

GENERAL INFORMATION

ADMISSIONS

1. Adult Exhibitors may purchase an Exhibitor's Season Ticket for \$15, which is good for ten punches and a vehicle for Fair week.
2. Youth Exhibitors may purchase an Exhibitor's Season Ticket for \$10, which is good for ten punches-no vehicle.
3. Single Gate Admission
\$2 discount coupon available in advance
Adults- \$7.00
Seniors 60+-\$4
Teens 13-18- \$4
Youth 6-12- \$2
Kids 5 & under - FREE
Early Bird Special (M-F, 11 am to 2 pm)-
\$3 no discounts
Carload Day, Tuesday, August 2- \$12 with coupon (includes single vehicle parking & admission of all occupants)

VEHICLE PARKING

Single Daily-\$3 (may use Fair Fun Pack punch card-\$30 for 10 punch pass)
A, B, C Exhibitor Hangtags-\$15
Infield Participant/Sponsor Tag- \$40
Delivery Hangtag- \$30
Official Hangtag- \$50
(Watch advertising for special admission discount coupons)

JOURNALISTS/PRESS

Members of the working press are most cordially invited to attend Montana State Fair and are requested to contact Lori Cox (406-727-8900) PRIOR TO JULY 15 to receive press passes. All press must report to the Administration Office upon arrival. Presentation of verifying identification will permit admission. Every facility for obtaining judges' reports, special announcements, official decisions, and all Fair matters of interest or value to the public will be provided.

CAMPING--PARKING--TRAFFIC

Campsite permits are issued with first choice to full week paid requests, and then on a first come basis to space available. Submit camping request early to the Montana State Fair Administration Office, PO Box 1888, Great Falls, MT 59403-1888 or call 727-8900.

These spaces are limited and need to be reserved well in advance of fair.

1. Weekly RV rates are:
No hook-up \$80
Electric \$120
Full \$136

2. Three types of overnight camping are available:
a) Full Service Campground: \$17 per night, complete with sewer, water and electrical hook-ups.
b) Partial Service Campground: \$15 per night, electrical hook-ups only
c) No Service Campgrounds: \$10 per night, available for self-contained trailers with no hook-ups.

Stickers will be assigned to each parking type reserved. These stickers must be prominently displayed on trailer or motor home at all times. Trailers or motor homes without stickers are subject to towing.

3. No unauthorized plug-ins or camper plug-ins to the barns or buildings are permitted.
4. Campground spaces are 15' by 40'. If more space is needed another spot must be rented. The towing vehicle is allowed parking on the designated camper space only. Parking of vehicles anywhere other than the assigned space is prohibited and violating vehicles will be towed at owner's expense.
5. All campground users must keep their space litter free and in a sanitary condition. Rowdiness, profanity or vandalism will not be tolerated. Fair management reserves the right to dismiss any offender immediately for reasons satisfactory to itself, without refund.
6. All vehicles operated on the Fairgrounds must have an official permit unless parked in General Admission Parking. All vehicles must be operated safely, quietly and obey all traffic and parking regulations. Speed limit for all vehicles on the grounds is 15 mph. Vehicles violating parking rules will be towed at owner's expense. Drivers and/or vehicles committing moving violations are subject to fine and dismissal from the grounds.
7. Small motor vehicles such as motorcycles, 3 or 4 wheelers, etc are not allowed on the Fairgrounds without express written consent from Fair Management. Such vehicles must not be operated later than 10 p.m. and will at all times strictly obey all traffic regulations and be operated safely and quietly. Fair Management reserves the right to refuse or revoke this privilege to any or all such vehicles.

FACILITY POLICY

1. All Exhibit Buildings, Barns, and the Four Seasons Arena on the Fairgrounds are SMOKE FREE.
2. No dogs will be allowed on the Fairgrounds.

3. Under no circumstances will any person or firm be allowed to place any advertising matter upon buildings, trees, or any place on the grounds, nor will it be permitted to distribute any advertising or sell articles outside the space assigned. No political advertising, petition solicitors, subscription or sheet writers.
4. Compliments, Complaints or Recommendations: Management welcomes all to attend Montana State Fair and welcomes your comments. Visitors are requested to report any inhospitality expressed from an employee, exhibitor or concessionaire. Comments may be filed at the Administration Building and are best served if done promptly and certainly before the Fair ends. Your comments on events, displays and activities enable us to make positive changes and to improve future Montana State Fairs.

