

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

RULE 1 - INTERPRETATION OF RULES

1. The Southern New Mexico State Fair & Rodeo reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations, and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise out of, or connected with, the Fair.

2. In case no rule appears to cover a situation, the Board of Directors of the Southern New Mexico State Fair & Rodeo will make a rule and define its application for such situation.

3. Any person who violates any of the following or special rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the Board may order.

4. In situations where these rules may be in conflict with other rules established by the various committees or groups within the Southern New Mexico State Fair and Rodeo the Fair Board shall have the authority to determine which rule prevails.

RULE 2 - ADMISSIONS

1. Gates will be open to the public at 9 am each day during the Fair. Gates will remain open until 10:00 pm Wednesday and Thursday; Midnight – Friday & Saturday and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.

2. General Admission - Includes admission to Rodeo, Concerts and Speedway:

- 6 years of age and under Free
- Wednesday all day and Thursday/Friday until 2:00 p.m.
 - i. Ages 7 -14 \$5.00
 - ii. Age 15+ \$7.00
- Thursday/Friday after 2:00 p.m. and Saturday/Sunday all day
 - iii. Ages 7 -14 \$10.00
 - iv. Age 15+ \$14.00

The Southern New Mexico State Fair & Rodeo reserves the right to refuse rain checks, refunds, or ticket exchanges.

RULE 3 - POLICING AND LIABILITY

1. The Southern New Mexico State Fair & Rodeo will take every precaution for the safety of visitors and exhibits. Security personnel will be on the grounds while the Fair is open to the public. The Fair Board or management assumes no liability for personal injury or for loss or damage to any property of the concessionaire, exhibitor, or patron, due to theft, fire, tornado, weather conditions or other causes.

2. The Fair Board does not guarantee the payment of Special Premiums and awards offered in this list by merchants or breeders' associations. These prizes are usually secured by the Fair Board with a promissory statement in good faith and must be contested for under these conditions.

3. Each Exhibitor or Concessionaire will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to or occasioned, or arising from any animal or article exhibited by him, and shall indemnify the Fair Board, the Fair Manager, or any other officer, volunteer or employee of the Southern New Mexico State Fair & Rodeo, against all legal proceeding in regard hereto. The Board will take reasonable precautions to insure the safety of exhibits and property of every description entered for competition or display or any other purpose while anywhere on the grounds that shall be subject to the control of the Southern New Mexico

State Fair & Rodeo, but the owners themselves must take the risk of exhibiting them. In no case will the Board be responsible in any way for any loss, damage, or injury of any character to any property, article or person, while same is on the Fairgrounds or at any time or place, nor be liable for or make any payment for damage, loss, or injury. The Southern New Mexico State Fair & Rodeo will not be responsible for any loss or damage caused by or arising out of strikes, riots, lockouts, or any acts of other persons or acts of God.

4. All persons witnessing an incident or who have been involved in an incident on the fairgrounds, should report the incident immediately and all details concerning the incident to the Fair office.

RULE 4 - ENTRY RULES

1. Competition is open to Doña Ana, Luna, Otero, Hidalgo, Sierra, Grant, Bernalillo and Catron Counties in New Mexico, and El Paso County, Texas. Applications for entry must be made online. Non-livestock forms are available on the SNMSFR web page or they can be filled out on entry day in the Veterans Bldg. Entries made in different departments must be made on separate entry blanks. Positively no entries will be recorded unless complete, and accompanied by remittance.

2. LATE OR INCOMPLETE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Entry blank and remittance must accompany if exhibit is mailed. Send entry and exhibit to Southern New Mexico State Fair & Rodeo, P.O. Box 1145, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004. The management will not assume or pay postage or transportation charges on any exhibit sent to the exhibition.

3. Exhibit must be in place and remain in place according to time specified under each individual department. If no specific time is indicated by an individual department then exhibit must remain in place until 5:00 p.m. on closing day. Any exhibitor removing exhibits before specified time will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the Fair Board may order.

4. All mailed exhibits must be sent prepaid and postage or carrying charge must be allowed for their return, otherwise, they will be returned to the owner express collect.

5. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to claim exhibits upon release. Any exhibit not claimed during release times shall become the property of the Fair Board.

6. All entries are made with the distinct understanding that in no event will the Southern New Mexico State Fair & Rodeo become responsible for any loss or damage that may occur to any animal or article. Presentations of entry form shall be deemed acceptance of this rule.

RULE 5 - PREMIUM CHECKS

1. The Board WILL NOT PAY PREMIUMS ON ANY ARTICLE not specifically mentioned in the premium list.

2. Judges' books or sheets shall be evidence for payment of premiums. NO RIBBONS OR CARDS ARE ACCEPTED.

3. Checks for premiums will be mailed as soon after the Fair as possible. If checks are not received within 45 days, the Superintendent of Entries should be notified.

4. December 1 of the corresponding calendar year is the deadline for reporting any error in premium checks or checks not having been received by the exhibitor. After that date, no changes will be made nor checks issued. All checks must be cashed within 90 days after receipt of the check.

