

EXHIBITOR RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Livestock and articles must be entered in the name of the bona fide owner and all crops must have been raised and articles exhibited must have been made by the exhibitor during the past year.
2. Exhibitors will forfeit their premiums if they do not adhere to this rule.
3. **Exhibitors will be allowed to make only one entry in each lot unless otherwise designated.**
4. No articles will be allowed to compete for premiums that are not named on the premium list.
5. The Society will endeavor to arrange space for all qualified exhibitors. However, the management reserves the right to close entries at any time when space becomes exhausted.
6. No professionals will be allowed to enter. Professionals will be interpreted as anyone who sells for money their wares or what would be entered for substantial portion of their income with the exception of agricultural products and livestock. Only amateur gardeners may exhibit vegetables and flowers in competition. Commercial growers should contact the Fair Board for display arrangements.
7. **JUDGING LOCATION:** Please bring all Open Class exhibit items to the Open Class Building.
8. **JUDGING TIMES:** Entry Day begins at 9:00 am on Wednesday. Open class flowers, plants, fruits, vegetables, and garden exhibits must be in place by 6:00 pm Wednesday for judging at 6:30 pm. Food must be in place by 8:30 pm; food judging will take place at 9:00 pm. All other open class exhibits must be in place by 9:00 pm Wednesday for judging Thursday from 9:00 AM until noon.
9. **BUILDING HOURS:** The Open Class Building will be open until 9:00 pm Thursday. Open Class Building hours for the rest of the fair are as follows: Friday and Saturday: 10:00 am – 10:00 pm, Sunday – 11:00 am – 9:00 pm.
10. Exhibits may be removed 7:00 – 9:00 pm Sunday and 9:00 – 11:00 am Monday.
11. The Society will take every precaution in its power for the preservation of articles and livestock on exhibition but cannot be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur in the delivery, exhibition or removal of the exhibits.
12. If from stormy weather or other causes the fair receipts should prove insufficient to meet all payable demands, the Society reserves the right to first pay all true expenses of the Fair and pay premiums with the balance on hand.
13. All awards shall be made by comparing the individual merits of lot entries.
14. Any interference by exhibitors to influence or dictate the decision of the judges will be sufficient cause for excluding his or her entry from competition and should be reported to the Secretary through the Division Superintendent.
15. No appeal of a decision shall be allowed. An exhibitor may protest to the Superintendent of the division at the time of the award, who may then require the judges to give reasons for their awards.
16. Premiums will not be awarded on articles or animals of inferior merit, regardless of the number in competition. The judges may award first, second or no premium, as merit may warrant, stating the reasons in writing when requested.
17. No livestock trailers, tents, campers, etc., shall be parked before permission is obtained from the Fair Board. Unauthorized parking will be subject to towing at owner's expense.
18. Premium checks not cashed within 30 days from the date of issue will be considered forfeited. Premium checks will be given out at the fair. Persons having claims against the Society must present them to the secretary within 30 days after the last day of the fair. **ALL CHECKS MUST BE CASHED WITHIN 30 DAYS.**
19. No person will be permitted to distribute advertising matter on fairgrounds without written permission from the Fair Board secretary. Posting or distribution of any kind is strictly prohibited. Any violation of this rule will be liable to a fine or expulsion.
20. **No dog shall be allowed to enter** upon or into the Sherburne County Fairgrounds with the exception of service dogs and dog exhibits or demonstrations. Any authorized dog shall be kept leashed or kenneled by the person so authorized at all times, except as may otherwise be specifically allowed during organized fair activities. Any dog found upon the Sherburne County Fairgrounds in violation of these rules may be impounded.
21. No live animals shall be given away from a concession, exhibit, or barnyard display.
22. The management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules as they, in their judgment, may deem advisable.
23. The Sherburne County Agricultural Society reserves absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, or in connection with, or incident to the fair.
24. Errors or omissions due to printing errors will be corrected at the superintendent's discretion.
25. The Society will not assume any responsibility for disease, sickness, injury, loss or damage contracted during the Fair.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE SHERBURNE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The annual dues of the Society shall be \$1.00 per person per year. To vote at the annual meeting, you must pay this membership fee before the annual meeting. The annual meeting is held on the third Wednesday in October at the Sherburne County Government Center in Elk River.