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ATTENTION EXHIBITORS

PLEASE NOTE: Many changes have been made this year. Please read your Premium Book very carefully. Note changes in the following section, general rules and most departments.

TO: All Exhibitors

**RE: 2011 Clarion County Fair
July 24 thru July 30**

NOTICE: During the Fair Week, 2011, we will be revising the gate policy and camper locations. To improve the flow of traffic and control the number of vehicles on the grounds, we have established the following:

1. All traffic will enter through the parking field road. The traffic will proceed through the field road leading to the farm gate.

2. Only cars with passes will be allowed in this area, and you must affix the pass to your mirror. This will allow the parking attendant to direct you to the farm gate.

3. Wrist bands must be shown to the gate personnel for all people in the vehicle. The car pass allows the vehicle only.

4. Absolutely no vehicles will be permitted on grounds from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. This will be strictly enforced.

5. Vehicle parking area will be established, please note the area around the barns and the blue building and the center area around the grandstand and the old merry-go-round building have been declared fire zones.

6. All persons staying on Fairgrounds must stay at campsite. No sleeping in barns. All youth under age 20, staying all night, must furnish one chaperone who will also spend the night. Chaperone must be at least 21 years of age. Chaperone must be registered with the Fair office and provide a roster of those they are responsible for.

7. Fairgrounds close at 12:00 midnight.

8. Youth violators of above Fair rules will be released to parents on first violation.

Second violation, youth will be barred from Fair competition. Adult violators will be escorted to the gate.

9. Livestock department superintendents may designate an adult supervisor to maintain security in barn areas.

CLARION COUNTY FAIR CAMPING

Complete the registration form to reserve a campsite during the Fair. Incomplete forms will not be accepted. Be sure to read the rules and regulations. Completed forms along with payment may be brought or mailed to the Park office located beside the pool. Mail to: Redbank Park, 137 Park Road, Fairmount City, PA 16224. Contact: 814-365-5924, www.redbankpark.com

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Camper unit description _____

Brief description (25' white tow behind, blue pop tent) License plate #

Desired campsite _____

Maps available at park office and online

Camping Rates:

4-H Camping & Tent Sites \$25 Water/Electric \$65 Full Hook-Up \$120

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Camping reservations will be accepted starting the last Monday of June each year.
2. All persons camping on the fairgrounds (RV & tents) must complete a registration form.
3. Farm exhibitors – \$25 per camping unit, includes (1) electric hook-up. No air conditioners permitted!
4. Tent sites – \$25 per tent, includes room to set the tent with no hook-ups. Tents placed at RV sites are also \$25.
5. Water & Electric sites – \$65 per unit, includes (1) water & electric hook-up campsite. A/C permitted. Sites limited.
6. Full Hook-up – \$120 per unit, includes (1) water, electric and sewage hook-up campsite. A/C permitted. Sites limited.
7. Campers are to use park dumpsters during scheduled hours (times will be posted on the dumpsters). All campers are to dispose of their garbage during these hours. Those placing garbage on or around the dumpsters outside of the scheduled times will be subject to penalty.
8. Complete campground rules are posted at the park office. All campers are advised to be familiar with these rules.

GENERAL RULES

1. All exhibitors agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of the Clarion County Fair.

2. The Fair management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules and regulations as its judgment may determine.

3. Reasonable care will be taken to protect all exhibits on display from all injury and damage, but the Fair is not, in any way, to be held responsible for accidents, loss or damage by water, fire, theft, or otherwise, whatever may be the cause or extent of the damage or loss.

4. Entries will be made according to classification. Entries may be changed to proper categories at superintendent's discretion. It shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor to make known the proper name of the article or breed of livestock he is entering. Any item entered improperly will be disqualified to receive a prize but the judges will mark the correct name on the entry tag for the benefit of the owner so the same mistake in entering need not be made the second time.

5. Premiums, as listed, may be given for meritorious exhibits. In cases where there is no competition, judges may give an award such as they deem the exhibit is worthy to receive. Same rule applies where there are fewer entries in any class than the number of premiums offered. The judges may, at their discretion, award a ribbon or rosette.

6. The Fair reserves the right to determine how many entries it will accept from an exhibitor in the same class or, in the case of livestock, the same breed.

7. THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL IN ALL CASES except where mistakes, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of

the award, is proved. In such cases, the superintendent, manager, or secretary of the Fair or show, or such referee as he may appoint, may make the decision. The case may be appealed to the Fair management from whose decision there can be no appeal.

8. All entries must be grown, produced, or made in the area since the last Fair.

9. Superintendents of departments reserve the right of refusing to accept any entry. Furthermore, the superintendents reserve the right to bar from competition animals, vegetables, flowers, poultry, products, and manufactured articles of decidedly inferior quality and those not possessing sufficient merit to warrant recognition.

10. The Fair management may, at any time, order the removal of any exhibit or part of the exhibit in bad condition and any article unfit to show may be excluded. Food products cannot be polluted with any substance or chemical that causes them to become poisonous and unfit to be used as food.

