

RULES AND REGULATIONS

GOVERNING ENTRIES IN OPEN CLASS AT FAIR TIME

1. Only residents of Sanders County as well as adjoining Montana counties - Mineral, Lake, Missoula, Flathead and Lincoln - may enter Open Class competition.
2. All entries must be made in the name of bona fide owner; **you may enter twenty (20) items at no charge; if you enter more than twenty (20) items in the fair, you will be charged 50 cents for each additional item entered.**
3. All property of any character entered for competition or display, or any other purpose anywhere on the Fairgrounds, shall be subject to the control of the Fair management.
4. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED ON THE OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017.** Your exhibit entry tags, or other documentation, will be printed and waiting for you at the Division desk. **ANTICIPATE ALL THE ENTRIES YOU PLAN TO ENTER IN EACH DIVISION; THERE IS NO PROBLEM IF AN ENTRY IS NOT EXHIBITED AFTER BEING PRE-REGISTERED.** Any unused tags will be kept by the Division Superintendent. **Exhibitors who fail to pre-register will NOT be permitted to exhibit items during the 2017 Sanders County Fair.** (This does not apply to the Open Class Horse Show - please check Division rules.) Entry forms may be mailed to Sanders County Fair Commission, P. O. Box 9, Plains, Montana 59859, or taken to the Fairgrounds Office during regular office hours. Pre-registration closes at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 16, 2017. **You may enter online at co.sanders.mt.us** . On-line entries close at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 23, 2017. There is no limit on the amount of entries when entering on-line.
5. **A separate Entry Form is to be used for each Division where exhibits are to be entered for judging.**
6. All entries must be made on Official Entry Forms, furnished on our website, co.sanders.mt.us, or obtained from the Fair Office. Photo copies will be accepted. The forms must be filled in completely, with the information printed or typed in black ink. Said information is to include: current address, telephone number and birth date. Entrants aged 10 or less must have the signature of a parent, guardian or sponsor.
7. Exhibit Entries for judging are to be brought to each Division. Entries for Arts, Crafts & Photography and Home Sewing and Needlecraft are to be entered on Monday, August 28, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Entries for Agriculture, Culinary Arts, Horticulture and Floriculture are to be entered on Wednesday, August 30, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Entries for Open Class Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep and Swine are to be entered on Wednesday, August 30, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. All Open Class exhibits shall remain in place until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 3, 2017. **NO EXHIBITS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE FAIR GROUNDS PRIOR TO THE ENTRY DAY APPROPRIATE FOR THAT EXHIBIT.** Early removal of entries shall cause the entrant may to be barred from entering exhibits the following year.
8. Exhibitors are subject to the rules and classifications governing exhibits as published in the current Fair Premium listing. Exhibitors entering agree to be governed by these rules when entering.
9. Any entry judged in Open Class or 4-H may not be removed for display or competition in any other area. Any display used in a Commercial exhibit may not be entered in Open Class for judging.
10. The Fair Management reserves the right to remove from the fairgrounds any exhibit that may be falsely entered or that is deemed unsuitable or objectionable, without assigning any reason thereof.
11. **PREMIUMS WILL BE PAID IN CASH ONLY, through the cashier's office beginning at noon on Saturday, September 2, 2017, and continuing through Sunday, September 3, 2017, until the cashier's office closes. Because of our accounting procedures, premiums will not be paid at any other time. If you fail to collect your premium payment on Saturday or Sunday, the premium is forfeited.**
12. The Sanders County Fair Commission and management of the Fair shall have the power of decision in all matters of disagreement between exhibitors, superintendents, judges or other officers of the Fair.
13. The Fair Commission and management reserve the right to amend, add or delete these rules as they in their judgment deem advisable.
14. Any person(s) or organization who may violate any of these rules will forfeit privileges and premiums and will be subject to such penalties as the management may order.
15. The Sanders County Fair will not pay or assume transportation charges on articles sent for exhibit unless specified that they will do so.
16. The Sanders County Fair Commission and management will exercise care and diligence to insure the safety of stock and any other articles entered for exhibition or competition, but under no circumstances will it be responsible for the loss of, or the damage of, any article or animal on exhibition and the exhibitor shall indemnify the Fair against any and all legal proceedings in this regard.
17. Only entries that qualify for published lots and classes (as found on our website) shall be accepted for judging. "Exhibit only" items will be accepted at the discretion of the Division Superintendent, according to space available for that exhibit. Each exhibitor can register only one entry per lot.
18. **You must provide your name, address, telephone number and date of birth. If you do not provide this information, no entry tags will be printed for you and you will not be allowed to enter exhibits.**