

RULES AND REGULATIONS

RATES OF ADMISSION

Membership Ticket.....	\$15.00
Season Ticket.....	\$15.00
Single Gate Admission.....	\$ 4.00

All tickets have Federal Tax included where the tax applies.

Any person purchasing a membership ticket will have his or her name registered in the membership book and will become a member of the Society for the year 2011.

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1. On payment of \$15.00, a membership or season ticket will be issued to residents of Ashland County, also to all exhibitors in the open classes. A membership ticket entitles residents of Ashland County one vote at the annual or special called meetings of the Society provided said persons are eighteen (18) years of age or older. **ALL EXHIBITORS IN OPEN CLASSES MUST PURCHASE A MEMBERSHIP OR SEASON TICKET.**

2. All entries close on Saturday, August 20, 2011 at 12:00 noon. No additional entries will be accepted after that date, except where otherwise stated.

3. An entry fee will be charged to each exhibitor in livestock classes and the entry fees must accompany the entry. Stall and pen space must be reserved in advance. In the event all barns are full when your reservation is received, only then will your stall or pen space be provided under a tent.

All Junior Fair exhibitors showing in open classes must own a membership ticket or a parent or guardian must own a membership ticket for 2011. These exhibitors must also pay entry fees.

4. Parties living at a distance may facilitate matters by sending your proper entry blank with all entries listed, including entry fees, to the Secretary's office by the entry closing date indicating how many animals you are entering and how many stalls or pens you will need.

5. All persons who wish to make an entry will save time and avoid errors if you will **USE THE PROPER ENTRY BLANK WITH THE DEPARTMENT, BOOK AND CLASS INDICATED IN WHICH EACH ENTRY WILL BE MADE.**

6. Every entry must be exhibited in the bonafide owner's name. **ANY EXHIBITOR NOT COMPLYING WITH THIS RULE WILL BE SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE OF PREMIUM.**

7. Tampering and/or misrepresentation as to breeding, age, ownership and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception. Any premiums, trophies, awards or sale money won by such exhibitor will be withheld.

Any artificial means of removing or remedying the physical defects or conformation in exhibition cattle, such as lifting

and filling under the skin, use of sting, artificial heels, etc. will be considered fraud and deception. The use of an artificial tail head or altering the natural color of a steer animal shall be considered fraud and deception. Neutral coloring only may be used. All animals giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from competition at the Ashland County Fair.

Should fraud or deception be discovered after the animal or animals have been shown and prior to the sale, such animal(s) shall not be permitted to sell. The animals placing next in line at the show shall move up.

Should violation be discovered after the sale, all sale money shall be returned to the buyer and the animal or carcass shall be returned to the exhibitor.

In all livestock and poultry classes, these regulations will be in full force and effect.

8. Every animal or article on the grounds entered for premiums shall, during the Fair, be under the control of the Superintendent of the department in which it is entered, and no stock shall be allowed to run at large on the Fairgrounds.

9. Exhibitors will be expected to obey the Marshal promptly in presenting their stock when instructed to do so, and persons refusing to comply may be excluded from competing.

10. Any person entering stock of any kind and misrepresenting its age, condition and ownership, will forfeit the premium and be excluded from competing.

11. Exhibitors are required to have all articles entered and fees paid at the Secretary's office before they can be assigned to their respective departments.

12. Entry tags will be furnished corresponding with the entry in the Secretary's office and are to be attached to all articles on exhibition.

13. Each entry shall specify the exhibitor's name, post office address, and department, book and class of the animal or article entered.

14. No animal may compete in more than one class except as a pair or herd and sweepstakes. Junior Fair entries are exempted.

15. Exhibitors must see to the delivery of their animals or articles to the Superintendent of the proper department.

16. The Board will take every precaution in its power to the safe preservation of stock and/or articles on exhibit after their arrival on the Fairgrounds, but will not be responsible for any loss or damage or accident that may occur. Exhibitors are requested to give attention to their entries during the Fair, and also to the removal of entries at the close of the Fair.

17. Purity of blood of stock must be established by pedigree. Genuineness of pedigrees of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs shall be decided by herd books and registers of acknowledged authorities of their respective classes. All things being equal, judges of livestock will give preference to registered sires.

18. Evidence will be required that animals exhibited as breeders are not barren.

19. No stock will be permitted to enter the ring unless

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under halter and in the care of a groom.

