

RULES AND REGULATIONS

MEMBERSHIP

1. The annual Associate Membership Fee of the Rockton Agricultural Society (RAS) is \$15. In order to become an Associate Member of the RAS, you must be nominated at the Annual General Meeting. You must agree to work on a committee(s) and, in turn, you will receive voting privileges (if you are 18 years of age or older) and you will receive a ribbon for entry to the Fair.

EXHIBITOR FEES

1. Each Exhibitor must pay a yearly Exhibitor Fee of \$10 for which they can exhibit as many entries as they wish, and will receive one admission ticket to the current Fair. EXHIBITORS OF LIVESTOCK (CATTLE, HORSES, SHEEP, GOATS & ALPACAS) WILL RECEIVE ONE PASS FOR EXHIBITORS OF ONE ANIMAL, TWO PASSES FOR TWO TO FOUR ANIMALS AND THREE PASSES FOR FIVE OR MORE ANIMALS, IF PRE-REGISTERED ON TIME, IN ADDITION TO THE VEHICLE AND DRIVER BEING ALLOWED IN FREE. This Exhibitor Fee will be waived if you are a paid up Associate Member of the RAS. All others must have a current pass or ribbon or pay at the gate (children five years and under are the **ONLY** exception). Vehicles transporting animals are to **ENTER and EXIT** through the 5th Concession gate **ONLY**. Signage will be posted for this entrance, please refer to the map on the back of the prize book.
2. 4-H Club Members, Junior exhibitors in the Junior Fair, School Fair exhibitors, Senior Citizens and Certified Visually Challenged are not required to pay an Exhibitor Fee when entering their respective sections; but, on entering open classes, an Exhibitor Fee will be required. **This Exhibitor Fee will be waived for 4-H Club Members exhibiting only one current year's 4-H project per 4-H Club in an open show.**

ENTRIES

1. All entries of articles and livestock intended for exhibition must be made on printed forms, filled out and signed by the exhibitor or their agent. Proper forms will be furnished on application to the General Manager.
2. All entries for the exhibition halls, excluding School Fair, must be received by the General Manager on printed forms, by **OCTOBER 2, 2015**. Late entries, or entries that are changed or added to the original entry list will be charged \$1 each. No exhibitor will be allowed to enter for competition more than one entry in any one class except where otherwise mentioned.
3. **On Thursday, October 9, 2015, all hall entries, except Wine, Photography & Giant Pumpkins may be placed between 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.**
4. All entries must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor and be made or worked by the exhibitor. Please note that on **Thursday October 9 the Main Gate will be open for pedestrians ONLY.**
5. **No Homecraft articles will be admitted with name, initial, or distinguishing mark thereon.**
6. **No articles in the Exhibition Halls will be allowed to be removed until 5 p.m., Monday, Thanksgiving Day, at which time the halls will be cleared by the officers on the grounds. All exhibitors will be furnished with a Hall Pass, which will entitle them to re-enter the halls to remove their exhibits.**
7. While the Directors will take every possible precaution under the circumstances to secure the safety of articles sent to the exhibition, the owners themselves must take the risk of exhibiting. Should any article

- be accidentally injured, damaged, lost, or stolen, the Directors will give all the assistance in their power toward the recovery, but will not make payment for the value thereof.
8. To discourage the practice of sending exhibits in care of the Director in Charge of a department, the following will be strictly enforced. While every possible assistance will be given in placing exhibits, no package or case of any kind will be opened, unless accompanied by the exhibitor or someone responsible for the exhibit.
 9. **If any article or animal is taken from the grounds before specified times, the exhibitor of same may not be entitled to any prize that may have been awarded.**
 10. All horses must be moved out of cattle barns by 8:00 a.m. to make room for other livestock coming in. If this is not done, the offending exhibitor will be disqualified from any class, either shown or to be shown.
 11. Any articles left in the buildings after 6:00 p.m. Monday, will be at the risk of the exhibitor.
 12. Fair Directors reserve the right to reject and remove any livestock, poultry, or rabbits for health, safety reasons, or general appearance.

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR CODE OF CONDUCT
as Developed by OFAC (Ontario Farm Animal Council)

The Rockton World's Fair is committed to responsible animal care and treatment. This Code of Conduct outlines what is expected of livestock exhibitors in the handling and exhibiting of all animals involved with our Fair.

This Code has been developed to meet the following objectives:

- To ensure the health and well being of all animals at the fair.
- To demonstrate an accurate and responsible animal care message to the public.
- To maintain the integrity of all livestock competitions, displays, and sales.
- Livestock and poultry must be transported to and from the fair in accordance with all humane transport regulations and standards.
- Loading and unloading must be undertaken using proper equipment and procedures.
- All animals must be treated and handled in a responsible manner. The well being of the animals shall take precedence over the demands of owners, sellers, buyers, organizers, sponsors, and officials.
- The care of all animals must be as consistent as possible with their normal schedules and standards. High standards of nutrition, health, sanitation, environment and safety must be met at all times. All handling, housing and veterinary treatment must ensure adequate animal care.
- Livestock should be prepared with proper training, fitting, and grooming prior to the fair. Excessive disciplining of animals at the fair is unacceptable.
- Exhibitors are expected to provide adequate training for anyone handling their livestock. Untrained individuals, including fair personnel and visitors, should not be permitted to handle animals or equipment.
- Exhibitors should take every opportunity to enhance public awareness, education and appreciation of proper livestock management and handling practices.

There will be no tolerance for any mistreatment of animals. Any unacceptable exhibitor conduct will be subject to action including possible elimination from the competition(s) and/or exhibit, at the discretion of the Board.

