

Iroquois County Agricultural & 4-H Club Fair

Open & Junior Class General Project Rules

1. These rules apply to all classes in the Open & Junior General Projects Departments. Please read and follow these rules
2. Open class entries are open to the world. Junior Entries are limited exclusively to Illinois residents. Junior Class entries are open to boys and girls who are 8 years of age or in third grade and not yet 21 years of age on or before September 1 of the year prior to the fair.
3. All non-exhibitors age 6 and older must pay daily admission (\$5.00) or have a season pass (\$17.00) to enter the fairgrounds.
4. The interpretation of all rules governing the Open & Junior Fairs shall rest entirely with the Fair Association and their decisions shall be final.
5. No Alcoholic beverages allowed on the fairgrounds. Possession or use of intoxicating beverages for livestock and/or human consumption is strictly prohibited on the fairgrounds.
6. Unsportsmanlike conduct, abusive language, possession of, or partaking in consumption of alcoholic beverages, fighting, or inappropriate behavior as deemed by the Superintendent and Fair Board Officials will be grounds for dismissal from the fairgrounds and forfeiture of any premiums.
7. No concealed firearms will be allowed on the fairgrounds.
8. No dogs will be allowed on the fairgrounds except for the 4-H Dog Show and those must be on a leash.

Entries

9. Each exhibitor must purchase an exhibitor pass (\$15.00) or senior exhibitor pass (\$10.00) at the time of making entries, a firm being treated as an exhibitor. Only one member of the firm will be admitted to the grounds on this ticket, which entitles their firm to compete or exhibit. 4-H members are given a free pass and may not purchase an exhibitor pass.
10. Make entries legible, using entry blanks and supplying all information requested. Exhibitors are requested to submit their entries as early as possible as this will save office work and will be to the advantage of both the exhibitor and association. Social Security Numbers are required on all entries. No exceptions.
11. No exhibitor will be permitted to make more than two entries in any one class which is considered as one premium number. All youth exhibitors that exhibit in the Open Class Building must have separate exhibits for each show.
12. A charge of \$40.00 will be made for all checks returned for Not Sufficient Funds.

Exhibits

13. When bringing exhibits to the fair, report to the superintendent in charge of the department in which you have entered. Be sure that your entries are properly made. Attach your entry tag to your exhibit. Please be sure to complete your entry tags with your name, town, and description on them. Remove the claim stub before bringing to the fair. You will need it when checking out articles on Sunday.
14. Judges will be instructed to disqualify all exhibits that do not conform to specifications of the schedule.
15. ALL exhibitors are strongly encouraged to sign up to help watch the Open Building during fair week. Sign-up sheets will be available when you bring in your entries. This is for protection of your exhibits.
16. No article may be exhibited that has won a premium at a previous Iroquois County Fair.

17. Superintendents of each department shall arrange and supervise all exhibits within their department.
18. All superintendents in each department shall have the right and responsibility to settle any controversy which may arise in their department. **Superintendents cannot make changes to the fair book.**
19. Superintendents shall record winners, affix ribbons, and be responsible for returning appropriate information to the Fair Office for payment of premiums.
20. The Superintendents will assure that award books are returned to the Fair Office properly certified by the judge and superintendent of the Department as soon as the awards are concluded. Superintendents and Judges affidavits must be signed and notarized before payment of premiums. Payments of premiums can be authorized only upon entries contained in the judge's book therein.
21. No one shall be allowed in the show area while the exhibit is being judged. Any exhibitor attempting to interfere with judges during their judging will be promptly excluded from competition.
22. The decision of the judges will be final, and no appeal will be considered. Exhibitors may be barred from competition for trying to influence or finding fault with the judges' decision.
23. **PROTEST:** Any exhibitor lodging a protest must first deposit \$25.00 with the Secretary, which sum will be forfeited to the Iroquois County Agricultural and 4-H Club Fair Association if the protest is not sustained. All protests must be made in writing, signed by the protester, and be lodged within six (6) hours after showing.
24. Neither the Secretary or any officer of the Fair shall disclose to competitors, or any other person, what entries have been made, nor shall any other person, other than the Secretary and officers of the Fair, be allowed to know what other entries have been made before entries close.
25. Exhibitors display their exhibits at their own risk.
26. Sponsors of the show will take every precaution to prevent injury or sickness to exhibitors occurring in connection with the show.
27. While every precaution will be taken by the management to avoid thefts and accidents, the Fair Association cannot and will not be responsible for accidents or damage to exhibitors or anyone in attendance. In no case shall the Iroquois County Fair or any of its officers or directors be held responsible in damages for any loss, damage injury, or disability by disease or from the theft of from any other cause to such property, or to any person coming upon said fairgrounds, while said person or property are on the Iroquois County Fairgrounds.
28. The Iroquois County Fair Association hereby refuses to assume responsibility for the safety as bailee or otherwise, of any property brought upon said fairgrounds—said property being brought upon and kept upon said grounds at the owner's risk.
29. The Iroquois County Agricultural & 4-H Club Fair Association refuses to assume responsibility for injuries to the person of any exhibitor or their officers and employees or to any patron or other person coming upon the fairgrounds, but no claim for injury to any person or property shall be asserted or suit instituted or maintained against the Iroquois County Fair, its officers, agents, representatives or contractual representatives from said cause by any person having license or privilege to exhibit on the fairgrounds or occupying any space thereon, and it is part of the consideration for such license or privilege that such claims for damages are specifically waived.

Premiums

30. Premiums will be paid out at the pay windows as soon as they are ready. Announcements will be made via the PA system as to when Pay Windows will open. Tentative Pay window hours are noon to 7:00 pm.
31. The Iroquois County Fair intends to award all prizes and premiums listed within the premium book.
32. Payments for premiums are based on the continued funding from the Illinois Department of Agriculture's premium fund for agricultural fairs. The Iroquois County Fair reserves the right to amend premiums and prizes based upon support from this fund.
33. The Treasurer of the Iroquois County Fair Association reserves the right to cancel or stop payment on any check issued by them if not cashed within 60 days after the date of issuance.
34. All premiums will be paid in full, if receipts warrant it, on or before October 1 following the closing of the fair. Premiums will not be paid for any event not held.