11. No exhibit may be removed at any time before the close of the Fair except by consent of the management.

12. Where award ribbons are stolen or destroyed, the exhibitor may receive a duplicate at the close of the Fair or show which shall be supplied by the Fair free of charge.

13. During the judging, buildings, except livestock arenas, are to be closed to everyone except Fair officials, judges, Pennsylvania Fair Fund officials, and necessary attendants. No exhibitor nor his agent shall communicate with the judges during time of determining the awards except to answer questions proposed by the judges. Any exhibitor interfering with the judges while making awards shall forfeit any premiums to which he would otherwise be entitled.

14. No exhibitor may enter more than one article in each subdivision of each class in the Home Economics Division (Depts. 13, 15, 17 and 18) as well as in the Youth Under 19 Division (Dept. 11). Any article exhibited in 4-H, FFA or FHA divisions is **NOT** eligible for competition also in Dept. 11, and therefore may only be registered in one or the other department – not both – regardless of the dates of judging for either. This is in agreement with the purpose of Dept. 11, according to state rules.

15. Entries in Dept. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19 and 20 will be accepted from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., **SUNDAY ONLY**. No Monday entries will be accepted. Judging in these departments will be on Monday. Building will be closed until judging is finished and displays are completed.

16. A Baked Goods Auction will be held with items from Depts. 10, 11 and 15 on Monday at approximately 6:00 p.m.

17. All entries must stay until 9:00 p.m., Saturday evening or premium will be forfeited. Entries may be picked up Saturday evening from 9:00 to 10:30 p.m. Exhibitors must be able to prove ownership of exhibits before claiming articles.

18. Entry fees have been eliminated in Depts. 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19 and 20.

19. While it is the full intention and desire to pay all premiums in full, as advertised in this premium catalog, yet should any contingency arise by reason of unfavorable weather, etc., whereby the receipts of the Association are short and/or the state reimbursement has been reduced or withdrawn, then in that event the Board reserves the right to pay pro-rata upon the gross receipts after deducting the expenses, and the amounts so paid shall discharge the obligations of the Association of the current year.

20. **PASSES (Wristbands)** – Exhibitors \$5.00 with animal entry fee of \$4.00 or more, limit to maximum of two, immediate family only. Commercial exhibitors – limited to two per exhibitor. Any additional must be purchased at Fair office. Exhibitor, commercial and camper passes do not permit admission to stage, field shows or rides.

Wristbands must be worn at all times.

21. Premiums will be paid when State Fair reimbursement funds are received.

22. Entries accepted in the following order – Clarion County and 4-H first, previous exhibitors second, others by date of entry, if space available.

23. No pets permitted on fairgrounds -- service animals only.

24. Thursday night prior to Fair Week is work night on the grounds.

25. General admission, \$8.00 per person, includes parking, rides and grandstand seating on a first-come, first-serve basis. Children 2 & under admitted free, unless child will be riding rides. No refunds. **Sunday only – \$2.00 per vehicle.**

NOTICE

All persons who enter the grounds and use the facilities on said grounds for the purpose of exhibiting, displaying, competing, seeing the exhibits, being entertained by the attractions at the Fair, or in any other manner participating in the Fair, do so at their own risk.

The Clarion County Fair Association will not intentionally show or permit to be shown any dangerous attractions on the grounds. However, the showing of certain attractions required that spectators be reasonably watchful of conduct of their children, and although the Fair Association will take every precaution, it will not be responsible for any personal injury or property damage suffered by reason of any attraction shown or exhibited during the Fair.

Any person entering the grounds in a state of intoxication or with intoxicating liquor in his/her possession, or with concealed weapons on his/her person, forfeits all rights to the Fairgrounds. Pool selling, betting or immoral conduct of any kind will positively not be permitted on the grounds.

RULES FOR LIVESTOCK

Livestock Committee - PAUL BROWN, TIM BROWN, DON RANKIN, BILL SNYDER, STEVE MARSH, KEITH MILLER, STEVE REICHARD, JACK SNYDER, TRAVIS SMITH, GARRETT RANKIN and LAURA HEASLEY

1. Clarion County Fair discourages the use of drugs, biologics or any chemical from fitting products in the raising of all Junior Livestock Animals being shown at our fair. If it is found upon slaughter that the meat was in violation of the "Federal Meat Inspection Act", the loss of the carcass and any other damages will be borne by the exhibitor.

2. All livestock offered for premiums must have been the property of the owners thirty (30) days or longer. (Livestock entered under a name other than the owner's shall be disqualified for premiums.)

3. The market animal should be weighed on the same set of scales, under a qualified weighmaster at the discretion of the Fair.

4. Should any animals awarded a prize be disqualified, the animals gaining lower prizes shall move into the next higher position if, in the opinion of the judges, the animals are worthy of such prizes.

5. Overfitting of all livestock will be discriminated against. Any artificial means used to change the form or shape of an animal will disqualify it from competition.

6. When accepted for exhibition, each animal must be shown in halter and controlled by the owner or employee. The Fair will have standby attendants available during the youth judging or showing, men designated if there is trouble with the animals.

