

+GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Open class exhibits, except Quilts, will be accepted **Monday, August 7th, from Noon to 7:00 p.m.** Quilts should be entered on **Sunday, August 6th, from 3-6 p.m.** Stock and articles must be entered in the name of the bona fide owners, and grain, vegetable, fruit, dairy products and domestic manufactures must have been raised or made by the exhibitors there of during the year since the last county fair. **Entries from Minnesota residents only.**

Every article in competition must correspond in number and description with the premium list and be in its proper class, in order to obtain premiums. No change or alteration will be permitted after the books are placed in the hands of the judges. No exhibitor shall be allowed to make more than one entry in any one lot, except where department conditions differ, and all members of the same family shall constitute a single exhibitor except in junior or 4H classes.

No entry can be shown in more than one class.

Entry tags must be attached to the entry when it is being judged. Each entry tag shall be securely attached to the entry the individual lots of grains, field seed, fruits and forage shall not be permitted to appear again as parts of a collection.

No articles or animal shall compete for more than one premium except livestock competing in teams or groups. This rule shall not debar sweepstakes or special premium competition for which no entry is required.

No animal or article will be assigned a place on the grounds until entry shall have been made.

All open class entries are to remain on exhibition until **Sunday, August 13th, with release from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Any exhibitor who removes an exhibit prior to time stated on the last day of the fair will thereby forfeit any premium earned on said exhibit. At the discretion of the superintendent, future exhibition may be prohibited.

Grain and field seed shall be shown in clean bags, dishes, or baskets and unless otherwise designated, shall consist of one peck by measure, in standard receptacles.

Ample accommodations will be provided for all collections. No collection shall be allowed space, which is not neatly arranged and fully labeled. A duplication of varieties in any collection shall disqualify the collection from prize money. Standard varieties will be given preference.

Those in charge of different divisions shall conveniently group each lot in the various classes.

Ribbons or cards shall be designating the awards or entries as follows: First premiums blue; second red; third white; sweepstakes purple. No sweepstakes will be awarded unless there is competition.

All awards shall be made by comparison of the individual merits of the entries.

Any interference by exhibitors to influence or dictate the decision of the judges will be sufficient cause for excluding his or her entry from the competition, and shall be reported to the secretary through the superintendent of the division.

No appeal of the decision of the awards committee shall be allowed. An exhibitor may make protest to the superintendent of the division at the time of the award who may then require the judges to give reasons for such placing.

Premiums will not be awarded on articles or animals of inferior merit regardless of the number in competition for a premium. The judge may award no premium, second or first premium as merit may warrant, stating the reason in writing when requested.

Where a sum of premium money is to be paid out pro rata, the apportionment shall be according to the merits of individual exhibits. Special premiums may be offered by interested persons for entries that conform to the general classification of the fair and the association.

If the receipts prove insufficient to meet all demands, the society reserves the rights to first pay all bona fide expenses of the fair and pay premiums with the balance on hand.

Premium checks shall be called for at the division superintendent's office the last day of the fair. If an error has been made such error could be corrected then while the entry is still in place at the fair.

All checks not cashed before October 1 shall be forfeited to the society.

No persons will be permitted to distribute advertising material on the grounds except from their place of business or exhibit. The tacking or posting of any advertisements, bills, cards, etc., other than within the space occupied by exhibitors is strictly prohibited. The distribution of handbills, flyers, heralds, etc., will not under any circumstances be permitted. Anyone violating this rule will be liable to fine or expulsion from the grounds as the board may elect.

Any person or group that conducts a protest action must limit its activity in the location designated by the Fair Board. No entrances or exits can be obstructed or limited in any way. The designated location is the southwest corner of the fairgrounds.

The management will consider it a kindness if persons will report any mistreatment or extortion practices by any employee of the fair or concessionaire. Please use personal caution.

The fair board also asks for immediate information regarding any questionable or demoralizing activity. Do not wait until the fair is over to make complaint; report immediately.

The fair board reserves the right to move or remove any exhibits or displays deemed in poor taste for public display.

It is required that no loud speaker system be set up and operated by space exhibitors thereby causing a hardship on other parties showing their goods and wares. Any speaker systems found to be interfering with the rights of others will be ordered turned down or off by the management.

The Goodhue County Agricultural Society and Mechanics Institute will not assume any responsibility for disease, sickness, injury, loss, or damage to exhibits contracted during the Fair.

It is the aim of the management to have a moral, clean fair, which will command the support of the entire community.

The fair reserves the right to amend or add to these rules if in judgment it may deem available.