

# Tennessee State Fair General Rules

1. Entries are open to the world with the exception of restrictions imposed by the rules for each department and divisions.
2. ENTRY FEES and ENTRY DEADLINES ARE LOCATED ON PAGE 9. This will be strictly enforced.
3. Exhibitors submitting a personal check for fees that returned from the bank will be charged a \$35 fee. All fees will be due within 10 days of notice and must be paid for with cash, money order or credit card.
4. All entries must be registered online or submitted on fair entry forms with legible writing.
5. Entries must be property, handiwork, or product of the exhibitor and documentation must be submitted if required by the department or division.
6. All entries must be of show quality (sound, healthy, and undamaged in any way) when entered into the Tennessee State Fair.
7. 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.
8. No refunds will be given on entry fees.
9. Fair Management reserves the right to alter, cancel or refuse to exhibit any item in the best interest of the public.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. Premium checks of \$ 600 or more will not be released until Exhibitor has provided SSN/Tax ID number and address for tax purposes.
18. 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.
19. Premium checks will be issued and mailed as soon as possible after the conclusion of the fair.
20. 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](mailto: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.
21. Unclaimed articles by the release times will be collected and become the property of the TSFA.
22. 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.
23. No pets except service animals will be allowed anywhere on the fairgrounds.
24. No smoking in any building or barn on the fairgrounds.
25. No alcohol. Firearms, illegal drugs, or fireworks will be allowed on the fairgrounds
26. 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.
27. By providing your e-mail address you are giving TSFA permission to send you information electronically.