7. Joint ownership considered to be as one owner in accordance with registration papers.

8. The IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) National Code of Show Ring Ethics shall govern care, showmanship, and conduct for all livestock shows during the Clarion County Fair (See Appendix A).

9. All livestock will be released at 8:00 p.m., Saturday night only. No loading prior to that time and it must be done in an orderly fashion.

10. Limited sawdust will be supplied by the Fair Association. Each exhibitor will supply his own grain, hay and bedding.

11. Any animal which cannot be satisfactorily handled under show conditions will be removed from Fairgrounds in accordance with livestock committee decision.

12. ALL ANIMALS entered in the breeding classes must be recorded or accepted for registry in the recognized books for their respective breeds. Exhibitors must have registration and transfer certificates available for inspection by management at any time until the judging of the breed is completed. Only original breed registration papers will be accepted when checking entries. No photostats or other copies will be accepted.

13. No animals permitted on grounds before 8:00 p.m., Saturday prior to Fair. No security until Sunday. All animal entries must use the farm gate and must be accepted (visually checked) for entry by the Fair management prior to unloading. Check-in times will be from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Saturday evening, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sunday. The ONLY exception to this rule is if prior arrangements have been made with livestock superintendent. Health papers must be presented to the barn representative at the barn.

14. Exhibitors are responsible for informing themselves as to when their stock will be shown. Stock must be in the ring promptly on call and failure to comply with the order renders exhibitors liable to be ruled out of competition.

15. Everyone is responsible for their own clean-up of stalls. Any clean-up remaining after Saturday night to start at 7:30 a.m., Sunday.

16. Concerns should follow this chain of command:

1. Department Chair
2. Livestock Committee*
3. Executive Board of the Fair Assoc. Decisions by the body are considered final.

*If this concern involves youth, an appointed representative from Cooperative Extension or FFA will be involved in the decision.

17. Entries close June 28.

18. If an animal bites a person and draws blood, the animal must be removed from Fair and quarantined for ten (10) days.

HEALTH RULES FOR LIVESTOCK

1. Grooming Products and Their Use - Be sure to use only grooming products that are approved for use on meat and dairy animals when fitting your animals for show. Unapproved products may contain ingredients that result in unacceptable residues in the meat or milk. If you are uncertain that a product is residue-safe and approved for use on meat or dairy animals, **do not use it.**

IMPORTANT - If upon slaughter, treatment drugs, biologics, or any chemical from fitting products is the cause of condemnation of a carcass, the loss of the carcass and any other damages will be borne by the exhibitor.

GENERAL HEALTH CERTIFICATION

1. The base date for computing health rules will be the opening day of the show.

2. Animals known to be infected with or exposed to any contagious, infectious, or external parasitic disease, and animals restricted by quarantine may not be assembled for show purposes.

3. All animals (cattle, sheep, goats, horses and swine) admitted to the Clarion County Fair must be accompanied by an official BAHDS indicating compliance with applicable state and federal regulations. A statement by an accredited veterinarian that these animals were **EXAMINED AFTER MAY 1, 2011**, and found to be free of clinical signs of contagious disease shall also accompany these animals.

4. All show animals should be held in isolation for at least 30 days after returning to the herd of origin.

5. CVIs (AAI-13) may be obtained from the Regional Office of the PA Dept. of Agriculture, 13410 Dunham Rd., Meadville, PA 16335, 814-332-6890.

6. CVIs must be presented before animals are unloaded at the Fair.

7. An *Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR)* form must accompany each animal, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.

8. Veterinarian should be consulted if the health of an animal is in question.

9. The Clarion County Fair follows the National Code of Show Ring Ethics. See Appendix A.

IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS & EXPOSITIONS) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement

of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.

2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animals health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.

3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.

4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood or other samples taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservations, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug, or the external application of any substance (irritant, counter-irritant or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.

7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management,

or other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.

9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including *Fair and Expositions* and any special notices to members.

11. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state or provincial statutes, regulations or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

Department 1

HORSES

**CINDY SEIGWORTH, 814-797-2987; LYLE
SHRECKENGOST & JUSTIN SHRECKENGOST,
814-365-2162**

(Refer to General Rules for Information) HEALTH RULES FOR HORSES

1. No Equine showing clinical signs of contagious or infectious disease will be admitted to any show or other fair event.

2. Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) – All horses must be official ELISA or AGID (Coggins) test negative within one year of admission to the show. The negative test report must accompany the horse. The negative test must have been conducted within 12 months of the opening date of the show.

3. All equine animals must be test negative for EIA by an official test within the 12 months prior to the opening date of the exhibition. Laboratory test results must accompany each animal to its final destination (a copy of the original lab report is acceptable). Foals less than 6 months of age accompanied by a dam which meets the above requirements are exempt from EIA testing requirements. If the foal is not accompanied by the dam, a copy of the dam's test results must accompany the foal to its final destination.

4. Horses and other equidae assembled for exhibition, competition, or sale should be immunized to prevent contagious respiratory disease not less than 15 days before the show. Exhibitors are advised to consult their veterinarian regarding proper conditioning and vaccination of their animals at least 30 days prior to the event.

5. Animals will be housed by chairman.