LIABILITY & INTERPRETATIONS

1. Montana State Fair Management, Cascade County, SMG, or employees or agents, or board members thereof will assume no liability for injury, loss or damages sustained by person, property or livestock of any exhibitors, concessionaire or spectator. Every animal and article upon the grounds shall be under the control of the Fair management. Nor will the above listed be responsible for the loss or damage of any article on route to or from the Fair; after or before it is at the Fair; nor will it be held responsible for the safe return of any exhibit to it's owner, although due care and caution will be exercised to prevent all loss and damage.
2. Montana State Fair Management reserves the right to interpret all rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, arising out of and not covered by them.
3. Any person who violates any published in each department will forfeit all privileges and premiums and may be subject to such penalty as ordered by the Montana State Fair Board.
4. In the event of conflict between General Rules and Department Rules & Regulations, the latter will govern, subject to interpretation by management.

MAIL FACILITIES

Exhibitors and others may have their mail and/or entry forms and entries addressed to Montana State Fair, 400 3rd ST NW, Great Falls, MT 59404.

Emergency messages may be delivered by telephoning the Administration Office (406) 727-8900 or Sheriff's Dispatch at (406) 454-6848 or Emergency Dispatch 911, Great Falls City Police (406) 771-1180.



EXHIBIT DEPARTMENT ENTRIES

GENERAL RULES- Static and Livestock

1. All Exhibitors will need to purchase admission passes required. See Admissions section.
2. Exhibitor parking areas will be provided. Parking of vehicles, trailers, and campers to be in the respective designated areas only. See rules in CAMPING, PARKING AND TRAFFIC section. No unauthorized plug-ins or camper plug-ins to the barns permitted. Permits are required. Purchase permits at the Administration Office.
3. All applications for entries will be made on appropriate entry forms. Entry forms are provided in this book, can be requested on CD-ROM or can be downloaded at: montanastatefair.com/premiumbook.htm. Request additional forms by telephone or pick them up at the Administration Office. No entries will be accepted by telephone. Entries will not be considered complete until all applicable fees have been paid.
4. Entry form deadline for livestock is Friday, July 8. Entry form deadline for static displays are Friday, July 15. See specific department for more detailed information. Pre-entry will facilitate exhibition and is required in most static and ALL LIVESTOCK departments. See department for specific information. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of management on a case by case basis. Late fees may be imposed.
5. Any entry, which may have been inadvertently or erroneously entered in the wrong class or division, may at the discretion of the Department Superintendent or Judge, be transferred to the proper class prior to judging.
6. Where there is no listed classification for an entry, an article may be entered for display purposes only. However, no premium will be paid on articles so marked.
7. Management reserves the right to reject unworthy entries of any nature by refusing them exhibit space.
8. Any entry offered or exposed for sale during the State Fair must be entered and exhibited in its respective Class.
9. Should an individual enter either an animal or article in the name other than that of the bonafide owner, or attempt to perpetrate a fraud by misrepresentation of any fact, the entry thus made must be removed from exhibition and all fees paid will be forfeited.
10. 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 Fairgrounds.

11. Articles to be exhibited may be mailed to the State Fair Office. Entry forms must be completely filled out and enclosed with the article. All transportation charges must be pre-paid otherwise the exhibit will be refused. If articles are to be returned by parcel post or UPS, include complete instructions and stamps, cash or check made payable to the Montana State Fair to cover all costs of transportation and insurance as requested. A statement as to value of articles packaged will be helpful.
12. Montana State Fair offers Special Contests. Participants must comply with specific rules stated per contest.

JUDGING (All Departments)

1. Every effort is expended to provide competent judges. No exhibitor or spectator will be allowed to interfere with a judge in the performance of his/her duties.
2. Exhibitors must arrange for the prompt showing of all exhibits at the call of the judge. At the judge's discretion, any exhibit not present promptly when called may be disqualified.
3. Judges should not award a prize to an unworthy exhibit. Premiums may not be awarded to undeserving exhibits whether there is competition or not.
4. Objection to any person serving as a judge must be submitted to Fair Management in writing prior to his making an award; giving good and sufficient reason therefor, and upon which Management shall have the full power to act. See Protests.
5. The decision of the judge shall be final and no appeal will be considered except in cases of formal protest.

Protests (All Departments)

All formal protests must be submitted in writing, be signed, and be accompanied by \$50 cash or certified check (refundable if protest is sustained). The protest must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Manager immediately after the occasion for the protest. A protest pertaining to eligibility is most suitable when submitted prior to judging. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. Depending on the basis of the protest, interested parties may be notified and given the opportunity to submit evidence. A decision may be withheld until a complete investigation can be made. No complaint or appeal that a judge overlooked an entry will be considered.

