

# OPEN DIVISIONS GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

**\*Please Note: Absolutely NO Late Entries will be Accepted\***

- No article previously entered in the Ravalli County Fair will be accepted.
- Entries are open to Ravalli County residents and adjacent counties. Entries must be made on official entry blank provided in this Premium Book. Additional copies may be secured by contacting the Fairgrounds Office or the Extension Office. You may make photocopies. **DO NOT make your own entry blank!**
- \*ONE entry per class per Exhibitor, except where otherwise noted under individual Department rules\***
- Exhibitors are not permitted to set up commercial booths in the exhibit area. Fundraising is not allowed without permission prior to the start of Fair.
- Exhibits must be made by the Exhibitor. No unfinished articles will be accepted except where otherwise noted under individual Department rules.
- Where there is but one exhibit in a division, the award shall be on merit alone and any premium or no premiums may be awarded.
- No premium will be paid unless the classification is in the premium list.
- Each Exhibitor will be responsible for placing entries in the proper division and class number.
- All exhibits, when assigned space, become subject to the control of the Department Superintendent.**
- The Management reserves the right to reject any exhibit offered.**
- All Open Division Still Exhibit judging is closed to the public.
- The Fairgrounds will use every precaution in its power for the safe preservation of all articles on exhibit, but will NOT be responsible for loss or damage.
- Premium payouts are available 12pm – 6pm on Saturday and 12pm – 4pm on Sunday at the Premium Office. Then it becomes available in the Fair Office until September 30<sup>th</sup>, after which it will be forfeited and closed.**
- No roving vendor or solicitor, acting whether for profit or nonprofit organizations, or on his own behalf, shall be permitted on the Fairgrounds.
- All Exhibits due to the Fairgrounds 12pm - 7pm Sunday before Fair. EXCEPTION: Art Departments (Sunday 12pm-5pm) and Floral Departments (Monday 3pm-7pm)**
- Exhibits will be released from 12pm – 4pm Sunday after the Fair.** After 30 days the items will become the property of Ravalli County Fairgrounds and/or disposed of.
- Judges' book only will be used as evidence for payment of premiums. Ribbons and tags are not accepted.
- Dogs will not be permitted on the grounds during Fair, except vested Service dogs and 4-H project dogs.**
- All exhibits must be recorded in the Fairgrounds Office. Names of open divisions Exhibitors will not appear on the exhibit until after judging has been completed. Entry tags must be attached to all entries except livestock.  
**OPEN DIVISION LIVESTOCK GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS**
- Livestock must be entered on their own Entry Blank and brought to the Fairgrounds Office or entered online.
- An entry fee per class (listed on the Livestock Entry Form) will be paid for all animals entered in OPEN DIVISION. This fee must be paid when the Livestock Entry Form is submitted to the Fairgrounds Office or online.  
**Livestock exhibits must be in place by 8pm Tuesday of Fair week.**
- All Animals must be fed & watered on a daily basis by Exhibitor.**
- All grain feed must be in closed containers.** Exhibitors are responsible for keeping cages and the area under the cages clean throughout the Fair.  
Animals shall be watered and fed responsibly from first day entering the Fair until the Fair is over. Exhibitors will provide waterers and feeders.
- Exhibitors are not permitted to sell their exhibits during Fair.**
- Exhibitors will cooperate at all times to conduct the best possible Fair. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and the offending Exhibitor will forfeit all fees paid or premiums due and may be immediately dismissed from the Ravalli County Fairgrounds. Also, at the discretion of the Ravalli County Fairgrounds, the Exhibitor could lose the right to enter exhibits in future Ravalli County Fairs.
- Every animal must be owned by the Exhibitor 60 days prior to exhibiting and registered in name of bona fide owner. No papers pending. Open Breeding Sheep, see Department for rules regarding ownership.
- The Management reserves the right to reject, accept conditionally or to cancel any entries and awards of prizes, without claim for damages. They also reserve the right to reject entries after available pens and space in building have been taken.
- All animals to be shown in lots of pairs and pens must have been shown individually.
- Animals must be shown in such a manner as the Judge may require, and if the Exhibitors refuses to submit to the proper requirements of the Judge, their animals will be disqualified.
- Exhibitors refusing to exhibit their animals for competition when their class number is called by the Superintendent, or are not available at the time their class number is called, shall be disqualified from that particular division. **Exhibitor numbers must be worn in show ring and can be obtained in the Premium Office.**
- No person other than those holding or assisting in the showing of the animals being exhibited will be allowed in the show ring during the time of judging except the Superintendent, the Judge, Clerks, and other authorized persons.
- Exhibitors talking to Judges is prohibited,** except when answering a question of the Judge. Those who wish to explain in regard to their exhibit must do so through the Superintendent or Clerk and must not interfere with the Judge, or the Exhibitor will be disqualified.
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place animals of each class will return to compete for Champion and Reserve Champion of each breed.
- At the discretion of the Judge, where there is no competition in an age group, but an animal shown is of Grand Champion quality, the Judge may designate it as an animal qualified for Grand Champion competition.
- All animals occupying exhibit pens must be kept thoroughly groomed, cleaned and in show condition at all times. Stalls and pens must be neatly kept and supplied with necessary bedding. Pathways and approaches must be kept clean for the spectators. Manure and waste must be deposited in designated areas.
- The decision of the Judge shall be final. Upon request of the Exhibitor, the Judges will be required to give reasons for the decision rendered.
- Judges' book only will be used as evidence for payment of premiums. Ribbons and tags are not accepted.
- All registered animals must be properly tagged or tattooed.
- Livestock Exhibitors **MUST** purchase exhibitor passes before or at the time of making entry. **No livestock passes sold after opening day.**
- Superintendents will assign all stalls and/or pens before animals may be penned. **Call the Superintendents.** All stalls and/or pens must be cleaned to the dirt, wood and/or cement and inspected by the Superintendent of each barn before leaving the Fairgrounds.

**Please – Leave your WEAPONS at home! Thank you!**