



GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

1. The Dawson County Fair Board reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and settles and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the fair.

2. The Board reserves the right to formulate, amend and announce new rules to meet emergencies all matters arising from the fair.

3. The Fair Management reserves the right to exclude from the fairgrounds any person or persons whom it may deem undesirable or who shall violates any of the rules laid down by the management or who shall in any way become offensive.

4. No claim for injury to any person or property shall ever be made or assessed, or suit instituted and maintained against the Dawson County Fair, its officials, or their agents, or on behalf of any person, firm, corporation or their agents, representatives, servants or employees having licenses or privilege to exhibit on the Fairgrounds or occupying space.

5. Every animal and article on the grounds shall be under the control of the Fair Board, but while every precaution will be taken for the safekeeping of the same, neither the Fair Board, its officers or agents will be responsible in any case for any loss, damage, or accident which may occur.

6. The board reserves the right to direct and regulate the parking of all vehicles or conveyances within the fairgrounds and to direct where they shall be driven therein. It may prohibit the running of automobiles in any section of the grounds whenever in its opinion common sense or safety demands it.

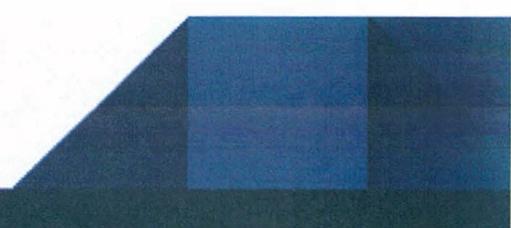
7. The distribution of handbills, flyers or other advertising matter is strictly prohibited and no tacking or posting of advertising bills, cards, etc., will be permitted on any of the buildings, trees or elsewhere. Exhibitors may advertise and distribute from their booth or exhibit only.

8. The board will carefully guard against extortion in any form practiced on patrons of the fair. A violation of this rule will cause forfeiture of contract and money paid and involves expulsion from the grounds as the management may direct. Any fair patron purchasing goods from an exhibitor does so at his own risk.

9. Soliciting subscriptions: Resolution adopted by the Rocky Mountain Association of Fairs, January 28, 1986. All fairs holding membership in the RMAF voted unanimously to exclude all sheet writers from every fair in the State of Montana.

10. All protest will be determined by the Fair Boar and must be made in writing to the manager.

11. Protest against an award must be filed before 8 pm on the dat the award was made, and will be given due consideration by the Fair Board.





Rules & Guidelines for Entering Exhibits

1. Note individual department sections for any special rules pertaining to that department.
2. The Dawson County Fair will not be liable for any lost or damaged exhibits.
3. Fair management reserves the right to reject any exhibit or display if deemed inappropriate.
4. Static exhibits may be entered in the Dawson County Fair only once. Exhibits entered in prior Dawson County Fairs will not be accepted.
5. All exhibits must be prepared/grown by the exhibitor since the conclusion of the 2018 Dawson County Fair. >>>Photographs must have been taken within the last 3 years.
6. No exhibitor will be given more than one premium on any one entry.
7. Only *one* entry in any one lot by any one exhibitor.
8. An entry cannot be entered in "Any item not listed" if already entered under another Lot number.
9. Exhibits are expected to be brought to the fairgrounds as per schedule of events. **No late entries will be accepted.**
10. Online and paper entries are due **Monday, JULY 18th!** >>> Register on line at www.dawsoncounty4Hfair.fairentry.com. >>>Paper forms available at Extension Office or Fairgrounds Office.
11. Printed entry tags will be available for pick up starting **Wed. July 20.**
12. Bring your exhibits with tags attached- to the Fairgrounds Exhibit Building on **WEDNESDAY, JULY 27th between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m or THURSDAY between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.**
13. Judging will begin at **10a.m. on Thursday, July 28th.**
14. Superintendents and judges may re-classify wrongly classified articles prior to judging.
15. No premium shall be awarded nor will any premium be paid on any animal or article not mentioned or classified in Fair Book.
16. No premium will be paid in a newly created "Any other not listed" lot unless there are 3 entries.
17. Deadline to report missed or incorrect premium amounts is 10 days after conclusion of fair.
18. All premium checks **MUST** be cashed within 60 days or they will be forfeited.
19. All exhibits in the Exhibit Hall must remain until 4:00 pm on Sunday or forfeit premiums.
20. Exhibits not removed or arrangements made for their removal within ten days of the close of the fair will become property of the fair.



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JUDGING INFORMATION

1. The single judge system is the policy of the Dawson County Fair and in every case the judges will be selected with the utmost care. The management, however, reserves the right to substitute the three judge system should circumstances arise where it would prove of mutual benefit to the exhibitor.
2. The American Placing System is used for all judging, with exhibits ranked against one another and only one first place, one second place and one third place award in each class. One entry in a class/ lot does not necessarily warrant a first place.
3. When entries are judged by the *Danish System* all will receive a placing, but this does not mean that a blue ribbon must be awarded if there is no entry deserving of award.
4. Judges are instructed not to award prizes to any unworthy exhibits. It is the intention of management that no premium shall be given to any animal or articles that are undeserving. This rule must be strictly adhered to whether there be competition or not.
5. Classes in which only one exhibitor makes entries, the judge reserves the right to award only one premium and may at his/her discretion withhold any or all premiums where the animals or article is not worthy of award.
6. Specific Special Premium Awards will only be awarded if there are at least three exhibitors/ entries in that division/class/lot.
7. If there are no entries in a division/class/lot where there is a specific Special Premium Award assigned-- Judge or Superintendent must check with Fair Manager before awarding to a different division/class/lot. *(All Special Premium awards are sponsored by individuals/businesses-- some are insistent that they go to designated or area or ask that sponsor money is returned.)*
8. Judges may provide written comments on the back of the exhibit tags.
9. Decision of the judges are final. No appeal will be considered except in case of protest. All protests will be determined by the Fair Board and must be made in writing to the manager.
10. Protest against an award must be filed before 8 pm on the day of the award was given, and will be given due consideration by the Fair Board.
11. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, superintendents, other exhibitors, show officials before, during or after competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all superintendents, judges, and clerks shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation & respect, no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them. Any exhibitor who publicly expresses disapproval of the decision of the judges or who by an act of interference shall be guilty of conduct unbecoming an exhibitor, shall forfeit the premium and be excluded from further competition.



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ONLINE EXHIBIT ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS | FAIRENTRY.COM

- ★ Register your entries ONLINE at www.dawsoncounty4Hfair.fairentry.com.
 - If you prefer, you can pick up paper entry forms at the Extension Office or at the Fairgrounds Office and fill out by hand.
- ★ ONLINE AND PAPER ENTRIES ARE DUE TUESDAY, JULY 18th by 11:59 p.m.
 - Paper entries can be mailed to 207 W. Bell, Glendive, MT 59330 or dropped off at the Courthouse or the Fairgrounds Office.
- ★ FAIRENTRY Recommended browsers, Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox.
 - Older versions of Internet may cause unexpected results.
- ★ Find Your Fair | Type Dawson
- ★ Sign in or Create a Fair Entry account for your family.
 - Add as many family members as needed.
- ★ Enter as many entries as you think you might have- no penalty if you don't bring them.
- ★ Register all entries for each exhibitor in the family before proceeding to the Payment section.
- ★ Once all entries are in, click all the way through invoice/payment screen! There is no fee to exhibit at the fair - it will show \$0.00.
- ★ Be sure to click **SUBMIT** button when you have completed your entries. Entries are Not final until they have been submitted!
- ★ You will receive an email showing you are registered.
- ★ You will receive a second email after your entries have been approved by your fair.
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