Premiums (All Departments)

1. Premium checks will be available during the fair at the State Fair Bank. Please check with the department superintendent on dates of availability. Checks not collected will be mailed the week following the fair. Premium checks not presented for payment within 90 days from date of issuance will be canceled from payment.
2. Fair Management does not guarantee the payment of Special Premiums offered in the premium list by merchants and/or private parties. These special prizes are secured by Fair Management with a promissory statement signed by the donor and are accepted by the Management in good faith and must be contested for under these conditions.
3. No animal shall compete for or receive more than one premium except in champion classes, group classes, or performance classes.
4. Where there is but one exhibitor with more than one entry in a single class, premiums will be paid to first two places only.

Refund Policy (All Departments)

1. Classes canceled by Fair Management will be refunded.
2. Should an exhibitor need to cancel, fees may be refunded if:
 - a) The exhibitor notified Management of the need to cancel at least 48 hours before the exhibit is to be in place or stalled.
 - b) The exhibitor provides a signed medical or veterinary excuse within 10 days of the Fair.
3. Refunds will be determined by management, on a case by case basis, after reviewing appropriate documentation.
4. Refunds for overpayment of fees will be made as expediently as possible after Fair. No refunds will be made for amounts of \$5 or less.

LIVESTOCK ENTRY RULES

1. All Livestock Department entries are open to the world.
2. All livestock entries entered and exhibited at the State Fair shall be subject to being inspected of health condition before being stalled. All animals found inferior must be removed from the State Fairgrounds immediately.
3. In all cases where registration is required, each exhibitor shall furnish the registration number and name under which animal is registered on the entry form. Incomplete entries will not be accepted.
4. In all cases where registration is required, all animals exhibited must be registered on the records of the various breed associations of classes listed herein. Partnership owned animals must be

entered in the name of the owner appearing on the herd books of registry. Original registration or photostat copies must accompany livestock and be available for presentation upon request of Fair Management.

5. Animals shown in all group classes must have entered and shown in their respective individual classes.
6. Any breed of livestock having less than 3 independent exhibitors, or 20 head exhibited at the 2005 Montana State Fair may not have individual divisions listed in the 2006 Premium Book.
7. Exhibitors will be required to keep their stall, pens and alleys in a clean and attractive condition. Bedding and litter shall be disposed of in designated area. First bedding will be provided by Montana State Fair. Additional or replacement bedding to be furnished by exhibitor and be of type (straw, shavings, sand) specified by Fair Management. Supplies from vendors will be available. See Livestock Bedding section.
8. Schedules for feeding, deliveries, exercising and tie out will be established and strictly enforced to minimize traffic congestion.
9. Livestock entered for competition at other State Fairs may secure special release from the Montana State Fair only when other State Fair dates conflict with travel time. In this case, exhibitor must secure written approval from the Superintendent in charge of livestock. No premiums will be paid on animals specially released until proof of entry in another Fair has been furnished to the Manager of the Montana State Fair.
10. Veterinarian on Call: Indian Hammer Vet Service will be on call throughout the duration of the Montana State Fair. Those seeking services should call 965-3232.

LIVESTOCK BEDDING AND FEED

Any exceptions to the following list must be approved in advance by Fair Management.

Bedding to be used at Montana State Fair is the following:

- Beef Cattle - wood chips only
- Dairy Goats - straw
- Equines - shavings
- Sheep - straw
- Swine - shavings
- Dairy Cattle - straw
- Llamas - sand

All feedstuffs and bedding brought onto the Montana State Fairgrounds must comply with all Montana Weed and Pest Regulations. Feedstuffs or bedding identified as bearing noxious weeds will be confiscated and immediately removed from the Fairgrounds. Violations may restrict exhibitors from bringing feedstuffs to future fairs.



MONTANA STATE FAIR AND DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK HEALTH, BRAND AND IMPORT REGULATIONS

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. All imported animals presented for exhibition or sale shall be accompanied by an import permit, certificate of veterinary inspection and brand inspections. Import permits may be obtained by the veterinarian issuing the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection within 10 days prior to arrival into Montana by calling the Department of Livestock, Animal Health Division, Helena, MT. (406)444-2976
2. A brand inspection is required on all shipments originating outside of Cascade County. Department of Livestock Inspectors will check all consignments upon arrival at Montana State Fair for compliance of Montana Animal Health Import and Brand Laws.
3. Inspection will be made of all animals upon arrival. Any animals showing evidence of disease, affected with warts, ringworm or other skin conditions or unsightly blemishes will be refused entry or required to be handled in accordance with directives of the veterinarian in charge. Animals which develop a disease condition during the course of the exposition are to be handled in accordance with the directive of the attending veterinarian.
4. All cattle, sheep, swine and goats will need a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued with 20 days of exhibit. Certificate must accompany the animal upon arrival on the grounds and be available for examination for the duration of the exhibit.
5. ALL sheep and goats being entered in the Fair must have an official scrapie ID tag.

