

NOBLE COUNTY FAIR PREMIUM LIST RULES AND REGULATIONS

CONSTITUTION

Article I – Title

This organization shall be known as The Noble County Agricultural Society.

Article II – Object

The object of this Society shall be to promote and encourage Agriculture, Domestic Industry, Wholesome Entertainment and such other interests as the Society deems proper for the best interest of the community.

Article III – Membership

Any person who is 18 years of age and a resident of Noble County may become a member of the Society by paying annually the membership fee fixed by the Board of Directors. No person shall secure more than one membership, and no membership shall be issued to corporations, partnerships or firms.

Article IV – Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of fifteen members who shall be elected for a term of three years, and the terms so arranged that the terms of one third of the members shall expire annually. Any vacancy caused by death, resignation, removal from office or other causes may be filled by the Board of Directors until the next annual election when a Director shall be elected for the unexpired term.

Article V – Election

The annual election of the Board of Directors shall be held in Caldwell, at the office of the Society on the second Saturday in November of each year. Polls will be open four hours on the day of election, and the time of opening and closing shall be stated in the notice of election. The said election shall be by ballot.

Ballots must be marked with an X before the name of each candidate voted for otherwise the name will not be counted. Only persons holding membership tickets at the close of the annual Fair may vote.

Members of the Society must declare their candidacy for the office of Director of the Society by filing with the Secretary of the Society a petition signed by ten or more members of the Society who are residents of the County in which the Society is organized at least seven days before the annual election of Directors is held. Only regularly nominated candidates who have met the filing requirements will be eligible for election as a Director. The term of office of the retiring Directors shall expire and that of the Directors-elect shall begin on the first day of their successors are elected and qualified.

Article VI

The Board of Directors shall meet annually on the third Saturday in November of each year and elect a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The President and Vice President shall serve one year, and the Secretary and Treasurer not more than three years as the Board may determine and until their successors are elected and qualified.

fied. At this meeting the officers shall make reports to the membership of the Society concerning the past Fair and make recommendations for the betterment of future Fairs. The President and Vice President shall be Directors. The Secretary and Treasurer may or may not be Directors. Before election of officers the newly elected Directors shall qualify by taking the following oath of affirmation before a competent authority:

I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of Ohio, Laws of Ohio pertaining to Agricultural Societies and to the best of my ability perform the duties of Director of the Noble County Agricultural Society, so help me God.

Article VII – Amendments

Amendments to the constitution or by-laws may be proposed by: A majority of the Board of Directors at the scheduled meeting voting in favor of placing an amendment on the ballot or filing a petition with the Secretary of the Society at least fourteen days prior to the annual election of the Board of Directors. Said petition must set forth the proposed amendment and be signed by not less than twenty-five members. If an amendment is proposed, it shall be submitted to the membership of the Society at the annual election of the Board of Directors. When more than one amendment is submitted at the same time, they shall be submitted as to enable the members to vote on each amendment separately. If a majority of the membership voting on the proposed amendment shall adopt such amendment, it shall become a part of the constitution or by-laws.

Article VIII – Compensation

The compensation of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

It shall be the duty of the Vice President in the absence of the President to preside at all meetings.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a list of all members of the Society, keep an accurate record of all proceedings of the Board, notify all members of the Board of the time and place of all meetings, notify the members of the Society of the time and place of the annual meeting and election of Board of Directors, keep a correct statement of all receipts and expenditures of money and make out the annual report to the Ohio Department of Agriculture. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies and give a receipt for same and sources from which it came, keep an accurate account of all receipts and expenditures, pay all bills and perform such other duties as authorized.

Article IX – Bonds

The Secretary and Treasurer shall post a surety bond in the amount of \$2,000.00 payable to the Society, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of his office.

Article X – Fair Dates

The Board of Directors shall fix the dates for the annual exposition of the Society, subject to the approval of the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

BY-LAWS

Article I – Quorum

A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Society.

Article II – Meetings

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the call of the President or at the call of the Secretary upon the written request to the Secretary by not less than five members of the Board of Directors.

