

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
****READ ALL RULES BEFORE FILLING OUT ENTRY BLANKS****
ENTRIES WILL CLOSE ON AUGUST 6, 2011 AT 4:00 P.M.
ALL ENTRIES MUST BE PAID BY AUGUST 6, 2011 AT 4:00 P.M.

The Fair office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00am until 4:30pm. The office will be open for final entries on Saturday, August 6, 2011 from 9:00am until 4:00pm. **Do not bring exhibit at the time of registration. Check with department Superintendents for specific questions and information regarding your entries.**

1. All entrants, including 4-H participants, must purchase a \$10.00 exhibitors pass. (Entrants age 8 and under, do not need to purchase a pass.) **Limit two (2) exhibitor passes per entrant.**
2. All entries will close August 6, 2011. Entries by mail, must be postmarked August 6, 2011, or before. **Entry fees must be paid by August 6, 2011. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE!** No changes in entries will be made after 4:00pm August 6, 2011.
3. All animals must be on the fairgrounds by 8:00am, August 17, 2011. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**
4. Animals must not leave the grounds before 5:00pm, August 21, 2011. Animals and belongings must be removed from the grounds by August 22, 2011.
5. Animals owned by members of one family, residing on the same farm, may be combined to make an entry in the group classes.
6. All livestock exhibitors are expected to keep a clean, clear walkway and appearance in their respective areas, removing manure and other waste materials into designated waste containers. All livestock entrants must clear pens and stalls of all waste materials prior to leaving the grounds at the conclusion of the fair. Premium awards will not be given unless pens and stalls are cleared.
7. In the absence of governing rule, the opinion of the department superintendent will govern.
8. The Winnebago County Fair Association reserves the right to reject any exhibit or reduce the number of pens/stalls in the event that no space is available.
9. Evidence of ownership by exhibitors, satisfactory to judges must be made available when necessary.
10. No exhibits will be permitted to be removed from the grounds unless the department superintendent grants permission or approval is obtained from the fair office.
11. First place monies will be paid in all classes that have entries without regard to the number of entries.

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12. No premiums will be awarded unless the exhibit remains for the duration of the fair and pens and stalls are cleared.
13. No premiums will be awarded unless entries are paid in full by August 6, 2011. There will be a \$30.00 fee for returned checks.
14. Premium checks not cashed within 60 days of issue date will not be reissued. **The Winnebago County Fair Association, Inc. is not responsible for lost or stolen checks.** Questions or inquiries on premiums will not be considered after November 1, 2011.
15. Premiums will be pro-rated if, because of weather or other causes, receipts are insufficient to pay necessary expenses.
16. No animal exhibitor may receive more than two (2) monies in one class unless otherwise stated.
17. All premium checks will be distributed by superintendents at 4 pm on August 21, 2011.
18. Every effort will be made to safeguard all exhibitors and their exhibits, however, the Winnebago County Fair Association will not be held liable in the event of loss or destruction of any entry from any cause.
19. The Winnebago County Fair Association reserves the right to make final decisions in any and all arbitration's.
20. Inquiries regarding the afore mentioned rules and regulations can be made at the fair office during office hours.
21. **NO PETS** are allowed on the grounds at any time. This includes the livestock barns. Any party found in violations of this rule is subject to forfeiture of entry fees, premium monies and expulsion from the fairgrounds.
22. Exhibitor passes, gate passes and other information for livestock entries may be picked up at the fair office between 2:00pm and 8:00pm on Tuesday August 16, 2011.
23. All items to be exhibited in Departments J, K, L, M, O, V1-V3 & P1-P6 must be brought to departments located in Building 5 (Aqua) between 10:00am and 6:00pm on Monday, August 15, 2011. NO ITEMS will be accepted on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 Exhibitor passes and entry tags may be picked up at the table in the front of the building during the above listed times. Doors will close at 6:00 PM Sharp.
24. All out-of-state animals shall require an entry permit. Permits are available 24-hours a day, seven days a week, by calling 217-782-4944.
25. Shows are open to participants of all Illinois counties.
26. The Winnebago County Fair Association would like to encourage all owners of animals to register the premises where the animal is kept with the Department of Agriculture. This can be done by: a) calling the Department at (866) 299-9256, b) registering on the internet at www.agr.state.il.us/premiseid, or c) by requesting forms from the Department by writing to Department at Bureau of Animal Health, PO Box 19281, Springfield, IL 62794-9281 and returning the completed forms to the Department.