CATTLE - See General Requirements

1. All out-of-state cattle shall be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection obtained from your local accredited veterinarian within twenty (20) days prior to the show.
2. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection shall show compliance with the following requirements in addition to the statement of general health.
 - a. All female cattle 4 months of age or older must be official Brucellosis vaccinates with legible tattoo.

- b. All sexually intact cattle - bulls (12 mos.), beef females (24 mos.), dairy females (20 mos.) from Class A states (Wyoming and Texas) must be Brucellosis tested negative within 30 days prior to importation into Montana. Cattle originating from Class A States which remain in Montana may be subject to Brucellosis retest.
- c. TB test (negative) required within 60 days prior to importation into Montana for all cattle originating from TB Modified Accredited Advanced states (California, New Mexico and Texas), unless originating from an Accredited TB-Free Herd. (Herd accreditation number and date of entire herd test must be included on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.) TB test must be performed by a USDA-APHIS-VS accredited veterinarian.
- d. Two TB tests (negative) required 60 - 120 days apart for all cattle originating from TB Modified Accredited states (Michigan). The second TB test must be within 60 days prior to importation into Montana.
- e. Statement on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection - "All animals in this shipment are not M-Brand (Mexico origin) nor have they been in contact with or exposed to M-Branded cattle."
- f. TB test (negative) required within 60 days prior to importation into Montana for all M-Branded, Mx-Branded, or other cattle originally from Mexico. Test must be performed by a USDA-APHIS-VS Accredited Veterinarian.
- g. TB test (negative) required within 60 days prior to importation into Montana for all cattle in contact with or exposed to M-Branded, Mx-Branded, or other cattle originally from Mexico. Test must be performed by a USDA-APHIS-VS Accredited Veterinarian.

GOATS - See General Requirements

1. All out-of-state goats shall be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection obtained from your local accredited veterinarian within twenty(20) days prior to the show, certifying freedom from disease, or exposure thereto.
2. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection shall show compliance with the following requirements in addition to the statement of general health:
3. All goats must have official scrapie ID tag to enter the fair.
 - A. BRUCELLOSIS:
All sexually intact imported goats six (6) months of age or older must have a current negative test for Brucellosis within 30 days prior to entry into Montana.

B. TUBERCULOSIS:

1. TB test (negative) required within 60 days prior to importation into Montana for all goats six (6) months of age and older; or
2. TB test not required if goats originating directly from USDA-APHIS-VS Accredited TB-Free herd. The herd accreditation number and date of entire herd test must be included on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

C. SCRAPIES:

Statements needed on Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI).

One by issuing vet: "The animals in this shipment were not exhibiting clinical signs associated with scrapie at the time of the exam".

One by the shipper: "Animals are not a scrapie positive suspect, high risk, or exposed animal and did not originate from a scrapie-infected, source, exposed, or noncompliant herd.

HORSES - See General Requirements

1. All out - of - state horses shall be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection obtained from your local accredited veterinarian within twenty (20) days prior to show.
2. All horses are required to have negative test for Equine Infections Anemia (EIA) within the last twelve (12) months. Valid test can be AGID (Coggins) or Elisa.
3. There are no further special requirements for horses other than statement of general health certifying freedom from disease or exposure thereto.
4. All horses coming from outside the boundaries of Cascade County must have a brand inspection.

LLAMAS - See General Requirements

1. All out-of-state llamas shall be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection obtained from your local accredited veterinarian within twenty (20) days prior to the show, certifying freedom from disease or exposure thereto. Llamas need an individual official ID.
2. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection shall show compliance with the following requirements in addition to the statement of general health:
 - A. BRUCELLOSIS:
All sexually intact imported llamas must have a negative test for Brucellosis within thirty (30) days prior to entry in Montana.
 - B. TUBERCULOSIS:
All ages and sexes of llamas must have a negative tuberculosis test (Axillary) within 60 days prior to importation.

