

Tennessee State Fair General Rules

- Entries are open to the world with the exception of restrictions imposed by the rules for each department and divisions.
- ENTRY FEES and ENTRY DEADLINES ARE LOCATED ON PAGE 9. This will be strictly enforced.
- All entries must be registered online or submitted on fair entry forms with legible writing.
- Entries must be property, handiwork, or product of the exhibitor and documentation must be submitted if required by the department or division.
- All entries must be of show quality (sound, healthy, and undamaged in any way) when entered into the Tennessee State Fair.
- See the Arrival/Check-In Schedules or the individual departments for the check-in and release times. Tardiness beyond the official times indicated will not be tolerated. Failure to heed this rule will result in forfeiture of premiums. No refunds will be given on entry fees.
- Fair Management reserves the right to alter, cancel or refuse to exhibit any item in the best interest of the public. The Tennessee State Fair Association or its agents, directors, employees or volunteers will provide responsible care to all articles on exhibition. TSFA will not be responsible for any article of any nature or animal exhibited for any loss, damage, or accident that may occur.
- TSFA reserves the right to carry over the programs from day to day, or cancel any Divisions on account of tornado, hurricane, excessive rain, fire, or any other calamity over which the fair has no control.
- Superintendent of Departments will be in charge of the order of judging and the supervision of the show. The Superintendents reserves the right to substitute another qualified Judge to a show if necessary.
- Regardless of the number of entries an exhibitor has entered in an individual class, only two monies will be paid to the exhibitor in that particular class. If more than one grouping of stock is entered into a group class, only one money will be paid to that exhibitor in that particular group class.
- Premiums will be paid according to the official awards entered in the judge's book. The judge's records shall be final. Judges reserve the right to withhold awards if entries are insufficient or are not of award caliber. Decision of the judge(s) is final.
- Official Photographer: An official photographer will be designated for the Tennessee State Fair. Anyone wishing to engage the services of this photographer should contact the Livestock Office.
- No deviation will be made from this premium list. No official, superintendent or employee has authority to add or take from any premium money in Division and if money is not earned in its respective Division it cannot be shifted to another Division and premium checks will be paid accordingly.
- Premium checks of \$ 600 or more will not be released until Exhibitor has provided SSN/Tax ID number and address for tax purposes.
- Departments offering cash premiums will follow the guidelines stated in that department's rules and regulations. All unclaimed cash premiums will follow the Premium check guidelines.
- Premium checks will be issued and mailed as soon as possible after the conclusion of the fair.
- You must provide your complete mailing address on entry forms so that mail will reach you promptly. Replacement checks for lost or misplaced checks will not be issued until forty-five (45) days after notification to the Entry Department at 931-637-0958 or email: tsfentries@gmail.com. CASH CHECKS PROMPTLY!! PREMIUM CHECKS BECOME NULL AND VOID AFTER 60 DAYS. CHECKS NOT CASHED WITHIN 60 DAYS WILL NOT BE REISSUED.
- Unclaimed articles by the release times will be collected and become the property of the TSFA.
- To continue shows, they must meet the qualifications each year. The division must have the minimum of exhibitors and entries for two consecutive years as set by the Department's Superintendent and committee. If the quality of exhibits falls below the standard of creditable exhibitors, that show will be eliminated the following year, at the discretion of the Director of the Fair.
- No pets except service animals will be allowed anywhere on the fairgrounds.
- No smoking in any building or barn on the fairgrounds.
- No alcohol. Firearms, illegal drugs, or fireworks will be allowed on the fairgrounds
- All exhibitors agree to grant permission to the TSFA to use his/her name, likeness, voice and words in the television, radio, films, newspapers, magazines and other media, and in any form not heretofore described for the lawful purposes and activities of the Tennessee State Fair, including but not limited to advertising and appealing for funds to support the fair. No compensation will be issued for the use of his/her name or likeness.
- By providing your e-mail address you are giving TSFA permission to send you information electronically.

Livestock General Rules

Livestock passes must be purchased when sending in entry fees. Additional livestock passes and one day passes may be purchased at Benton Avenue gate. You will pick your livestock pass up at the Benton Avenue gate upon arrival to the fairgrounds. The livestock trailer pass is good only for one truck/ trailer. Any admission to the Fair requires either a Livestock pass or a general admission ticket. See page 8 for admission fees. You must use the Benton Avenue gate when bringing livestock onto the fairgrounds. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

When entries exceed stall or pen facilities, animals will be accepted according to the date the entries are accepted online or postmarked. Submit your entries early. Stalls and pens are furnished for show stock only.

