

SCHOHARIE COUNTY SUNSHINE FAIR RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Schoharie County Residents who purchase a voting membership ticket and are 18 years of age or over will be considered members in accordance with the by-laws of the Cobleskill Agricultural Society. Members of the Society are invited to attend the annual meeting scheduled the first Saturday in December. The voting membership ticket entitles one person to whom issued admission to the grounds with motor vehicle at any and all times during the fair. Voting membership tickets are \$55. These tickets include rides.
2. Tickets are not transferable.
3. Ticket stub and/or re-admission wristband must be shown for re-admission. In the event of no stub and/or re-admission wristband, you will be required to pay for admission. **No exceptions.**
4. Paid admission to the fair is required for ages 3 and over unless indicated otherwise.
5. Daily general admission, including rides, is \$15 for ages 3 and over Tuesday thru Thursday. Admission is \$17 for Friday thru Sunday.
6. Rearview tags will be issued to livestock exhibitors to be displayed on their delivery vehicles. The rearview tag is for the admission of the **vehicle only**, not for the admission of the occupants.
7. Children under 3 are admitted to the grounds free.
8. Any person attempting to make fraudulent use of a ticket will forfeit the ticket and all the rights and privileges to which the same entitles him or her.
9. Any person caught entering or attempting to enter the grounds wrongfully or fraudulently will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
10. Alcoholic beverages will be confined to designated areas. **The village open container law will be strictly enforced.**
11. Solicitations or campaigning will be limited to within rented area only. No solicitation or campaign activity that obstructs traffic flow will be allowed in walkways or on the grounds in general. Sale of raffle tickets is now forbidden by Section 288 of the Ag & Market's Law.
12. **No dogs** will be allowed on the fairgrounds except for Service dogs and those dogs in youth projects, exhibits, or shows.
13. The Board of Directors of the Cobleskill Ag Society, to the best of their knowledge, deems the information in this book to be correct. Changes may occur after the publishing date.

ENTRIES/JUDGES

1. The Cobleskill Agricultural Society reserves to itself the right to refuse or to cancel any entries, disqualify exhibitors, curtail or prohibit exhibition or entries, and to cancel awards of prizes as may be deemed necessary or expedient. All entries must be made and are received subject to this rule. All refunds of entry fees are subject to Board approval prior to opening day of the Fair.
2. Judging times are listed under each department.
3. No person shall act as judge of any class of articles or animals in which any member of his family is a competitor.
4. Judges in each department will classify all exhibits and are requested to make their report to the fair office immediately after awards are made.
5. Judge will not award a prize where there is no merit. In case of no competition in a class, the Judge will award the premium according to the merit of the article or animal.
6. Most departments are open to everyone unless otherwise stated in department rules.
7. No judges will be allowed to exhibit in any department with which they are connected.
8. **The Society will not hold itself responsible for damages or loss to any person, animal or exhibit and all entries are made in accordance with this rule. It will take reasonable precaution for the preservation of stock and articles on exhibition during the Fair, after their arrival and arrangement on the grounds, but will not be responsible for loss by fire, theft, damage or accident, to person or property, or otherwise, that may occur.**
9. Entry fees are listed on department entry forms and guidelines.
10. Exhibitor's tickets purchase requirements can be found on department entry forms and guidelines.
11. Exhibitors are requested to examine their entries at the time of making the entries so that if any mistakes have been made, they can be corrected.

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12. Any exhibitor who shall make or cause to be made any false statement in regard to any animal or article exhibited, or who shall attempt to interfere with the judges in the performance of their duties by letter, circular or otherwise, shall forfeit all claims to premiums so made.
13. No property is to be removed without showing property check.
14. Open premium awards will be designated by cards and ribbons to wit: first premium, blue; second premium, red; third premium, white, fourth premium. Cards and ribbons, however, have no value as to the payment of premiums.
15. The Danish system of awards will be used except where noted for Department 11 – Junior Department. This will encompass non-animal and animal competitions for the Junior Department #11.
16. No stock allowed on the grounds prior to Sunday before the fair, or after Monday following the fair. Livestock exhibitors will not be allowed to stay in the barns overnight.
17. **All animals on the fairgrounds are the responsibility of their owners and/or those who are exhibiting them and total removal of all "waste" or by-products created by said animals to the proper locations/disposal units is the responsibility of those who brought them on to the grounds.**
18. Any exhibitor may protest a part or whole of another exhibitor's exhibits, if he has reason to believe that they are irregular or do not conform to the rules of the Society, by serving a notice of such protest upon the Secretary of the Society in writing. All protests are to be served while the Fair is in progress, and to be decided by the Board of Management at any time prior to the date fixed for the payment of premiums. All entrance fees paid upon protested exhibits, which are not proven by the exhibitors to be qualified, are forfeited to the Society.
19. **Exhibits to be removed on the first Monday following the fair. Superintendents will not release livestock or poultry except as in accordance with rules published under each department.**
20. There will be no collaboration with the judges while judging is in progress.

PRIVILEGES

1. All matters in this premium list are under the supervision of Cobleskill Agricultural Society, PO Box 249, Cobleskill, NY 12043.
2. The Society reserves the right to cancel any permit, lease or privilege at any time, for any infraction of the rules of the Society, by those operating thereunder, and by such infraction and cancellation the holder shall forfeit all rights under said permit, lease or privileges, including moneys paid, and on notice shall at once surrender the grounds occupied by him.

PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS

1. The Society will pay all premiums by check, which will be mailed to exhibitors to whom premiums have been awarded within 40 days from the last day of the fair.
2. **As the Society is required by law to make an early detailed report to the State Agricultural Department, all checks issued for premiums must be presented for payment on or before December 1 of the current year. No exceptions.**
3. The list of awards is made out from the signed report of the Judges.
4. Any exhibit removed prior to close of Fair will forfeit any premium due.

INTERPRETATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Society reserves to itself the sole and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations, and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters and questions arising from or connected with or incident to the fair. Complete rules for interstate health requirements for fair animals may be reviewed at the fair office.