SHEEP - See General Requirements

1. All out-of-state sheep shall be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection obtained from your local accredited veterinarian within twenty (20) days prior to the show, certifying freedom from disease, including lice, or exposure thereto. (except market lambs for slaughter)
2. All sheep must have official scrapie ID tag to enter the fair.
3. All sheep must show a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection that shall show compliance with the following requirements:
 - A. BRUCELLA OVIS (REO)
 1. All breeding rams must have a negative ELISA, or other recognized test for Brucella Ovis within thirty (30) days prior to entry into Montana or originate directly from an officially recognized Brucella Ovis free flock. Individual identification by ear tag or tattoo is required along with date of the last Brucella Ovis herd test. All rams must be free of any gross lesions of ram epididymitis upon examination by the certifying accredited veterinarian.
 2. If tested rams are destined for an official Montana free flock they will be held separate and apart from other sheep at destination and officially retested for Brucella ovis 45 days after arrival.
 3. Testing begins at 6 months.
 - B. LICE (Damalinia ovis)
 1. Sheep found to be infested with sheep lice are subject to quarantine in Montana, including exhibition and sale animals. Sheep will be inspected at grounds and any found with lice will not be allowed to be stalled on the grounds.
- C. SCRAPIES:
Statements needed on Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI).
One by issuing vet: "The animals in this shipment were not exhibiting clinical signs associated with scrapie at the time of the exam".
One by the shipper: "Animals are not a scrapie positive suspect, high risk, or exposed animal and did not originate from a scrapie-infected, source, exposed, or noncompliant flock.

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

see above rules to:

Montana Department of Livestock, Animal Health Division, Helena, MT 59601
(406)444-2043 or 444-2976, phone
(406) 444-1929 (fax),
Dr. Linfield D.V.M.

SUPERINTENDENTS

Job Description

Pre Fair:

1. Each superintendent will have charge of the department assigned, subject to the direction of the Manager. Superintendents shall meet with the Manager when requested to do so.
2. Each superintendent will edit and revise their department for the Exhibitor's Handbook and submit these revisions to Montana State Fair by January 15 of Fair year.
3. Each superintendent will submit ribbon and trophy requests, supply requests and work requests involving State Fair Maintenance by dead lines to be announced at Superintendent Meetings.

During Fair:

4. The superintendent will have charge of the stall or display spaces within that department. Exhibit display and arrangement of stalls and spaces may be done only with consent and supervision of superintendent.
5. Superintendent is responsible for setting schedules within the department for employees and volunteers that will be greeting the public and protecting the exhibits.
6. Superintendent and their staff will organize exhibits for judging.
7. It shall be the duty of each superintendent to inform the judges of the rules and regulations governing awards and to urge them to read the rules carefully before beginning judging.
8. It is the responsibility of the superintendent to ensure that the judges' worksheet is accurate and contains all required information. Completed Worksheets must be signed by the judge and the superintendent (or designee) during or immediately after the judging.
9. Original judges' worksheets must be returned to the Entry Office as soon as possible following judging.
10. It is understood that Superintendents may not submit entries to the department of which they are head.



Post Fair:

1. Superintendent will return unused supplies and their ribbon inventories to the Entry Office.
2. Superintendents will oversee the removal of exhibits that were not picked up from their Department to the Entry Office. Every effort should be made to contact the exhibitor's involved for them to pick up their items.
3. Every superintendent shall submit a written statement of their work, including Budget considerations, physical improvements, and recommendations for the betterment of the Department and Fair.

COMMERCIAL DISPLAYS

Regulations:

1. All persons making application for space will be required to sign a written contract before being allowed to transact any business. Management reserves the right to cancel at any time, for reasons satisfactory to itself, all contracts made.
 2. Management will use every precaution to guard against extortion in any form practiced upon the patrons of the Fair. Any extortion will cause the forfeiture of contract money paid or expulsion from the grounds or both as Management may direct.
 3. All vendors must have necessary admission credentials.
 4. Concessionaires and Commercial exhibitors must arrive and remain in place during the required schedule. Failure to abide by the schedule will forfeit invitation to exhibit at a future Montana State Fair.
 5. Concessionaire and Commercial exhibitors must keep their spaces in a sanitary condition. Refuse containers will be made available and attended to by State Fair staff.
 6. All applicable requirements of Cascade County and City of Great Falls Sanitarian must be met.
 7. All applicable building codes of the City of Great Falls must be met.
 8. No individual officer or employee of the Fair shall have any concession or privilege, or any interest or connection directly or indirectly with any concession or privilege pertaining to the Fair.
 9. Management retains the rights to concession and commercial privileges.
 10. Note section on parking and traffic for additional rules.
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