

# Fair Rules & Regulations

1. Exhibitors, their family and visitors to the Fair MUST follow the guidelines set out by the Center for Disease Control, State of Michigan, MDHHS, St. Clair County Health Department, or the Fair.
2. No smoking in Goodells County Park.
3. All spectators and fair participants must wear shoes in Goodells County Park at all times.
4. All exhibitors should carry some type of liability and hospitalization insurance.
5. The Fair Board carries a general insurance policy for the fair. Exhibitors and spectators are largely responsible for their projects and self while at the fair. In the event of a problem, report to the fair office immediately and fill out an Incident Report Form.
6. Designated security agencies will enforce rules.
7. All fair superintendents have the right to dismiss any exhibitor if he/she becomes a hazard to himself/herself or other exhibitors.
8. Exhibitors not following rules may be denied participation in next year's fair.
9. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs allowed in Goodells County Park or campgrounds.
10. No unauthorized solicitation in Goodells County Park.
11. No motorized vehicles, bicycles, scooters, skate boards or roller blades allowed in Goodells County Park or campgrounds.
12. No parking around barns. All deliveries to barns must be made between 11 p.m. and 9 a.m. each day. No vehicles allowed behind barns between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. Move your vehicle to parking lot after unloading.
13. No unauthorized vehicles in Goodells County Park/campgrounds.
14. In the event of inclement weather, seek shelter at the designated areas on the park map or seek shelter outside of Goodells County Park.
15. No coffee makers/pots, microwaves, crock pots or electric kitchen appliances are to be plugged in or maintained in any barns or area surrounding barns.
16. No dogs or any other animals not affiliated with the fair allowed in the county park (including campgrounds).
17. No animals in the spectator area.
18. All animals to be tied properly. All dogs must be on a leash for dog show and pet parade.
- 19.2. Still Exhibits released from barn at a time designated. Any exhibits not picked up during that designated time will be transferred to the Fair Office to be picked up by exhibitor at a time to be determined. The Fair is not responsible for the condition of projects not picked up during the designated pickup time.
21. Rules found in the Fair Book take precedence over any previous publications prior to May 1 of the current year.
22. Eligibility: To participate as a youth, exhibitors must have reached their eighth birthday as of January 1 of the current year; upper age limit is exhibitors who have reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday by January 1 of the current year. Fair age will be determined as of January 1 of the current year.  
if you were born in (age as of January 1):  
2017 you are 8 years old  
2016 you are 9 years old  
2015 you are 10 years old  
2014 you are 11 years old  
2013 you are 12 years old  
2012 you are 13 years old  
2011 you are 14 years old  
2010 you are 15 years old  
2009 you are 16 years old  
2008 you are 17 years old  
2007 you are 18 years old  
2006 you are 19 years old.
- Clover Sprout age is determined as of January 1 of the current year. If you were born (age as of Jan 1) in:  
2020 you are 5 years old  
2019 you are 6 years old  
2018 you are 7 years old
22. Each exhibitor must register online, complete online the Livestock Drug Form, Livestock Care Agreement, and any online Pre-Entry forms by July 1. Online entries are free and completion of that process will satisfy all requirements to submit a paper entry form and pre-entry forms in project areas. For project record books, please refer to individual project areas, along with the Livestock Rules & Regulations. The fair entry program is called ShoWorks. This entry is separate from enrolling in 4-H.
23. Exhibitors will be provided with exhibit tags.
24. Any livestock or still exhibit project that is not pre-registered may not be allowed to show. If allowed to show, failure to pre-register and/or fill out the online entries by the deadline will result in premiums not being paid and exhibit not being eligible for a championship.
25. Exhibits leaving before release time will forfeit all premiums.
26. The Society cannot be held responsible for mistakes in this book or on the website, social media, and we reserve the right to make corrections where and when they appear.

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27. Each exhibitor will assume all risk in taking their exhibit to the fair. If exhibits are brought in before exhibit time, you must properly label your exhibit and leave in proper exhibit area. Every article or animal upon the grounds will be under control of the Society. While the Society provides precautionary measures for the protection of all exhibits and articles brought upon the grounds, it will not be responsible for loss, theft, injury or damage by fire, lightning, wind or any other act to such animal or article on exhibition or display, and upon which condition all entries are accepted.
28. Exhibitors participating in the St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair may not show the same species/still exhibit at any other county fair in a 4-H/youth exhibition during the current year.
29. The St. Clair County Agricultural Society leases Goodells County Park to hold the St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair. This is a private event, and people exhibiting and attending the fair are the guests of St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair. Individuals, organizations, groups are prohibited from unauthorized solicitations, distribution of leaflets, literature, political signs, picketing, demonstrations, petition signing, parades. Any violations will result in a permanent removal of the person(s) participating and all associated materials.
30. Exhibitors who are unable to attend their still exhibit project judging are to make sure their project is checked in with the project superintendent at the time of judging by a family member and/or fellow exhibitor. Exhibitors are to include a one-page, legible explanation of their project, how the project was constructed and a brief explanation why the exhibitor was unable to complete the project interview. Projects will be judged but may be discounted due to no interview.

## **Ribbon Guidelines**

Each exhibit will receive a rating ribbon, A, B or C. Grand and reserve ribbons awarded in all project areas, if warranted. Grand Champion, Reserve Champion and Honorable Mention ribbons can only be awarded to A-rated exhibits. Exhibits are ineligible for any championship class/award in the project area in which a deadline was missed.

## **Premiums**

1. Premiums will be mailed to exhibitors after the fair. Exhibitors will be paid on the basis of their A & B rating ribbons. An exhibitor can enter an unlimited number of classes in most divisions unless otherwise noted. However, the exhibitor will receive premium money only on the top three ratings in each project area and will be paid only once in each class. Funds to pay premiums come from the St. Clair County Agricultural Society and payment may be subject to fair receipts and may be prorated or not paid due to negative revenue.
2. Persons not completing online entries will not receive premiums. Premiums are not paid for Honorable Mention or championship classes. Online entries are due July 1.
3. Premium check discrepancies must be settled with the Society within 60 days of the date checks are issued.
4. The Society reserves the final and absolute right to mind all matters, questions or differences. It further reserves the right to amend or add to these rules, modify classes, cancel classes or restructure fair.
5. Premium/livestock checks lost or not cashed within 90 days will be re-issued, upon verification the check has been uncashed, if the following conditions are met:
  - a. Lost checks, exhibitor must pay a Stop Payment bank fee for new check to be re-issued.
  - b. Uncashed checks must be mailed to the S.C.C.A.S., P.O. Box 325, Marysville 48040. Upon receipt, a new check will be re-issued and mailed to exhibitor.
  - c. Checks that are not cashed within one year are forfeited to the St. Clair County Agricultural Society.
6. Premium check/livestock check are the property of the exhibitor and will be made payable to the exhibitor and released to the exhibitor or the exhibitor's authorized representative.

## **Trophy Guidelines**

Trophies will be awarded at the judge's discretion. All trophies and awards must be sanctioned by the St. Clair County Agricultural Society. The Society reserves the right to modify, revoke and/all awards, if deemed necessary.