

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

**MAILED ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED
ON OR BEFORE JULY 31, 2010.**

**HAND DELIVERED ENTRIES MUST BE IN
THE ALTAMONT FAIR ENTRY OFFICE BY
JULY 31, 2010 5 P.M.**

**ONLINE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED
UNTIL MIDNIGHT AUGUST 7, 2010.**

**NO ENTRY FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED
AFTER THE DATE AND TIME INDICATED
EXCEPT FOR SPECIFIC DEPARTMENTS AS
INDICATED.**

EXHIBITS AND EXHIBITORS

1. Any exhibitor who makes, or causes to be made, any false statement in regard to any animal or articles exhibited, who attempts to interfere with the judges in the performance of their duties or who solicits other exhibitors not to exhibit against him/her will forfeit all claims to premiums.
2. Exhibitors will not be allowed to sell goods during the Fair unless they have a written agreement with the Fair to do so.
3. No immoral or lewd exhibition or gambling or games of chance will be allowed on the grounds. The New York State Police will rigidly enforce this rule.
4. No animals or articles on exhibition may be removed until 9 PM. Sunday, August 22, 2010 unless stated otherwise. **Any violation will automatically forfeit premium money.**
5. Notify the Entry Office of any change of address.
6. The Board of Directors of the Albany, Schenectady, Greene County Agricultural and Historical Societies, Inc. and the New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs, Inc. has adopted the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) National Code of Show Ring Ethics (p 6). Livestock superintendents, judges and exhibitors should become familiar with this document. **Any violation will automatically forfeit premium money.**
7. Any horse or pony exhibitor who fails to clean out his/her stall prior to leaving the Fairgrounds will **automatically forfeit premium money.**
8. There is a **no vehicle rule** in effect. No vehicles will be allowed inside the Fairgrounds after 9:30 a.m. each day of the Fair for the purpose of loading or unloading, delivery of merchandise, bedding, articles of food, soft drinks or service, or the solicitation of business and orders from concessionaires, exhibitors and others without specific credentials to do so. This rule does not apply to emergency vehicles.

9. The Fair will provide an **initial** supply of bedding and shavings to cattle and horse exhibitors, including 4-H. If more is needed, exhibitors may bring their own or purchase it from a vendor on the grounds.
10. Vendors who have rented space by payment or through public service must adhere to the rules provided with their contracts.
11. The sale or distribution of any merchandise, including printed or written material, is prohibited unless the vendor has a contract to do so from the Fair. If so, it can only be done from the specific location mentioned on his/her contract with the Fair.
12. All golf carts, all-terrain vehicles and scooters must be registered with the Fair Office, and a permit must be prominently displayed on the vehicle. **Only licensed drivers are allowed to operate these vehicles.** The Fair's regulations concerning the safe operation of these vehicles must be observed. Violations may result in the removal of the vehicle from the Fairgrounds.
13. **There will be a designated area for the parking of all livestock trailers. You will not be able to park them anywhere on the hill nor along the fence line by the barns.**

STALL RESERVATIONS EXHIBITORS: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

NOTE: FRIDAY STALL RESERVATIONS ARE NO LONGER FREE OF CHARGE. A \$15.00 FEE IS DUE FOR ANY PART OF A FRIDAY RESERVATION.

1. Reservations for horse stalls and tack stalls must be made in advance by emailing rose.norkus@altamontfair.com or calling Rose Norkus at 887-2489. Tack stalls must be rented for the entire 6 days at \$90 for the week. All stall reservations will now be assigned, subject to availability, based on the order in which the calls are received. There will be no exceptions. (Do not assume that you will automatically have a stall this year if you had one last year.)
2. The rental rate for all stalls is \$15 per day (or any part thereof) per horse. Full payment must be received at the Fair Office on or before August 11, 2010, and can be mailed to Altamont Fair, Attn. Rose Norkus, PO Box 506, Altamont, NY 12009. If payment has not been received by that date, your reservation will be cancelled, and the stall will be given to the next person on the waiting list.
3. You will be given a receipt for your payment, which will be your stall authorization. Payment must be in cash or check only. Make checks payable to the Altamont Fair. You will not be able to occupy a stall unless a receipt from the Fair has been provided and can be produced if requested.
4. There will be a \$5 per horse per day grounds fee for all horses that have not reserved a stall. The Fair Office will provide the Show Secretary with the names of those exhibitors who have paid for

