting at any future events and/or being escorted from the exhibit area or Fairgrounds for a portion or the duration of the fair at the discretion of the Rogers County Fair Board.

11. **Nonadherence to Rules:** Any person found guilty of misrepresentation or not abiding by the rules will be disqualified and denied the privilege of showing at the Rogers County Fair.
12. **Ownership Requirements:** No animal, article or exhibit of any nature will be allowed to be entered in the name of any other person than the bonafide owner or agent. Animals, whether entered singular or in groups, must be the legal/sole property of the exhibitor, except where otherwise specified. All Junior Show entries must be owned by the exhibitor by the specified dates listed in the special rules of each species and may not have been exhibited at any other county fair and the junior exhibitor may not have received any premiums or awards from any other county fair within the current program year.
13. **Exhibitor Academic Eligibility:** Youth who have been declared ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities by their local school administration will be declared ineligible to participate in this show. Youth who are eligible on the first day of the show will be considered eligible through the duration of the show. Youth who are ineligible on the first day of the show will be considered ineligible through the duration of the show. If an exhibitor is ineligible to participate in the show for any reason, including rules of the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activity Association, the animals/projects owned by the exhibitor are also ineligible for the show. Ineligible youth who participate in the show will forfeit all show and/or sale premiums and awards and will be subject to disciplinary action as provided by the local school policies. Exhibitors may be required to provide proof of academic eligibility.
14. **Dress Code:** Junior exhibitors will exhibit in organizational colors and dress as designated by their group leader/instructor. Attire will be appropriate to Rogers County with regard to emblem and/or county.
15. **Substitution of Exhibitor:** Junior Show animals must be exhibited and shown by its owner. A substitution of an exhibitor may be used only under the following conditions:
 - A) When an exhibitor has two animals in the same class.
 - B) When an exhibitor has a conflict with animals being exhibited in other species.
 - C) When an exhibitor has a physical injury that hinders the ability to control or exhibit the animal.Exhibitor must still be present and accompany the animal and exhibitor into the ring. When one of the above conditions exists, the division superintendent may decide whether a substitute showman will be allowed. If the substitute exhibitor is approved by the division superintendent, the substitute exhibitor selected must meet all requirements of a Livestock Show exhibitor.
16. **Arena Promptness:** Exhibitors are responsible for knowing the times at which their animals will be judged. Any animal not presented promptly will be ruled ineligible and barred from competition in the class. No complaint or protest on the grounds that the judge overlooked animals will be considered.
17. **Unmanageable Animals:** The Show Management may disqualify any animal deemed unmanageable.
18. **Interfering with Judges:** Any exhibitor or exhibitor's representative who attempts to interfere with a judge or displays disrespect to a judge shall be excluded from competing or exhibiting and forfeit any premiums or awards.
19. **Judges Decision:** The decision of a judge shall be final and no appeal will be considered except in case of protest.
20. **Protest & Appeals:** Please see Protest & Appeals section of the book.
21. **Improper Behavior:** Any exhibitor or spectator will be disqualified and/or expelled from the fair at the discretion of the superintendent for rowdiness, foul language, fighting, quarrelling, drinking or any other actions deemed inappropriate by fair officials.

22. **Exhibit Removal:** All exhibits will remain in place. Any exhibits leaving or removed prior to the stated time shall be subject to withholding and/or forfeiture of any premiums earned and/or possible suspension from showing or exhibiting at the Rogers County Fair subject to the decision of the Fair Board. The only exception to this rule shall be exhibits which have received prior release status from the Fair Board allowing for an earlier release.
23. **Premiums:** Premiums offered by the Rogers County Fair will be paid as soon as they can be properly processed. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to pick up premium money at the fair office during the fair. Times for picking up checks will be posted at the fair office.
24. **Objectionable Exhibits:** Show Management reserves the right to remove from the grounds any exhibit, animal, concession or show that may be falsely entered or may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable, or to remove any sign, banner or advertising matter of any kind which may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable by them, without assigning a reason thereof, the same exonerating them from any claim on the part of the exhibitor or concession owner.
25. **Liability:** In no case shall the Rogers County Fair, or any of its officers or employees, be held responsible for any loss, damage, tampering, administration of any drug or substance, misuse, sabotage, alteration, injury, death or disability by disease, or from theft, or from any other cause to any such animal or other property, or to any person coming upon said Fairgrounds while said person or property are on the Fairgrounds. The Rogers County Fair hereby refuses to assume any responsibility for animals or other property brought upon said Fairgrounds, same being brought upon and kept upon said grounds at owner's sole risk. If the property owners or others interested in the property desire protection against loss, damage or injury from fire or any other cause, they must arrange for and pay for such insurance. Each exhibitor is solely responsible for the care, protection and security of their own animals while at the Rogers County Fair.
26. **Claim for Injury:** The Rogers County Fair expressly refuses to assume any liability for injuries to the persons of any of the exhibitors or their officers and employees or to any patrons or other persons coming upon the grounds of the Rogers County Fair and no claims for injury to any person or property shall be asserted or suit instituted or maintained against Roger County Fair, its officers, agents, representatives, or employees for said cause by any person having license or privilege to exhibit on the Fairgrounds or occupying space thereon, and it is a part of consideration for such license or privilege that such claims from damage are specifically waived. If any damage, loss or injury to person or property shall be proximately caused by reason of negligence or willful act of any person, firm or corporation, or their agents, representatives, servants or employees have license or privilege to exhibit on said Fairgrounds or occupying space thereon, the Rogers County Fair shall in no manner be liable.
27. **Placing:** Where there is no or little competition in a class or division, the judge shall award first, second or third premium according to the merits of exhibit. All entries must be a finished product. Once the judge had made a final decision, that decision is final.
28. **Pets or Dogs:** No dogs or pets shall be permitted on the Fairgrounds or in exhibit buildings during the Fair unless they are part of an authorized act or exhibit.
29. The Rogers County Free Fair Association reserves the right to settle any controversy not covered by foregoing rules.