An exhibitor is the person entering livestock in the fair. Open Show: the exhibitor **does not** have to be the owner of the animal listed on the registration paper. Junior Show: the exhibitor **does** have to be the owner of the animal listed on the registration paper.

The animal name, registration number, official required id number, and birth date must be on the entry forms at time of entry.

All exhibits must have an attendant with the animals until the entry books are completed. The attendant must have in his/her possession all necessary health certificates and the proper breed association registration papers.

NO BEDDING WILL BE FURNISHED BY THE FAIR. Exhibitors can bring their own bedding or bedding can be purchased from the Livestock Office. During the fair, other merchants will not be allowed to deliver feed/ bedding to the fairgrounds. For the integrity of the fair and well-being of livestock on exhibition, exhibitors and spectators alike, livestock should be presented in a healthy manner with adequately bedded pens/stalls. If the livestock committee determines such pens/stalls are in violation of the rule, exhibitors will be asked to bed pens/stalls. If exhibitors are unable to provide additional bedding, the livestock office will bed pens/stalls in question with either straw or bagged shavings at the posted feed store price and revert the charges to the exhibitor payable at time of release.

An animal may be shown in only one breed show.

An employee of the National Breed Association will assume full responsibility for establishing the Class for each animal in the breeds that are broken down into class. Numbers after arriving at the fair.

See the Arrival/Release Schedule for the individual departments for the check-in and release times. Tardiness beyond the official breed arrival and release schedule will not be tolerated. Failure to heed this rule will result in forfeiture of **ALL** premiums. The only legitimate excuse for early release is sickness or death and must have the Livestock Superintendent approval.

A RELEASE FORM IS REQUIRED FOR ALL LIVESTOCK.

Any exhibitor washing animals in undesignated areas, dumping milk in undesignated areas, and blocking passage-way gates in the barns will forfeit **ALL** premiums.

The Tennessee State Fair Association or its agents, directors, employees or volunteers will not be responsible for any article of any nature or animal exhibited for any loss, damage, or accident that may occur. Each exhibitor shall be responsible for any injury that may occur to any person whomsoever, by any animal exhibited or arises from the negligence of the person in charge of such animal.

To continue breed shows, the following qualifications must be met each year: Beef and Dairy Cattle, Sheep, Swine, and Dairy Goat breeds must have a minimum of five exhibitors and 25 animals for two consecutive years. If the quality of exhibits falls below the standard of creditable exhibitors, that show will be eliminated the following year, at the discretion of the TSF Events Committee.

All trailers and trucks will be parked in the designated parking area.

**** A LOCK IS RECOMMENDED FOR ALL TRAILERS****

Trailers and trucks hauling pulling-mules can park near the pulling shed from weigh-in (2:00 pm) until one (1) hour after completion of the contest, on the days of the mule pulling contest **only**.

All service dogs **MUST** be on a leash.

If it is determined before, during or after a show that an exhibitor has violated a General or Health rule, show management has the right to subject the exhibitor to the following disciplinary provisions:

Forfeiture or return of awards, prizes, premiums or proceeds

A written letter of reprimand to the owner, exhibitor, fitter and/or disqualifications that may include any or all shows and Divisions at the Tennessee State Fair and may be for any number of years

PROTESTS:

All protests will be determined by the Livestock Executive Committee, and must be made in writing, signed and filed with the Livestock Superintendent, within 24 hours after the show. This protest must be accompanied by an affidavit setting forth grounds for protesting and posting of a **\$100.00 non-refundable cash bond**. The following are members of the Livestock Executive Committee:

- Jessica Ozburn, Nolensville, Tennessee
- Sandy Carroll, Shelbyville, Tennessee
- Vanessa Warf, Lewisburg, Tennessee

Official Photographer: An official photographer will be designated for the Tennessee State Fair. Anyone wishing to engage the services of this photographer should contact the Livestock Office.

Feed Store: Grain, hay, straw, shavings and mulch will be available at reasonable prices for livestock exhibitors. Contact Livestock Office. Feed Store invoices must be paid before a release form is issued.

Official Veterinarian: The Tennessee State Fair will appoint an official veterinarian. The veterinarian in charge will be available for services and emergencies at a charge to the owner for services rendered. Contact Livestock Office

