

1. **Interpretation of rules.** The Fair Committee reserves the right to interpret all Rules & Regulations and resolve situations which may arise and is not restricted by the lack of a rule or regulation.
2. **Safety precautions.** Reasonable precautions will be taken for the safety of people and animals while on the Fairground's property. Loudoun Fair & Associates, the Fair Committee, their members and volunteers shall not be responsible for injury to any person or animal.
3. **Exhibitor's age and qualifications.** All exhibitors in youth classes must be registered members of the Loudoun County 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA. Exhibitors must be 9 as of September 30<sup>th</sup> of the current fair year and eligibility of membership for 4-H terminates December 31 of the year the member has his/her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday. Youth ages 5-8 by September of the fair year may exhibit in special non-competitive Cloverbud classes or in open classes. Youth are considered by their age as of September 30<sup>th</sup> of the current fair year. Junior youth are 13 and under, senior youth are 14-19.
4. **Exhibitors with special needs.** Any exhibitor wishing to participate at the fair that has special needs must notify the Fair Committee in writing of such special needs no later than 45 days prior to the opening of the fair. This is to allow reasonable accommodations to be made on a case by case basis.
5. **Pets.** No pets are allowed except for participants in the Open Pet Show. All participating pets for the pet show must be on leash, confined to a cage or otherwise restrained. **Absolutely no pets in barns.** All pets must be kept completely out of all livestock barns. No animal or pet shall be allowed to run at large on the grounds. Violators of this rule and their pet(s) will be removed immediately from the fairgrounds. Pets participating in the Open Pet Show are to arrive no earlier than 1 hour prior to start of show and must leave within 1 hour after completion of Open Pet Show. Pet owners are responsible for picking up all manure after such pet. The only exception to this rule is for assistance dogs for disabled and/or handicapped individuals.
6. **Exhibit qualifications.** Exhibits shall be the work of the exhibitor.
7. **Exhibitor's risks of damage or loss.** The exhibitor assumes all risks of damage or loss, either to person or property, for all and every cause whatsoever, including fire, the elements, violation of the law, negligence either on the part of the Loudoun County Fair, Loudoun Fair and Associates, Inc., its officers, employers, other person or persons. It is further expressly understood and agreed between the exhibitor and the fair management that the Loudoun County Fair and/or Loudoun Fair and Associates, Inc. incurs no liability or obligation to the exhibitors, other than to permit the exhibitor to use the grounds and/or buildings for exhibits. All exhibits must be removed from the fairgrounds within 24 hours of fair closing. Loudoun Fair Committee reserves the right to dispose of exhibits left on the fairgrounds beyond 24 hours of fair closing.

8. **Absolutely NO alcoholic beverages will be permitted on the fairgrounds.** Courteous and considerate conduct is expected at all times during the fair. Fair Management reserves the right to remove violator(s) from the fairgrounds for the remainder of the day or week, and violator(s) will not be allowed to exhibit at the fair. Consumption of alcoholic beverage is not allowed. Any persons found to have in possession, and/or consuming alcoholic beverages will have beverages confiscated, and could face criminal charges if the situation is determined to warrant the filing of criminal charges.
9. **Illegal drugs and misuse of controlled substances.** Any persons found to have in possession, and/or consuming any illegal drugs or misusing any substance will face criminal charges. Violation of this rule will result in the disqualification of the violator(s) from all activities and competitions of the Fair. Offending violator(s) will be removed immediately from fairground property for the remainder of the fair.
10. **Smoking.** NO SMOKING is allowed in any barns or buildings of the fairgrounds at any time. Violator(s) will be notified only once during the fair and removed upon second offense from the fairgrounds for the remainder of the fair. Any minor person(s) found to have in possession, and/or smoking tobacco will have items confiscated, and could face criminal charges if the situation is determined to warrant the filing of criminal charges.
11. **Show Pavilion users.** Each user of the show pavilion, as well as persons responsible for special entertainment, and all other users of the pavilion shall be responsible for cleaning the stage, bleachers, and show ring at the conclusion of their scheduled activity or event. This rule will be strictly enforced by the Fair Superintendent.
12. **Parking restrictions.** All parking is to be in designated parking area only. Vehicles in “NO PARKING” areas will be towed at the owner’s expense. . Vehicles not properly marked by handicap plates or placard and are parked in the “HANDICAP PARKING” area will be towed at the owner’s expense and fined. For loading and unloading purposes only, exhibitor and vendor vehicles will be permitted on the fairgrounds between 5AM and 9AM. Any vehicles not moved to designated parking lots by 9AM will be subject to towing at the owner’s expense.
13. **Entry times to Fairgrounds.** No one will be allowed to enter or leave the fairgrounds between 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m. except in the case of an emergency. Only exhibitors having animals at the fair may stay overnight if they are signed in on the sign-in sheet with the Superintendent of Agriculture by 8:00 p.m. each night and a registered adult volunteer leader of each gender is present. Exhibitors staying overnight must be in the barns by 11:00 p.m. Exhibitors must sleep in the barn where their animals are housed or in other designated areas approved by the Adult Superintendent of Agricultural. Parent or guardians of exhibitors will be notified to pick up exhibitors breaking this rule at any time.