PIPEDA

The Rockton Agricultural Society is committed to the safeguarding of personal information collected from exhibitors and Associate Members in accordance with the *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act*. Personal information collected will not be sold or disclosed for reasons other than for why it was collected. Please see our entry forms.

JUDGES AND JUDGING

1. All exhibits in the show shall be known to judges by ticket and number.
2. No one will be allowed to interfere, by conversation or otherwise, with a judge while said judge is on duty judging a class.
3. Any exhibitor or attendant who is guilty of creating a disturbance whether by openly criticizing the judge or using obscene language to any judge or officer, shall therefore forfeit the right to any award and may be suspended from exhibiting by the Director in Charge.

PRIZES

1. When the amount of prize money won by an exhibitor is \$20 or over, \$10 will be retained by the society as the following year's Exhibitors Fee and a Fair pass worth \$13 will be enclosed with the new prize book, except for 4-H club members, Junior exhibitors, School Fair exhibitors, and exhibitors in the Senior Citizen and Visually Impaired classes.
2. All perpetual trophies will be engraved by the society, and presented at Awards Night. Trophies are to be returned by opening of next fair.
3. There will be a deduction of 15% of all prize monies in lieu of entry fee, except where entry fee is stated. Entry fees will be used as prize money.

POWERS OF SOCIETY

1. Where the Board of Directors of the Society has reason to believe that an exhibitor or attendant has committed a fraud or misrepresentation, detrimental to the fair, the Board has the power to withhold payment or delivery of any award, until such time that such person proves to the satisfaction of the Board that no fraud or misrepresentation has been committed or made.
2. Exhibitors shall, if required by the Committee of Grievances, make a statutory declaration that the articles exhibited by them are exhibited in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Society, and in case any exhibitor refuses to make such declaration on being requested, all awards shall be forfeited by her, him, or them.
3. Any exhibitor lodging a protest must make it in writing and deliver it to the General Manager before 12:00 noon, Tuesday, following the fair. The cause of the protest must be clearly stated and accompanied by a deposit of \$25, which sum shall be forfeited if protest is not sustained. The Board of Directors, however, earnestly hope that the exhibitors will not enter protest without the strongest grounds for so doing, as much annoyance and unpleasantness is often caused by protests of a frivolous nature.
4. All protests will be decided by the Committee of Grievances, namely Jeanette Jamieson, David Leslie, Harvey Wood, and the President. Any three can be named to make the decision, which shall be final.
5. The Directors in Charge shall be at liberty, for cause or in their uncontrolled discretion, and without giving reason therefore, to bar any exhibitor or any animal from participating in, or competing or continuing to participate or compete in any event, and also cause any exhibitor and any such animal to be removed from the premises of the society.
6. Rockton Agricultural Society will do its utmost to see that all safety precautions are met to protect the public and to safeguard the exhibits but it is up to the exhibitor to see that all animals are well trained, under full control, and equipment is in a safe condition.

EXHIBITORS OF CATTLE, HORSES, SHEEP, GOATS & ALPACAS (4-H EXHIBITORS EXEMPT) MUST SUBMIT EITHER A LETTER FROM THEIR INSURANCE COMPANY OR A COPY OF THEIR INSURANCE POLICY WHICH MUST INCLUDE A POLICY NUMBER, AN EXPIRY DATE THAT MAKES THE POLICY VALID OVER THE THANKSGIVING WEEKEND, THAT COVERAGE IS AT LEAST \$2,000,000 AND THAT YOU ARE COVERED FOR SHOWING YOUR ANIMALS AT FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS. THIS PROOF MUST BE PROVIDED AT THE TIME OF MAKING YOUR ENTRIES. IN THE EVENT THAT A COPY OF THE INSURANCE IS NOT ON FILE PRIOR TO THE FAIR WEEKEND ANY PRIZE MONEY WILL BE HELD UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT ALL CONDITIONS ARE MET. ROCKTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PROHIBIT AN EXHIBITOR FROM SHOWING IF THE INSURANCE IS NOT PROVIDED.

- 7. Rockton Agricultural Society, its members, employees, and volunteers shall not be liable for any loss of, or damage to, property belonging to the exhibitor or to concession vendors however caused. Nor shall the Rockton Agricultural Society, its members, employees or volunteers be liable to the exhibitor or to the concession vendor, or anyone coming on to the Society's property at the instigation of, or to visit the exhibitor's or concession vendor's site. Should anyone make a claim for any damage or injury however caused against any member, employee, or volunteer of the Rockton Agricultural Society the exhibitor or concession vendor agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Rockton Agricultural Society, its members, its employees, and its volunteers for any claim or damage however caused arising out of, or in consequence of, the use of the exhibition space allotted. The cattle, horse, sheep, alpaca and goat exhibitor and concession vendor agrees to have liability insurance to provide indemnity as set out herein and for any damages or claim that may arise as a consequence of his/her use of the exhibition/vendor space directly or indirectly. They must name the Rockton Agricultural Society as additional insured.**
8. No concession will be allowed to be placed on the ground until the fee is paid to the Committee in Charge.
9. The Managing Committee consists of the President, the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President, and the General Manager. This committee will be in attendance on each day of the fair.
10. The interpretation of all rules and regulations is made by the Managing Committee and its decision will be final. In case an error occurs in the printing of this prize list, the Managing committee has the power to rectify same.
- 11. The Management of Rockton Agricultural Society advise all exhibitors and all others concerned that the consumption of alcoholic beverages in the buildings or on the grounds of the Society is prohibited. According to the Liquor Laws of Ontario, such persons found in possession of alcoholic beverages leave themselves open to prosecution by the proper authorities.**