

Outagamie County Fair Association Open Class General Rules and Regulations



Outagamie County Fair
P.O. Box 246 • Seymour, WI 54165

Fair Board Statements:

1. The Outagamie County Fair is operated by the Board of Directors of the Outagamie County Fair Association, a tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization.
2. The Fair Board reserves the right to amend or add to these rules at any time.
3. Outagamie County Fair Association is not responsible for any changes made to this book after publication. Please check the online version of the fair premium book for any updates.
4. Preparing and presenting food for consumption is not allowed in the barns per Outagamie County Health Department.

Eligibility Requirements:

5. Wisconsin Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection Chapter ATCP 160 governs county fairs.
6. Open class is open to all residents of Outagamie County and the surrounding area.
7. Youth who wish to exhibit animals in Open Class must have completed 3rd grade.

Entry Information:

8. Open Class entry begins on April 15. Online entry can be found at www.OutagamieCountyFair.com.
9. Open Class online entry deadline is **May 25** at 11:59 p.m.
10. **NO LATE ENTRIES!!** No changes or additions to entries will be allowed after the deadline.
11. Open Class exhibitors will pay an **entry fee of \$8 (1-5 entries) or \$10 (6 or more entries)**.
12. Season passes (for admittance into fair throughout the week) are available for purchase by Open Class exhibitors. Please contact the Fair Office for more information.
13. Entry tags will be available after June 3. Please call to arrange a pick-up time. (920-833-2941)
14. Entry tags and fair passes will be mailed out upon request and receipt of a \$5 mailing fee. The Outagamie County Fair is not responsible for lost or delayed mail.
15. Entry Fee will be paid online at the time of entry to the fair office or a check can be mailed to the fair office.
16. Animal fees (if applicable) will be paid online at the time of entry or a check can be mailed to the fair office.
 - \$5/animal – Dairy, Beef, Swine, Sheep, & Goats
 - \$2/animal – Poultry & Rabbits
 - \$25/animal – Stalling for horses staying on the grounds
 - No refunds for animals entered, but not shown.
 - Fees due June 15

Exhibit Information:

17. All non-animal exhibits must be entered between Noon and 6 PM on **TUESDAY**. All exhibits must be in place by the 6 PM check-in deadline. Any exhibit arriving after the deadline will not be judged.
18. The Fair Association reserves the right to reject any entries offered, particularly such as require an unreasonable amount of space.
19. No animal or article may be entered in any other name than that of its owner and any person violating this rule will forfeit the premium.
20. Exhibitors are requested to pay particular attention to their articles or animals on exhibition and at the close of the fair take charge of the same.
21. The Outagamie County Fair Association will take every precaution for the safekeeping of all exhibits but will not be held responsible for any damage or accident that may occur.
22. Entries CANNOT be taken from the grounds until Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m. Premiums will be withheld if entries are removed before 5:00 p.m. Buildings will be open until 6:30 p.m. for pickup of entries. Animals will be released at 5:30 pm.

Animal Exhibitor Information:

23. Animal exhibitors must provide State approved identification for each animal.
24. Premise ID is required on entry information.
25. The Fair Association does not furnish feed, straw, or bedding for animals.
26. All animal exhibitors are required to turn in the Animal Check-In Forms to the Superintendent on Entry Day. Forms can be found at www.OutagamieCountyFair.com.
27. All animal exhibits must abide by Wisconsin County Fair animal health rules.
28. It is recommended that animal exhibitors have liability insurance.
29. Animals which show symptoms of a disease cannot be shown. The superintendent of any department may in his/her discretion require the exhibitor to procure a written confirmation from a licensed veterinarian that the animal is free of any infectious or contagious disease.
30. Exhibitors are responsible to clean up manure from their animals any time the animals are out of the barn.

31. Animals will not be released on Sunday until 5:30 pm. All decorations and supplies stay in the barns until 5:30 pm.
32. If an animal on the grounds is in need of veterinary attention, the exhibitor will be responsible for any costs incurred.

The Outagamie County Fair Board would like to acknowledge and thank the **Valley Veterinary Clinic** in Seymour



Open Class Exhibitor Code of Conduct:

33. Outagamie County Open Class exhibitors agree to:
 - Follow the general rules and regulations governing entries, exhibits, judging, and payment of premiums as stated in the Fair Premium Book.
 - Follow any rules relating specifically to a department in which they are exhibiting.
 - Exhibit proper conduct according to the following guidelines:
 - ✓ Show respect for the rights of others and be courteous at all times.
 - ✓ Respect the property of others.
 - ✓ Demonstrate sportsmanship in the show ring, judging contests, and meetings.
 - ✓ Be honest and not take unfair advantage of others.
 - ✓ Refrain from loud, boisterous talk; foul language; and/or horseplay.
 - ✓ No consumption of any alcoholic beverages, if under the age of 21.
 - ✓ Possession and/or use of alcohol is NOT ALLOWED in buildings that house animals or within a 50-foot perimeter around those buildings.
 - ✓ No smoking or vaping in the barns.
 - ✓ Illegal substances are prohibited.
34. No alcohol to be present and/or distributed in the barns.
35. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or show management, other exhibitors, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. All judges, fair and show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
36. The Outagamie County Fair Association reserves the right to interpret rules and regulations and resolve issues. All policy decisions are subject to final approval of the Outagamie County Fair Board.

Additional Information:

37. Admission to the grounds will be charged Wednesday from 4 PM until close and daily from 8 AM until close.
38. Transfer or loan of tickets or badges will be considered a fraud upon the Association and be subject to cancellation for the offense.
39. Only animals entered as exhibits or for fair sponsored exhibitions are allowed on the grounds.
40. The Outagamie County Fair Association has the right to publish and copyright any exhibitor's image (including audio, moving image or photography) for educational programs, websites, and promotion of its programs. Any exhibitor not wanting to be photographed needs to submit a letter to the Fair office by April 1.
41. Those participating in the Outagamie County Fair Open Class may request reasonable accommodations for disabilities by contacting the Outagamie County Fair Office by May 25. The participant will be contacted as soon as possible to discuss the request for accommodation and the appropriate county fair officials will be notified of accommodations that have been approved.

Rules Violation Information

42. The Outagamie County Fair Board reserves the right to interpret rulings should questions arise.
43. Exhibitors violating any of the above rules and/or department rules will be subject to any or all of the following consequences:
 - Notification of emergency personnel if there is reason to believe that it is necessary.
 - Individual may be required to appear before the Outagamie County Fair Board to explain his/her actions.
 - Removal of individual and his/her exhibits from the present year's fair. Any premiums earned will be revoked.
 - Revocation of privilege to enter exhibits in future Outagamie County Fairs.
44. Any deliberate manipulation of rules or entries to gain an unfair advantage shall result in forfeiture of ALL premiums and awards as well as possible disbarment for up to three (3) years from the Outagamie County Fair.

Competition makes you better,
always, always
makes you better,
even if the competitor wins.