

# 2023 BUFFALO COUNTY FAIR

## **BUFFALO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION**

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### **All Rules and Regulations, 4-H and Open Class Information**

#### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The Board of Directors of the Buffalo County Agricultural Association reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters.

The board also reserves the final and absolute right to settle and determine any and all matters, question and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the successful operation of the fair.

The promiscuous distribution of advertising matter is strictly prohibited, and no posting of advertising matter on buildings will be permitted. Exhibitors may distribute advertising matter from their place of exhibit only.

No person will be allowed to do any soliciting for any paper, merchandise, or articles unless they first obtain permission from the manager and pay the required fee.

**Rule 1.** Each person desiring to enter articles in Open Divisions for exhibition must first purchase an Exhibitor Card. Exhibitors can exhibit on this card, and it entitles the purchaser to admission to the grounds during the fair. Each exhibitor will call at the fair office for an Exhibitor Card. It will be necessary to present the Exhibitor Card to the superintendent of any department in which entries are to be made.

**Rule 2.** Entries can be made with the superintendent of each of the various departments. The right and privilege is reserved to refuse entries and refund entry fees if there is no space available. Exhibits are limited to residents of Buffalo and adjoining counties. No animal or article not listed in the premium list will be entered for premium.

**Rule 3.** Whenever an entry is made the secretary will issue a card designating the number of class and entry number. Said card must be attached to the article or animal to be exhibited. No article or animal will be assigned to a place unless such a card is attached.

**Rule 4.** Once an entry is made in the books of the secretary, no change of entry will be permitted, nor will anyone be allowed to see the entries as made until after the awards have been placed.

**Rule 5.** All exhibitors must report to the superintendent of the department in which they wish to exhibit and hold themselves in readiness to respond to any and all inquiries he/she may ask, giving accurate written or oral description of the articles exhibited, touching all points of merit claimed, mode of culture, manufacture, manner of raising, etc. as the case may be.

**Rule 6.** All articles and animals entered for exhibition must be on the grounds and in the hands of the superintendent of the various departments in accordance with the rules of each department.

**Rule 7.** All entries must be owned by the exhibitors; all agricultural and horticultural products must be the products of the present year, except crops not yet harvested in this county. In such cases the previous year's crops may be exhibited.

**Rule 8.** No exhibitor may make more than two entries for any one prize. This applies to all departments. Where there is no competition, awards will be made on merit in accordance with the decision of the judge.

**Rule 9.** Except in sweepstakes and groups, no articles or animals will receive two premiums (best display excepted).

**Rule 10.** Judges shall attach an appropriate badge on all articles and animals securing premiums; a blue card or ribbon shall denote the first premium; red card or ribbon the second premium; a white card or ribbon the third premium. Exception — in the 4 H department, purple ribbon will denote superior, blue ribbon will denote excellent, red ribbon will denote good and white ribbon will denote fair.

**Rule 11.** No exhibitor will be allowed to act as judge in any class in which he/she has an exhibit nor on any stock or article in which he/her has an interest.

**Rule 12.** No person, except the judges on duty, officers of the association and parties in charge or their stock, will be allowed inside the arena during the judging of entries.

**Rule 13.** No person shall be allowed to interfere with a judge, and any exhibitor who, by letter or otherwise, attempts such interference will be excluded from competition, and if the board is satisfied that a premium has been obtained by fraud then such premium shall be withheld for disobedience to the rules of the association.

**Rule 14.** In case of protest, a written statement setting forth the reasons for protesting must be filed with the secretary before the close of the fair, the same to be adjusted at the first meeting of the board.

**Rule 15.** Every precaution will be taken for the safety and comfort of all exhibits, but the association will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.

**Rule 16.** All articles and animals must remain within the enclosure during the fair.

**Rule 17.** No animal will be permitted to run at large on the grounds during the fair.

**Rule 18.** No exhibitor is allowed to remove any non-livestock entries until 5 p.m. for Open Class and 4 p.m. for 4-H exhibits the last day of fair without the permission of the manager. Rabbits and poultry can be released after 8 a.m. Dairy animals and non-sale animals can be released after 8 p.m. the last day of the fair.