stalls. All others will be charged the grounds fee. This money will be collected by the Show Secretary along with the entry fee and forwarded to the Fair Office.

5. All stall renters are required to clean out their stalls. Please move the manure and bedding to directly in front of the stall to allow for easier pick-up by Fair staff. **Premium checks will be held if stalls are not cleaned-out by the stall renter and a reservation will not be accepted for next year.**
6. **ATTENTION HORSE AND PONY EXHIBITORS: Mounted horses will not be allowed in any walkway. To move your horse from its stall to the show area you must lead your horse to the track area and mount after you have entered the area designated for horses and horse exhibitors. Grooming, tacking, etc., must be done in your stall or in the designated area for horses and horse exhibitors only.**

ENTRIES

1. Exhibitors must acquaint themselves with the department list and General Rules and Regulations and be sure in which section and class their entries belong.
2. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure that his/her entry form(s) is complete and includes the following information:
 - Name and Address of Exhibitor
 - Department
 - Class
 - Lot
 - Name of Article or Animal
 - Amount of First Premium or Entry Fee
 - Number of Animals
3. **NOTE: Do not mix Departments on an entry form. One entry form per department entered.**
4. Please refer to each department you are entering for the cost of entry fees. Use the entry form attached to each Department description.
5. All entry form(s) must contain the exhibitor's Social Security number.
6. For Department that utilize tags, exhibitors are requested to examine their tags at the time they are received. Any claim of error must be made at this time to your superintendent or not at all.
7. Articles entered incorrectly or in wrong class/lot will be barred from competition.
8. The Societies will not be responsible for errors made by exhibitors on their entry form(s).
9. **Exhibitors tags and passes must be picked up at the Entry Office.**
10. The Societies reserve the right to reject any entry in any department.
11. Grain, fruit, flowers, vegetables, dairy products and articles competing for premiums must have been raised or made by exhibitor.
12. Absolutely no refunds after entry closing date.

JUDGES

1. Judges are selected, as far as possible, who do not reside in Albany, Schenectady or Greene Counties.
2. No judge shall be interested, either personally or as an agent or employee, in any animal or article which he or she is to judge.
3. Judging schedules are posted in each department.
4. Judges will in no case award a prize where there is no merit, regardless of competition.
5. Judges must exclude from competition any person who in any way, whether in person or by his agents or servants, interferes with them during their adjudication, shows any disrespect to them or violates any rule or regulation of the Societies.
6. Judges shall observe all the rules governing the exhibits and in the absence of a regulation or when in doubt as to the application of the rule, may call upon the Superintendent of the Department for written instructions on the point involved, which shall be attached to the award rendered under the decision and with it returned to the Secretary.
7. Judges shall in no case change the order of classes printed in the premium list and on the judge's sheet.
8. Judges shall not move exhibits except as specifically permitted in certain weight, class and color lots.
9. Any classes not provided for in the premium list shall not be added or awarded a prize without permission of the Societies.
10. The Societies cannot be held responsible for failure of judges to report premiums awarded.
11. The awards made by the judges must be entered in the judge's book, signed by them and attested to by the Department Superintendent.

PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

1. Premiums will be paid strictly upon the report as shown on the judge's sheet. This record will stand as official.
2. Premiums will be paid by an Altamont Fair's Treasurer's check as soon as possible.
3. Checks should be cashed within ten (10) days of receipt and no later than ninety (90) days of issue. **Unclaimed premium monies will be forfeited (no exceptions).**
4. All animals or articles under examination will be shown to the judges under the supervision of the Superintendents. The premiums, when announced, may be designated by:

First	Blue
Second	Red
Third	Yellow
Fourth	White
Fifth	Pink
Sixth	Green

SUPERINTENDENTS

1. The Superintendent will direct the arrangement of all articles or animals on exhibition in his/her department judged. The Superintendent will only allow show personnel, judges and exhibitors in the show ring when exhibits are being judged.
2. Each Superintendent is charged with caring for and returning the judging result sheets of his or her department to the Entry Office. The awards of each article must be duly and properly entered therein, and each sheet must be signed by the Superintendent and the judge who made the award. Premiums cannot be paid unless this is done.
3. The Superintendent must check on the exhibits competing for premiums in each class and lot and see that the entry book shows which articles were exhibited in each class, as well as which were awarded premiums.
4. After all entries are recorded; the Superintendents will have charge of the ringside sheets. The judge must not have access to these sheets until after the awards are made. The judge should verify the entry numbers receiving the awards before affixing his or her signature.
5. Superintendents shall see that automobiles, trucks, tractors and trailers admitted to the grounds are confined to the parking places assigned, that exhibitors keep all space allotted to them in neat and clean condition and that stalls containing livestock and the approaches and walks adjacent thereto are kept as required by regulations.
6. Superintendents will not release livestock except in accordance with rules published in this premium book.
7. **IMPORTANT: Superintendents of livestock exhibits must adhere to basic safety rules. These rules include, but are not limited to, calling a halt to the competition should any incident occur that compromises the safety of any spectator or participant; any indication that an animal is in distress; any indication that an exhibitor is in distress; and, any indication that the exhibitor does not have complete control of the animal being exhibited.**

PROTECTION OF EXHIBITS

1. The Societies furnish a reasonable number of policemen, watchmen and traffic officers. In case of loss or damage of property, please report same to the New York State Police on the grounds. They will provide you with any necessary assistance.
2. The exhibitor agrees to be solely responsible for any loss or injury to or damage done by or arising from any animal, equipment, exhibit or person on exhibition, and to defend and to indemnify the Albany, Schenectady, Greene County Agricultural and Historical Societies, Inc. and the management thereof against all claims and liability in regard thereto.

Entries will be accepted only upon these conditions. In view of the indemnity agreement appearing herein and on entry form(s), exhibitors may find it advisable for their own protection to carry appropriate liability insurance, if they are not already covered.

INTERPRETATIONS, AMENDMENTS AND VIOLATIONS

1. The Fair's management reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations, settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the Fair.
2. The management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules without previous notice as it, in its judgment, may deem advisable.
3. Any person who violates any of the foregoing or special rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums as the management may order.
4. **NOTICE!** Every Possible protection and courtesy will be extended to exhibitors at the Altamont Fair. However, the Societies will not be responsible to any person, individual, corporation or association for any loss by fire, theft, damage or personal injury sustained by anyone through the negligence of any person or group of persons, exhibits or exhibitors.

Attention Exhibitors ADMISSION TICKETS DEPARTMENTS A (PONIES), B (CATTLE), C (SHEEP) AND D (GOATS)

1. \$30.00 or less in entry fees entitles the exhibitor (owner or lessee of animal) one weekly exhibitor pass.
2. For each additional \$30.00 in entry fees the exhibitor receives 1 weekly pass.
3. Exhibitors will be permitted to purchase additional weekly passes as follows:
\$15.00 for exhibitors 4 and older
4. Daily tickets may be purchased at \$5.00 each.
5. ALL additional ticket purchases will be limited to exhibitors and their immediate family.
6. 4-H exhibitors must purchase additional tickets from the 4-H Department.