14. **Judges decisions.** In all cases, the decision of the judges is final.
15. **All exhibits entered in the fair.** All exhibits entered in the fair must remain on the fairgrounds until the official release time as designated by Fair Management, with the only exceptions being animals shipped out by the Livestock Sales Committee and any animals sent home by the veterinarian for health reasons. All exhibitors requiring early release of their exhibit must notify the Superintendent of Agriculture for approval by July 18th of the Fair year. Superintendent of Agriculture will notify club leader(s) prior to beginning of fair of early release decision. Failure to abide by this rule will result in a \$300 fine.
16. **Lights in barn.** A light must stay on in each barn all night, each night of the fair.
17. **Responsibility of all livestock exhibitors.** All livestock exhibitors are responsible for compliance with the General Rules and Regulations, Rules for All Animal Projects, and general livestock rules specified to their projects. . The Fair Committee will stand behind and enforce all applicable rules and regulations.
18. **Mandatory meeting for all livestock exhibitors.** Each livestock exhibitor AND one of their parents will be required to attend a pre-Fair meeting with the Fair Superintendent to review policies, rules and expectations of youth and adults during Fair Week. *If a family does not comply with this rule, the exhibitor will not be permitted to exhibit/show.*
19. **All Water Hoses.** To prevent excess water usage and creation of muddy holes on grounds all hoses must have nozzles to prevent excess water waste. No automatic livestock watering devices shall be attached to hoses connected to the fairgrounds water supply system.
20. **Refuse and recycling containers.** Refuse and recycling containers will be placed conveniently for the use of exhibitors, concessionaires and the public.
21. **Exhibitors and concessionaires booths.** Food booths and refreshment stands, will be neat in appearance, and supply clean, wholesome food at reasonable charges. Food booths must have a food service license, available through the Loudoun County Health Department in Leesburg, prior to the Fair. Exhibitors and concessionaires must prepare, decorate, and maintain their own booths and stands. The Fair Committee cannot provide either materials or labor for the preparing or the decorating of booths or stands.
22. **Gambling** No license will be granted to any gambling device or any immoral show or exhibition. Any concessionaire who violates any law of the State of Virginia or any regulation of the fair shall forfeit his license and his booth will be closed. No part of the money paid for fair entry/exhibition will be returned.
23. **Reporting Violations.** Violations of any General fair rule(s) need to be made in writing and presented to the Fair Superintendent within 3 hours of such violation.

24. **Golf carts, ATVs and similar vehicles.** Golf carts, ATVs and similar vehicles of conveyances shall be limited to fair personnel and staff. There shall be no public use of said vehicles on the fairgrounds. Disabled persons with motorized wheelchairs will be the only exception to this rule.
25. **Children and fair related displays.** Children will not be permitted to sit or stand on unattended motorized vehicles, or fair related displays, equipment and vehicles. Staff and other personnel authorized to use golf carts or ATVs will be subject to sanctions if this rule is violated.
26. **Right to amend the General Rules.** Loudoun Fair Committee has the right to amend the General Rules and Regulations of the Loudoun Fair at any time.
27. **Violators.** Violators on any of the above rules or any other rules pertaining to the current year's fair may be denied any or all premium money and/or the ability to show at future fairs. The Grievance Committee will make the final decision.
28. **The Fair Committee's Grievance Committee** will consist of the current Fair Superintendent, the Agricultural Superintendent, the respective Club Leader, and at least one of the following persons: a Youth Fair Committee Representative, an adult Fair Committee Member impartial to the specific grievance, or a member of the 4H Extension Staff. The Grievance Committee will be assembled and chaired by the Fair Superintendent.
29. **Filing a Grievance.** Grievances should first be addressed to and by club leaders prior to being filed with Fair Committee's Grievance Committee. A grievance cannot be filed on a result of a settlement of a previous grievance. Grievances occurring prior to the opening of fair must be submitted in writing to the Fair Superintendent before the opening of the fair. Any grievances occurring during the fair must be submitted to the Fair Superintendent, in writing, by the end of the fair for immediate consideration.
30. **No Advertising.** Distribution or display of any unauthorized literature, advertising or political flyers is prohibited on all areas of the fairgrounds, including parking areas.
31. **Non-Compliance.** Failure to comply with rules and regulations applicable to the Fair may subject the exhibitor/vendor and their exhibit(s) or display(s) to removal from the fairgrounds upon determination by the Fair Superintendent and Agricultural Superintendent. Normally one warning of non-compliance will be issued prior to dismissal, (except in the case of egregious offences in which case the exhibitor/vendor may be requested to remove their exhibit and leave the fairgrounds immediately). Permission to return to the Fairgrounds will be at the discretion of the Fair Superintendent.

**POLICY STATEMENT IN REFERENCE TO DISABLED PERSONS**

1. **Handicapped parking.** Handicapped parking shall be available on the fairgrounds at clearly marked spaces, which shall be located as close as practical to the area of activities relative to the function held.
2. **Motorized wheelchairs.** All motorized wheelchairs will be accepted and permitted on the fairgrounds proper, except where imminent risk of injury is apparent.
3. **Request for assistance.** Upon request for assistance by a disabled person for access to activities, if reasonably possible, authorized personnel will assist.
4. **Public policy.** The restriction referencing golf carts, ATVs and similar vehicles is placed in our policy due to congestion which occurs in the traffic area of the fairgrounds and is intended for protection of the public and public safety and is not in any manner discriminatory nor intended to be discriminatory against any person suffering physical or mental disabilities.

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