

## OPEN CLASS

**Please note that Open Class entries, other than animals, will be accepted at the side door of the youth building this year!**

Open class is for youth and adult exhibitors. However, youth are encouraged to enter their projects, which they created while enrolled in an educational youth organization, into Junior Fair. If they enter projects in open class, they will be judged against exhibitors of any age. They also need to understand that judging in Open class is different than in Junior class, in that there are only four placings in any given lot even if more than four items are entered in the lot, whereas in Junior class all items will get a placing, (if not otherwise disqualified for some reason), even if more than four items are entered in the lot.

For Open Class:

- All exhibits must be the result of the labor of the person exhibiting.
- No items which have been judged previously at the Head of the Lakes Fair may be entered again.
- All open class fair entries are judged using the American System.
- No exhibits shall be paid more than one premium under any one lot number.
- No premiums are awarded to specimens or exhibits deemed not worthy by the judges.
- Small items may be packaged in zippered bags.
- Be sure to check the specific instructions under each department for further requirements.
- "Any other article or exhibit" cannot be a duplicate of another lot number. It can only be an exhibit that does not fit in any other lot number.
- In classes where the number of entries is three or less, the judge shall use his/her discretion as to whether the ranking exhibits shall be awarded first, second, third, or fourth premiums.
- Proper precaution will be taken to guard against accidents or loss, but in no case will the fair be responsible for loss or accident from any cause.
- All entries must be registered online or paper registration forms must be received by mail or in the fair office by midnight on Thursday, July 9, 2019.
- **All entries must be brought to the fairgrounds on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 between 12 noon and 6 PM, with the exception of Department 10-Animal Science and Department 6-Horses (see the livestock exhibit info below for details), and Departments 14-Plant and Soil Sciences, 15-Flowers and House Plants and 25-Foods and Nutrition. Departments 14, 15 and 25 exhibits may be brought to the fairgrounds between 10 am and noon on Wednesday to maintain freshness before judging. If desired, Departments 14, 15 and 25 may also be dropped off during the time other exhibits are brought in on Tuesday between noon and 6 p.m.**
- All entries must be pre-registered. No registrations will be accepted the day of the fair.

## LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS

- Dairy, Beef, Swine, Sheep, and Goats must be on the fairgrounds by 5 PM on Tuesday.
- Before unloading livestock or horses find the superintendent of the respective barn to see what paperwork is required before unloading.
- Open Class Horse entries can come in on Saturday, July 20, 2019 before the show and they can also leave that same day. If desired, the Open Class Horses can arrive the evening ahead of the show and stay through Saturday evening or until the last day of the fair. This is dependent on there being enough room in the barn, so you need to check with the education fair secretary by Wednesday, July 17, 2019 to be sure there is room. You will also have to pay a stall deposit fee which will be refunded if your stall is cleaned out and approved.
- Entries will be governed by the state health rules for livestock exhibits.

- **Due to state health recommendations for swine this year, the fair management group has decided that the fair will hold a terminal show for swine this year. That means that every pig and hog that comes to the fairgrounds must go directly to slaughter at the end of the fair.**
- Animals brought in for the Department 10 Animal Science need to be brought in at the time indicated on the open class judging schedule and they must be taken home immediately afterward.
- No animal entered for exhibition, unless noted otherwise in these guidelines, shall be removed before 5 PM on the last day of the fair without written consent of the barn superintendent and fair manager. Any violation of this rule may result in a forfeit of premiums.
- The Fair reserves the right to refuse to pay any premium on any livestock exhibit in this department which has not been exhibited in the show ring, at the request of the judge or his assistants, by the actual owner or feeder through the year, of said exhibit. This includes calves and sheep.
- Exhibitors and visitors will be prohibited from handling livestock other than their own without consent of the owners.

### **EXHIBITOR AND OBSERVER GUIDELINES DURING JUDGING**

During judging, exhibitors and non-participating observers are permitted to watch the judge making his or her decisions. However, exhibitors and observers are not to interrupt the judging in process. Questions may be asked of the superintendent after the class has been judged, and then the judge is to explain the process in question. If you interrupt during judging, your entries in that department will be disqualified and all your entries in the fair may be disqualified.

### **SCHEDULE FOR JUDGING OPEN CLASS EXHIBITS**

There will be a schedule for dates and general times for open class judging published in the premium guide and online.