

KIT CARSON COUNTY FAIR GENERAL RULES

1. The Kit Carson County Free Fair is operated and managed in cooperation with the Kit Carson County Commissioners, the Kit Carson County Fair Board, and the superintendents. The fair management reserves the right to interpret rules and regulations and to arbitrate and settle all questions of difference regarding fair rules or incidents.

2. Open class competition includes the following departments and competition is open to all: Departments CC, EE (sheep lead), GG, HH, II JJ, LL, MM, NN, QQ, and RR.

3. Pre-entry is required in the following departments: beef, sheep, sheep lead, swine, goat, horse, poultry, rabbits and dog.

4. Formal protests concerning **ALL** exhibits/shows must be submitted in writing, accompanied by a \$100 cash deposit to the Kit Carson County Fair Board within 2 hours of completion of the show. Upon receipt of a properly presented protest, a committee of the Kit Carson County Fair Board will review the protest and render a decision. If the protest is not sustained, the deposit will be forfeited.

5. The fair management will not be responsible for loss or damage to exhibits at any time, though it will use all care to insure their safety. Management is not responsible for injuries to exhibitors. Fair management will not be responsible for exhibits after scheduled release time.

6. The Fair Board of the Kit Carson County Fair reserves the right to test any animal which is presented for exhibition at any time during the Fair or during the time the animal is on the Kit Carson County Fairgrounds for illegal substances, drugs, or any substances designed to provide the exhibitor with an unfair competitive advantage. The testing decision shall be at the sole discretion of the Fair Board, either on a random basis or based on an investigation conducted by the Fair Board and/or the Fair Board's veterinarian: or based on the applicable State Statutes or State 4-H rules. If a decision is made by a majority of the Fair Board to disqualify an exhibitor, the cost of the testing and veterinary fees shall be paid by the exhibitor, and the Fair Board shall have discretionary power to determine any additional penalties, including but not limited to forfeiture of awards, sale proceeds, and premiums, and banning the exhibitor and his/her immediate family (siblings and parents) for any length of time.

By entering livestock into the Kit Carson County Fair for exhibition, the exhibitor expressly agrees to the terms and conditions set forth above and agree to cooperate with the Fair Board to arrange for and complete testing. Any failure to comply with a request from the Fair Board for testing, as stated above, will result in immediate dismissal from the grounds and competition and all awards, prizes, premiums, and sale proceeds may be forfeited, based on the sole discretion of the Fair Board. The exhibitor agrees to hold harmless and to indemnify the Fair Board and Kit Carson County from any and all damages resulting from such testing and the testing procedures and decisions as stated above.

7. The fair management may remove from the grounds any objectionable exhibits or materials.

8. Champion or reserve champion ribbons will not be awarded if there are fewer than three in a class, except where judge determines the exhibit to be of outstanding quality.

9. Premiums will be paid by mailed check only. All checks issued are void after 60 days from the date of issue. New checks **WILL NOT** be written to honor those not cashed within the 60-day limit.

10. Removal of any exhibit prior to release time will result in forfeiture of all premiums. Special consideration may be given at the discretion of fair superintendent(s).

11. All judge's decisions are **final!**

12. A midnight curfew will be in effect for the trailer (camper area).

13. **No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the fairgrounds.**

14. Superintendents of departments have the final word on how their department is run, provided their decisions do not violate fair rules or general tenants of fair and equal competition.

15. The department superintendent(s) is in charge of assigning space to all exhibitors. Superintendent decisions are final!

16. Any person in violation of rules may be required to forfeit all premiums or earned monies (including fair sale monies).