GENERAL RULES FOR ALL LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENTS

Departments #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 Maximum number of exhibits, per exhibitor, is 20 entries in each livestock department.

1. All Livestock, Poultry, and Rabbit exhibits shall be pre-registered by July 23. Please forward all entry forms to: West End Fair Association, PO Box 115, Gilbert, PA 18331. Attention: Livestock Department.
2. All Livestock, Poultry, and Rabbit exhibits will be accepted for entry on SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 12-4 P.M, SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 between 10 A.M. and 2 P.M.
3. Any required health papers for individual departments are to be made available to the Livestock Superintendent, upon check in of the exhibit.
4. All Livestock, Poultry, and Rabbits offered for competition must be owned by the competitors, and must have been owned by them for at least thirty (30) days before the fair.
5. Only breeds and varieties listed in this book will be accepted for entry.
6. All breeds will follow rules and regulations set forth by respective Breed association to be eligible to compete.
7. Entries will be made according to classification.
8. Joint ownership is considered to be as one owner in accordance with registration papers.
9. Exhibitors, please see the Livestock Superintendent, or see the Schedule for Judging times, to determine the day and time that your exhibit will be judged.
10. No person shall be allowed in the ring while stock is being judged, except the judge, superintendent, and necessary attendants.
11. Overfitting of cattle will be discriminated against. Any artificial means used to change the form or shape of an animal will disqualify it from competition. No paint or glue may be used.
12. When on exhibition in the ring, each animal must be under halter and in the charge of the owner/exhibitor or employee.
13. Any exhibitor interfering with the judges, while making awards, shall forfeit any premium to which it would otherwise be entitled.
14. Should any animal awarded a prize be disqualified, the animals gaining the lower prizes shall move into the next higher position if, in the opinion of the judges, the animals are worthy of such prizes.
15. The fair reserves the right to determine how many entries they will accept from an exhibitor, in the same breed, species and/or class.
16. All Livestock, Poultry, and Rabbit exhibits must be removed before 9 A.M., Sunday, August 30th.**All Exhibitors of Poultry and Rabbits MUST be signed out by the Livestock Superintendent or the Livestock Employee before taking their entries out of the cages.
17. The Livestock Superintendent reserves the right to see registration papers for any animal entered in a named breed, in any livestock department.
18. **Proper attire required for judging - closed toe shoes, long pants and collared shirts.**
19. The livestock superintendent reserves the right to split or combine if the number of entries in a particular class warrants such action.
20. All market animals (Dairy and Beef) must be weighed on the scale starting at 5P.M. on Sunday, August 23rd.
21. All bulls 10 months and older must be shown with a nose lead or ring.

GUIDELINES FOR CARE OF ANIMALS

1. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to care for animals in a manner that is responsible and ethical. Following are some guidelines for the treatment of animals exhibited at the show.
   a. **Restraining Animals**
      i. Animals should be tied or penned in a manner that will not hurt the animal or restrict its breathing in any way.
      ii. Animals should be tied so that all four feet are firmly on the ground and they have enough room to stand comfortably and lie down.
      iii. Animals should be tied so that they are not able to injure animals tied near them.
      iv. Animals unaccustomed to each other should not be penned together.
   b. **Handling –** Any type of rough handling which could harm the animal is prohibited. The use of whips, canes, and show sticks should be restricted to showing only and then be used only to guide the animals, not punish them. Remember, animals will respond quicker and better to quiet, gentle handling than loud, rough handling.
   c. **Bedding –** All animals should have bedding that is dry and clean. Pens should be cleaned regularly to keep the animals clean and comfortable. If non-traditional bedding such as carpeting is used, it should be regularly cleaned (at least twice daily) to keep the pen free from manure.
   d. **Feeding and Water –** Animals should be well fed and have access to clean water regularly. Realizing that many market animals must have restricted amounts of feed to maintain the proper weight, animals must be fed adequate amounts of feed to meet the animal's basic requirements. Animals not allowed reasonable access to feed and water will be disqualified from the show.
   e. **Transportation –** Animals should be transported in a way that is both safe and considerate of the animal's well-being.
   f. **Blanket/Sweat Collars –** Any type of material such as blankets or sweat collars should be large enough to permit normal body functions such as breathing, eating, drinking or lying down.
   g. **Health –** It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to provide proper health care for their animals through routine inspection and consultation with health care professionals. The improper or illegal use of drugs or antibiotics is prohibited. If medication is indicated, be sure to follow the label directions and allow more than the stated withdrawal time.

Reasonable care will be taken to protect all animals on display from all injury or damage, but the fair is not, in any way, to be held responsible for accidents, loss or damage by water, fire, theft, or otherwise, whatever may be the cause or extent of the damage or loss.