20. Horses, cattle and sheep will be exhibited in the ring prepared for the purpose, and the premium ribbons or cards attached by the judges before leaving the ring. First premium being designated by blue ribbon or card; second premium by red ribbon or card; sweepstakes by purple.

21. No unsound animal in horse department will receive a premium in any class. No award will be made on any breeding animal that is barren or has any transmissible unsoundness.

22. All manufactured articles must be exhibited by the manufacturer or agent, and all grain, fruit or vegetables to be exhibited by the owner, and must be the product of the 2011 agricultural year.

23. An efficient police force will be on the grounds at all times to maintain order.

24. If animals occupying stalls are not exhibited in the ring at the call of the Marshal, or at the time of their class as stated in the program of the day, exhibitor will be charged one dollar per day for stall rent and feed and be excluded from competition or forfeit any premiums previously awarded unless upon written excuse from the Superintendent of his department, approved by the vice-president.

25. The Society reserves the right to reduce premiums which may be awarded for the exhibition of 2011 pro rata, provided there are not sufficient funds (after paying all the expenses of the Society) in the treasury to pay in full.

26. When animals or articles are not deemed worthy of premium, the judges will make no award, though there be no competition.

27. No persons other than department Superintendent and authorized personnel will have access to the entries until after the awards are made.

28. All entries will be made in strict compliance with the offered Premium List, and the awards made in compliance. Parties must therefore take particular pains to have stock and articles just as they want them.

29. It is the duty of every exhibitor to carefully study the rules and govern themselves accordingly. Any information will be carefully given in regard to exhibiting in any of the classes, by the member in charge or by the Secretary.

30. No interference or communication with the judges will be allowed and any person who, by letter or otherwise, attempts to influence the decision of any judge, shall forfeit any or all premiums which may have been awarded and ruled out of the competition as per decision of the Board.

31. If there is any question as to the regularity of any entry or of the right of any animal or an article to compete in any given class, the judges shall report the same to the Superintendent of the department, and he/she to the Secretary for adjustment.

32. The judges must not attach premium cards to articles for which no premium is offered.

33. The Society invites all persons having stock to sell or articles to bring before the public to attend our annual Fair.

34. The premiums will be payable on or after September 24, 2011.

35. All premiums not drawn by October 31, 2011 will be forfeited to the Society. This rule will be enforced to the letter, as the Treasurer is required by law to file an annual statement of the receipts and the expenditures of the Society with the County Auditor on December 1st.

36. No person or persons shall be allowed to enter the Fairgrounds for the purpose of organized political group solicitation or promotion, except within contracted space, or for the purpose of picketing, disrupting or disturbing any concessionaire, tenant or lessee of the Ashland County Agricultural Society, or for the purpose of disturbing any exhibitor, employee or officer of the Ashland County Agricultural Society, or for interfering in any way with any viewer of, or participant in, the activities of the Ashland County Fair. Any person entering for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned shall be escorted from the premises of the Fairgrounds and if an admission has been paid, such admission shall be returned to the individual upon request.

37. Any vehicle parked in unauthorized areas must be moved to designated parking areas by 11:00 a.m. or said vehicle may be towed and impounded at the expense of the owner.

38. If there is a protest in any department, the protestor will put up a deposit of \$75.00 per protest along with the protest, in writing, to be given to the department Superintendent. The money will be returned if the protest is upheld by the Board. The protest will be settled within a 24 hour period. All premiums will be withheld until the protest is settled and the protest shall be filed at time (one (1) hour after show) of show.

39. Anyone violating the entry release time will forfeit all premiums and be banned from exhibiting at the Ashland County Fair for a period of five (5) years.

40. All Junior Fair exhibitors **MUST** attend or complete a Quality Assurance Program **PRIOR TO EXHIBITING** Junior Market Livestock: (Market Steers, Market Hogs, Market Lambs, Market Dairy Steers, Market Baby Beef, Market Cattle), and lactating Dairy Cattle and lactating Goats at the Ashland County Fair.

41. The Ashland County Fair will not refund any paid entry fees or stall fees, in case of withdrawal from the fair or withdrawal from participation in events, books or classes.

42. The Ashland County Agricultural Society assumes no responsibility for damage to or loss of vehicles that are parked on the grounds. Also, the Ashland County Agricultural Society assumes no responsibility for personal property.