

Lawrence County Junior Fair General Rules and Regulations – 2020

ELIGIBILITY

1. Entries are open to boys and girls who are 8 years of age or in the third grade by September 1, 2019 and not yet 19 years of age, on or before September 1, 2019.
2. **Exhibitors must give their Social Security number to be eligible to show.**
3. Person not meeting the age requirements shown in Rule 1 above, except where noted, are NOT allowed to show or exhibit an animal in any class or be in the show ring when shows are being conducted.

ENTRIES

1. Two entries per class per exhibitor, except where otherwise noted under individual Department rules. Exhibitors will only be paid a maximum of 2 premiums per class.
2. **Junior Open-** Entries are open to any junior exhibitors.
3. **Entry Deadlines** – All entries must be received by deadline dates. Anyone not submitting an entry form after this time will not be allowed to exhibit.
4. **Exhibitor Number** – Each exhibitor must have his or her own exhibitor number.
5. **Entry Fees:** All fees must be paid at time of entry.
6. **Pen or Stall Fees:** Each animal is required to pay pen or stall rent per department.
7. **Entry Rules** –All entries must be exhibited by the exhibitor they are entered under. Entries must show in their proper classes, according to type, age, sex, breed or other qualifications as shown in the fair book. Each exhibitor will be responsible for placing entries in proper class number.
8. **Exhibiting Rule:** All entries must be exhibited by the exhibitor. Exhibitor owning the animal must be present and in the show ring showing the animal in their classes. ONLY EXCEPTION: Exhibitor having 2 entries in same class.
9. Entries must remain on the fairgrounds as stated. Prize money will be forfeited if exhibit is removed before designated time.
10. In the event that there are not enough entries to constitute a reasonable showing in any class, the superintendent of that department has the prerogative of combining classes as is necessary.
11. The Fair Association reserves the right to reject any exhibit offered.

4-H Livestock and Horse Entries

Animals shown only as a Lawrence County 4-H project will need to pay the stall fee set forth in each department when not exhibiting that animal in Junior Fair shows. This fee will be collected on Saturday or Sunday when Junior Fair entries are made.

PREMIUMS, RIBBONS AND AWARDS

1. State premiums will be paid on a maximum of two premiums awarded to the same exhibitor in a class.
2. Where only one exhibit is entered in a class, the exhibit shall be declared first place and be paid the first place premium.
3. Premium State Aid shall be paid on a maximum of 10 placings under any one premium number and ribbons will be awarded as such.
4. Special Awards will be noted in each department under class number.
5. Judge's book only will be used as evidence for payment of premiums. Ribbons and tags are not accepted.
6. No checks will be issued or corrected after October 1. Exhibitors finding mistakes in premiums paid must report the mistake to the Fair Treasurer within 30 days or no adjustment can be made.

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SHALL USE ITS BEST EFFORTS TO SECURE SUFFICIENT APPROPRIATIONS TO FUND PREMIUMS IN ANY YEAR FOR WHICH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS FAILS TO MAKE APPROPRIATION SUFFICIENT TO PAY SUCH PREMIUMS. PREMIUM AMOUNTS MAY NOT BE ACCURATELY REFLECTED IN THE PREMIUM BOOK.

JUNIOR FAIR GENERAL PROJECTS

1. Entries - Open is open to anyone of ages 8 and over. Junior Open entries are open to boys and girls who are 8 years of age or in the third grade by September 1, 2019 and not yet 19 years of age, on or before September 1, 2019.
2. Items must be made or created by the exhibitor. Exhibits must be current year's work. Falsification of any entry will disqualify participants.
3. Only two entries per class unless otherwise noted.
4. Quality work is encouraged. All exhibits must be clean.
5. The judges' decision is final.
6. Best of Show: An "Overall Best of Show" in each department will be chosen and will be presented a "Best of Show" Ribbon. All First Place winners in each class in each department will be judged for "Best of Show" Award. This award will be given at the Judge's discretion.

7. No smoking, food or drink allowed in exhibit areas. We encourage fair goers to visit the exhibits on display by their talented neighbors, but ask that you do not pick up or handle the exhibits.

8. Exhibits must be picked up on Friday between 10 AM and Noon.

LIVESTOCK PREMISES

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:

Premises Registration is voluntary to exhibit all livestock at the 2020 Lawrence County Jr. Fair.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

Exhibitors are required to familiarize themselves with all rules to their exhibits. State Health Requirements are available on the Lawrence County Junior Fair web site or at the Illinois Department of Ag website. If any questions, contact the Lawrence County Junior Fair or Call the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare at 217-782-4944.

OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS AND REGISTRATION PAPERS:

1. Animals must be owned by the EXHIBITOR and in the EXHIBITOR'S NAME.
2. All animals must be in sole possession, owned and personally care for by the exhibitor by June 1.
3. No leased animals allowed to exhibit except horses (as set forth by the state and 4-H rule). Leased Horses are allowed to exhibit if leased prior to June 1, 2020.
4. Exhibitor's showing animals in purebred breeding class must be purebred and should be registered with their respective breed associations.
5. Registration papers are required for all purebred stock and will be checked by the superintendent.
6. Registration papers must be in the name of the exhibitor and show ownership before June 1, 2020.
7. Copies of the registration papers may be made if superintendent deems necessary.

ANIMAL RELEASE

All livestock and all equipment will be released from the fairgrounds one (1) hour after the Youth Livestock Auction on Thursday, July 30, 2020. No early release applies to all exhibitors.

PREMIUMS CHECKS

All exhibitors must sign a Premium Statement in order to receive the premium check. Premium checks must be picked up at the designated place to be announced. Premiums checks will be released when sufficient appropriation to pay such premiums is received.

CONSUMER PROTECTION

To prevent exhibitors and guests from contracting any disease, and to set an example for attending public, exhibitors will keep animals, stalls/pens, aisles and area clean. It is highly suggested that all exhibitors wash their hands on a regular basis.

JUDGING and PROTESTS

1. All exhibitors and parents are expected to show respect and courtesy to judges. Violations may result in disqualifying the exhibitor. Qualified judges will judge all exhibits. Decision of the judge is final.
2. Any participant, or representative attempting to interfere with judges before, during or after their event will cause the participant to be disqualified from participation. In the event of a discourteous act to a judge or official of the Fair, recourse may be barring an exhibitor, participant or their representative and will forfeit all entry fees and any prize money that may have been awarded them.
3. All Protests must be filed by the Exhibitor.
4. If anyone contests any classification or regulation, they must bring it before the attention of the **Superintendent** for consideration **BEFORE** the show begins.
5. **PROTESTS** – All protests must be in writing, accompanied by an affidavit setting forth the grounds for protesting. Protests against an exhibitor of either an animal or article must be filed with the Secretary of the Fairboard on the day of the contest. In every case of protest the party protesting must deposit a sum of money equal to the amount of the purse. In the event of the protest being sustained the deposit shall be forfeited to the Junior Fair Association. All protests must be made within ten days from the close of the fair.

ADVERTISING

No "For Sale" sign is permitted on any exhibit at the Lawrence County Fair. No exhibitor will be permitted to distribute advertising matter, handbills, fliers or business cards on the grounds of the Lawrence County Fair. The tacking or posting of any advertisement, bill, sign banner, etc. is strictly prohibited. No exhibitor shall display any form of political advertising or disseminate political propaganda unless a contract has been issued permitting such a privilege.

Nothing shall be sold or given away, or otherwise disposed of by exhibitor which will in any way conflict with, or which is the subject matter of any concession granted or sold by the Fair, unless given written authorization from the Lawrence County Fair Association.