**Rule 19.** No hay or grain will be on the grounds for sale to exhibitors. Feed must be furnished by the exhibitor at his own expense. Bedding chips may be purchased on the grounds during designated hours.

**Rule 20.** All stalls and beef tie outs must be well bedded with wood chips or shavings only. The association reserves the right to exclude any animals or animals from competition if this rule is not observed by the exhibitor.

**Rule 21.** All stalls and alleys must be cleaned each day of the fair or no premiums will be paid.

**Rule 22.** Premiums will be paid as soon as possible after the judging is completed.

**Rule 23.** Please have professional signage for your booth, no handwritten signs will be allowed. All eating and drink stands must post prices of foodstuff in a conspicuous place at the front of the stand. The wording and numbers must be large enough to be read easily at a distance of 10 feet. Condiment area needs be skirted. The fair board reserves the right to control the types of food stuff to be sold.

**Rule 24.** There shall be no gambling of any description. No alcoholic or fermented liquors are allowed within the grounds without prior permission of the fair board. Parties violating the law may expect to be prosecuted.

**Rule 25.** No intoxicated or other improper or disorderly person will be permitted on the grounds, and it is hereby made the duty of all marshals and special police to arrest all such persons and take them forthwith before proper officer to be dealt with according to the law.

**Rule 26.** No person or persons who may have exhibited a product at any fair, or show, previous to this date shall be eligible to premiums or awards at the Buffalo County Fair without special permission from the Board. Anyone desiring to exhibit elsewhere should communicate with the secretary of the Buffalo County Fair Board. This rule does not apply to articles exhibited at festivals held with the county.

**Rule 27.** In case the general rules conflict with the department rules, the department rules govern.

**Rule 28.** In case there are insufficient funds to pay the premiums, they will be prorated and paid accordingly.

**Rule 29.** In order to facilitate judging, the west side of the Exhibit Building and the 4-H Building will be closed to the public on judging day until judging is complete. Otherwise, all buildings will be open from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. unless specified differently in schedule of events.

**Rule 30.** 4-H Livestock entries must be in the hands of the Extension Educator by July 5 in order that stock and pen space may be provided.

## **OPEN DEPARTMENT**

### **GENERAL RULES FOR EXHIBITORS**

1. All entries MUST be registered online by 10 am on July 25<sup>th</sup>. If you need assistance registering, please stop in the fair office prior to July 25<sup>th</sup>. No late entries accepted. All tags will be printed at 10 am on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Entry drop-off will be Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-7pm. Please check each division for specific instructions.
2. Online Registration: <https://buffaloas.fairwire.com/>

Once you register as a new exhibitor you will be prompted to select the categories/divisions/classes you wish to enter in.

Exhibitor Cards MUST be purchased in advance at the Fair Office prior to July 25<sup>th</sup>. You will receive a parking pass when you purchase your Exhibitor Card.

3. When you arrive on July 25 from 1-7pm, the superintendents from each division will have your tags. The tags you are given will remain on your items until they are removed. You will be provided with a copy of the tag for your records.
5. PREMIUMS – All premiums will be paid by check. Checks can be picked up on Monday, July 31 from 9 am-3 pm. Premiums paid only on articles listed in this catalog or approved by superintendents.
6. EXHIBITS RELEASED – No article is to be removed from the grounds until released by the superintendent on July 31<sup>st</sup> from 9 am-3 pm. *No exhibits will be released before this time.*
7. NEW FOR 2023– Premiums have been updated in all divisions. New departments and classes have been added to some divisions. If you are entering items for a child in the Plants & Flowers division, please make sure you register them into the JUNIOR DIVISION to ensure proper judging. First Time Exhibitor department has been added to some divisions – this is for youth under 5 who have never exhibited before.

For questions or more information, please contact Courtney or Andrea at the fair office 308-236-1201 or [office@buffalocountyfairgrounds.com](mailto:office@buffalocountyfairgrounds.com)

## **SPECIAL NOTICE**

Any 4-H exhibitor wishing to show in open class must obtain and pay for an Exhibitor Card at the time of registering.

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- 55 – Beer, Mead and Wine
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