

## GENERAL RULES

1. Exhibitors assume all risk in exhibiting. Fair Board will not be responsible for damage, theft, etc. of projects.
2. No exhibit shall be entered in more than one class, unless otherwise specified.
3. No placements shall be awarded when animal or article is not deemed worthy by the judge
4. Exhibitor failing or refusing to exhibit any animal or article that has been duly entered shall forfeit all fees paid by him.
5. **PLACEMENTS ARE MADE ONLY FROM THE RECORDS OF THE JUDGE'S BOOK.** If you have any questions check with department superintendent as soon as the department is judged.
6. **PREMIUM CHECKS MUST BE CASHED WITHIN 90 DAYS.** Any un-cashed premium checks by the end of one (1) year from issue date shall be considered a donation to the education fund of the Eaton County Fair. Guidelines are available for 4-H clubs and organizations to draw on these funds for educational purposes.
7. Club/Group booths must be completely set up **on Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> by noon.**
8. Any animal substitutions must be arranged prior to the fair with the project superintendent and the fair office.
9. All exhibitor's and parent/guardian must sign the exhibitor agreement and code of conduct that accompany the entry form. Any persons associated with an exhibit that fails to act in accordance with the code of conduct and/or its intent, can be expelled from the fairgrounds at the discretions of the department superintendent. The duration of the expulsion will be determined by the Fair Board.
10. Any exhibitor wanting an early release must submit a written request to the project superintendent prior to noon **Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>.**
11. **NO LIVESTOCK EXHIBIT** will be released until 6:00 <sup>am</sup>. on **Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>,** unless special written permission is given by the project superintendent and Fair Board representative. All decorations, gates, tack, bedding and anything used for the purpose of exhibition of a project shall remain in place until the designated release time. Non-livestock exhibits will be released on **Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 <sup>am</sup>.** Exhibits removed by any person or persons prior to release time without permission from their superintendent will forfeit placements, ribbons or trophies for that exhibit.
12. Any exhibitor under the influence of alcohol and/or illegal substances will not be allowed to participate at the fair, will remove projects from exhibit, forfeit all premiums, ribbons, trophies, awards and placements, and will not be allowed to enter exhibits in following years.
13. No alcoholic beverages and/or illegal substances allowed on the fairgrounds.
14. No pine or conifer boughs in barn decorations, only fire resistant materials may be used.
15. In case the receipts of the fair are insufficient to pay the expenses and premiums in full, the Fair Board reserves the right, to withdraw all or part of the premiums in all departments.
16. Ribbons or rosettes will be awarded for all places as listed for each class, unless otherwise specified.
17. Only exhibitors, parents and leaders are allowed in their exhibit area after 12:00 midnight.
18. No bicycles are allowed on the fairgrounds.
19. To reduce the risk of introducing or transferring pathogens or other health problems, pets are not allowed in the camp-grounds or in the livestock exhibit areas after 12 noon on Sunday. The only exception is clover bud show day.
20. The Fair Board reserves the right to accept or reject any exhibit when exhibitor fails to comply with the regulations.
21. All Fair Board decisions are final.
22. Project animals may be subject to drug testing.
23. Any exhibitor may file a complaint regarding any of the following:
  - (a) Conflict of interest of the judge.
  - (b) Disqualification of an exhibit or exhibitor.
  - (c) Exhibitor, group leader, or superintendent behavior.
  - (d) Eligibility of the exhibit.Should the complaint request in writing that additional testing be performed on livestock a \$100 cash (non-refundable) fee will accompany the request. If the requested test results are inconclusive or negative the complainant agrees to be responsible for all additional collection, veterinary, shipping, lab, and all other invoiced fees associated with the requested tests. If the test results are positive the aforementioned costs shall be borne by the exhibitor whose animal was tested.  
All other complaints shall be in writing accompanied with \$40 cash (non-refundable) fee and be in the hands of the Fair Board Secretary no later than ten days from the end of fair. All protests shall be referred to a special committee which shall review the protest and report their findings to the executive committee of the Fair Board. The executive committee will make the final decision on the protest. The executive committee shall have ten days after receipt of a filed complaint to notify the exhibitor of their recommended actions. The exhibitor filing the complaint may make an appeal to the Michigan Department of Agriculture within 45 days of filing the initial complaint if the exhibitor is not satisfied with the association's action. The Department Of Agriculture shall have 60 days after receipt of any appropriately filed appeal to investigate the complaint and shall issue a finding of fact and notice of department action and any recommended actions for the association.
24. Failure to comply with these rules may result in the loss of premiums, ribbons, trophies, awards and/or expulsion from the fairgrounds.
25. No golf carts, 4-wheelers; etc. will be allowed, unless approved by the Fair Board.
26. **Only Fair Exhibitors, Project Leaders and Administrative Leaders will receive a fair pass. All Exhibitors must wear a wristband at all times.**  
**Exhibitor wristbands will be available for pick up on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 1:00pm in the Grey Building; Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> Noon – 4:00pm in the Back Office; Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-10:00am in the Front Office.**  
**Each Exhibitor may purchase a total of 4 extra passes for family for \$10/pass. Extra passes exceeding 4 will be \$20/pass. Each project/administrative leader may purchase 1 extra pass for \$10/pass. Extra passes exceeding the 1 pass will be \$20/pass.**
27. Wristbands **MUST** be picked up by the designated times. **Any wristband picked up after Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> will be charged a fee of \$20 (\$10 for wristband & a \$10 late fee).**
28. All exhibitors must prepare, fit, decorate and maintain their projects themselves. Exhibitors are responsible for daily cleanup of barns before 10:00 <sup>am</sup>.
29. All 4-H, FFA and Independent youth exhibitors' age requirements for showing both Non-Livestock Projects and Species Projects are age 9-19. Exhibitor's age is determined by the age the exhibitor will attain as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Pee Wee / Cloverbud classes are for ages 5-8 .

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### ENTRY FORM INFORMATION

1. All youth entries must be typed or printed, and in the fair office by **Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017** by 5:00 <sup>pm</sup>. NO changes will be allowed after **June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. (See rule 9 above). **No late entries will be accepted.**
2. Open class entries are due **June 10<sup>th</sup>** by 5:00 <sup>pm</sup>. No changes or late entries will be accepted.
3. Be sure correct name and address are clearly printed or typed on entry form. Write club name, if applicable, on top of form, and sign form.
4. The Eaton County Agriculture Society reserves the right to refuse entry if or when space is unavailable.
5. You must enter every class in which you plan to participate.
6. **Entries will not be accepted without signatures on both the Entry Form and the Exhibitor Agreement.**