Attention Exhibitors ADMISSION TICKETS ALL DEPARTMENTS EXCEPT A, B, C, D

1. For every \$10 in entry fees, one free daily exhibitor pass will be issued with a maximum of 12 passes per exhibitor.
2. Exhibitors with entry fees of less than \$10 will be given the privilege of purchasing up to two daily admission tickets for \$5.00 each (total for 2 - \$10.00).
3. **If the exhibitor fails to present the exhibit for judging for which he/she has paid an entry fee, an exhibitor pass will not be issued.**
4. 4-H exhibitors must purchase additional tickets from the 4-H Department.

**TO ALL EXHIBITORS STAYING
ON THE GROUNDS**

1. A Camping Permit must be obtained and displayed on the vehicle as directed in order to stay on the Fairgrounds. Trailers and campers will be assigned a specific spot by Fair personnel.
2. There will be **no camping along Line 1 without the permission of the Director in charge of camping.**
3. Camping fees are as follows:
 - a). Campground space with electric, sewer and water hook-up\$200
 - b). Campground space with electric and water only\$175
 - c.) Livestock Exhibitors\$ 80
4. The NYS Dept. of Health requires that all campers must be 10 feet apart (including awnings).
5. Awnings may be opened only with the approval of the Director in charge of camping.
6. The Altamont Fair Camping Permit must be posted in a clearly visible location in the vehicle.
7. Each sleeping vehicle must have an adult chaperone.
8. Trash cans will be provided and emptied daily.
9. All campers must be removed by noon on Tuesday, August 24. A fee of \$60/day will be charged for late removal.
10. Pumping service will be available for a nominal fee.
11. Under no circumstances will the Fair allow anyone to dump any gray or white water onto the Fairgrounds. If you violate this regulation, you will be subject to a \$500 fine, immediate removal from the Fairgrounds and may not be permitted to camp on the fairgrounds in the future.

LIVESTOCK RELEASE TIME

Exhibitors and truckers should be reminded that the Fair is still open to the public at livestock release time, and extreme care must be taken in moving vehicles on and off the grounds and loading animals.

- Cattle Barn:** Closes at 9 PM. Sunday. Livestock may be removed through gate by north end of Cattle Barn.
- Draft Horse:** Closes at 9 PM Sunday. Exit through Gate 2. Vehicles must be escorted off the fairgrounds.
- Pony Barns:** Close at 9 PM Sunday. Exit through the gate by pony barns. No vehicles will be allowed to enter Fairgrounds.
- Poultry:** Poultry Building may close at 9 PM Sunday. However, no vehicles will be allowed to enter or leave until 10 PM. If you wish to leave earlier, birds may be carried to parking lot by hand
- Sheep & Goat Barn:** Closes at 9 PM Sunday. Livestock must be removed through gate located at south door of barn. Gate 2 may not be used at any time.

RELEASE OF 4-H LIVESTOCK: 4-H livestock will be released beginning at 9 PM. on Sunday. Animals in the Cattle Barn will load from the gate at the north end of the barn. Animals in the Sheep & Goat Barn will load through the gate at the south door of the barn. The Superintendent for each barn will supervise all loading.

2010 Admission Prices

4 and over **\$15.00**

Senior Citizens
Enter free with ID on Wednesday

Grange Members
Enter free with ID on Wednesday

Armed Forces Day
Sunday, August 22
(Active Military & Veterans free with ID)

FREE PARKING EVERY DAY

Call (518) 861-6671 for information, or visit our website
www.altamontfair.com

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Albany County Health Department requires extra care in the housing and handling of off-label vaccinated animals. As a result of this requirement, goats and rabbits will be housed in such a manner as to reduce contact with the public. Exhibitors of goats and rabbits will be expected to cooperate fully with this requirement.

Hand washing is the single most important prevention step for reducing disease transmission. It is recommended that all fairgoers wash their hands with soap and water after going to the toilet, after touching any animal, before eating and before preparing foods. Hand washing stations are located outside of every animal barn and outside the petting zoo for your convenience.