5. If a premium check is lost, exhibitor is responsible for stop payment fees.

RULE 6 - EXHIBITORS

1. Any exhibitor who, for the purpose of defrauding or misrepresentation, makes any fraudulent entry in the name of another exhibitor for the purpose of exhibiting, will be permanently barred from exhibiting or any future participation in any event held in connection with the Southern New Mexico State Fair & Rodeo. Proof of ownership may be demanded at any time at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

2. Exhibit buildings will be open to the public daily between the hours of 10:00 am to 8:00 pm on Wednesday and Thursday; 10:00 am to 10 pm Friday & Saturday; and 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Sunday. In departments other than livestock, exhibits must be uncovered and ready for inspection by visitors during the above hours. EXCEPTION: Home Economics and Youth exhibits will open after judging is completed on Wednesday.

3. No exhibitor shall be permitted to comment on placing to the judge or on how exhibit placed in other fairs.

RULE 7 - SUPERINTENDENTS

1. The Superintendent will have charge of all assistants in his department. Each Superintendent shall also be responsible for receiving and crediting all entry fees for the department.

2. It shall be the duty of each Superintendent to inform the judges of his department of the rules and regulations governing awards and urge them to read carefully before judging.

3. Each Superintendent is charged with caring for the judges' books or sheets of his department. He must see that all AWARDS ARE PROPERLY ENTERED herein, as it is ONLY UPON THIS RECORD THAT PREMIUMS CAN BE PAID. Ribbons and tags are not acceptable for payment of awards. He must see that all judges' books or sheets are properly signed. Only authorized fair personnel may inspect entry books. Superintendent will submit list of winners to office for publicity purposes.

4. All judges' sheets MUST be in Superintendent's possession by close of Fair.

5. Each Superintendent is responsible for the final disposal of exhibits in his department.

6. Each Superintendent is responsible for making arrangements for one or more persons to be in the buildings at all times while the building is open. These persons shall act as hosts and guards for the building. EXCEPTION: Home Economics and Youth exhibits will open Wednesday afternoon after Judging is completed.

7. Superintendents shall be responsible for having buildings open on time. Keys for the building will remain in the fair office or with a designated Superintendent. Each Superintendent shall have the right to reject or refuse to allow the exhibition of any entry that is defamatory, vulgar, obscene, or is not in good taste and/or consistent with the theme of the fair as a family oriented event.

RULE 8 - JUDGES AND JUDGING

1. The judges shall read carefully the general rules and all special rules under the heading of the department or class in which they are to serve; and especially note and mark those rules bearing on the classes to be adjudicated by them. Ignorance of rules is inexcusable for a judge.

2. Judges must not award prizes to an unworthy exhibit. It is the intention of the management that no premium or distinction of any kind shall be given to any animal or article that is not deserving. This rule must be strictly adhered to whether or not there is competition. In the

event an exhibit is unworthy of first award, a lower award or no award may be made.

3. Judges shall report to the Superintendent any exhibitor whom in any way, whether in person or by agents or servants, interferes with them or shows any disrespect to them during judging. The Superintendent may, at his discretion, demand a proper apology from such exhibitor, or exclude him from further competition. The Board may withhold from such exhibitor any or all premiums that have been awarded and expel him from further exhibiting at the Fair.

4. The judges and persons acting as clerks to the judges must use special care, after award has been made to see that the award is recorded properly on the judges sheets and in the award books, for it is upon this entry that the payment of premium is made.

5. The judge, and Superintendent recording the awards of the department, must sign the award book or judging sheet at the close of each class immediately after all awards in said class have been made.

6. No person who is an exhibitor can act as judge or clerk in a class in which he is showing.

7. If there is any question as to the regularity of an entry, or the right of any animal or article to compete in any lot, the judge or judges shall report the same immediately to the Superintendent.

8. A faithful observance of all rules governing the exhibit will be required, and when in doubt as to the application or meaning of rule, the Superintendent in charge shall construe the same. This opinion when required by either exhibitor or judge must be reduced to writing and returned to office of the Board with the award books or judging sheets.

9. In judging livestock the decision of the official veterinarian and judge, as to unsoundness, shall be final.

10. The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases, except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at the time of award, is apparent. In such cases the matter may be referred to the Board, from whose decision there can be no appeal.

11. A classifier will be considered a judge.

RULE 9 - PROTESTS

1. All protests will be determined by the Fair Board and must be made in writing to the Fair Board, accompanied by an affidavit setting forth grounds for protesting and deposit of \$25.00 per Exhibitor, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained.

2. Protests against the exhibition of any entry must be filed, considered, and determined before the lot is judged.

3. Protests against an award must be filed within four hours of the time the award was made, and will be considered and determined at the first meeting of the Fair Board.

4. In addition to the right of protest guaranteed above to interested parties, the Fair Board reserves the right to take cognizance of any fraud, consummated or attempted, and to deal with the persons implicated therein in such manner within the limits of the power of the Board as may, from the evidence relating thereto, be deemed just and proper.

5. No protest or appeal based upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent or have overlooked an animal or article will be considered by the Board.

6. All questions in dispute of differences not covered by these rules shall be referred to the Board whose decision shall be final.

RULE 10 - BOOTHS, CONCESSIONS, COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITS

1. Anyone interested in renting or reserving space for the purpose of being a vendor or exhibitor must contact the fair office for complete rules, regulations, prices, and applications.

2. There are guidelines regarding insurance, appearance, sanitary and safety rules, honesty with the public, legality of merchandise and other requirements. A variety of booths and exhibits are needed and welcomed.

Contact: 575-524-8602 or write to SNMSF&R, PO Box 1145, Las Cruces, N.M. 88004 or go to the Fair web page, www.snmstatefairgrounds.net for additional contact information.