Article III – Order of Business

- 1– Roll Call
- 2– Reading & Approval of Minutes
- 3 – Bills
- 4 – Report of Committees
- 5 – Unfinished Business
- 6 – New Business
- 7 – Appointments
- 8 – Adjournment

The order of business may be temporarily suspended at any meeting upon a majority vote of a quorum present.

Article IV

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Board, to appoint committees and to perform such other duties as are determined by the Board.

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Article V

Section 1. (In Accordance with Ohio Attorney General Opinion 2103-023) The Society may authorize the use of moneys to acquire alcoholic beverages and a liquor permit to sell the beverages at an event that is open to the public and conducted on the fairgrounds and retain the revenue derived from the sales.

Section 2. (In Accordance with Ohio Attorney General Opinion 2103-023) The Society may (1) authorize the holder of a valid liquor permit to have an event that is open to the public and conducted on the fairgrounds and (2) receive fees from the permit holder.

RULES of THE FAIR

The Fair Board office, located on the fairground, will be open Monday, August 14, to receive entries, and will close Saturday, August 19, at 4:00 p.m. Entries for Departments 5 through 8 will close on Saturday, August 26th at 4:00 p.m. Late entries for livestock/horses will be charged an additional \$25 per head.

On Monday, August 14, Fair Board offices at the fairground will be opened at 9:00 a.m.

Only articles listed in the Premium Book will be entered. All entries to be made according to revised Premium List.

Entries that are mailed must be received by August 19, 2023. Hall entries will not be accepted after closing date Saturday, August 26, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. NO TELEPHONE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.

Item or items entered in Dept. 5-8 cannot be purchased from any type of retail, wholesale, or second-hand store. All items must be raised or manufactured by the one entering them. Entrants must be a permanent resident of Noble County. Items found not in compliance will not be judged or awarded a premium.

Upon the entry of stock or other articles, tags with number of class of said stock will be furnished by the Secretary, which card must be placed or attached to the stock or article to be exhibited for premiums.

A well-regulated police force will be in attendance to enforce the rules of the Society.

Any person who is 18 years of age and a resident of Noble County may become a member of the Society by paying annually the membership fee fixed by the Board of Directors.

No person shall secure more than one membership, and no memberships shall be issued to Corporations, Partnerships or Firms.

1. One person admitted per animal for Draft Horse and Mule Show on Saturday.

2. Demolition Derby entries will be given one driver pass.

3. One driver and one hitcher for the horse pull will be given a day pass.

4. One day pass will be given for each tractor in tractor pull. The same applies to truck pull.

5. Junior Fair Groups must submit names of members and advisors to the Fair Secretary to receive armbands.

6. Anyone renting space for displays and concessions is entitled to two passes.

7. Two (2) passes for eating stands; it is up to that organization to purchase more passes if they wish.

8. Under no condition will any free passes be given out. Only those passes listed in the preceding rules will be issued.

9. Motorcycles which are street legal and driven by a licensed driver are permitted on grounds during the fair.

10. No ATV, UTV or golf carts permitted on the fairgrounds, except for those used by the fairboard members and their designees in performance of their duties during the fair.

11. No bicycles, roller blades, skateboards, etc. permitted.

12. No alcoholic beverages permitted outside of the designated campgrounds.

All servicemen and women in uniform admitted to the gate free who present an official leave or pass.

All articles and animals for competition must be in their proper position by Tuesday at 7 a.m., otherwise they will positively be excluded from competition. The Board will adhere strictly to the above rule for the purpose of giving a full program of exercises. Entries must specify the owner's name, and the name, age, sex, and description of the animal offered.

No animal shall be entered in the name of any other than the bona fide owner, except light horses.

NO person other than the judges will be permitted to get into the ring where the stock is being exhibited except the officers of the Board



of Senior Fair Board and their Designee.

The Board shall take every precaution in its power for the safe preservation of stock and articles on exhibition after their arrival and arrangement upon the grounds, but will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. Exhibitors are desired to give attention to their articles and at the close of the Fair to attend to their removal. No articles shall be removed before 8:00 o'clock a.m. on the last day of the Fair without permission of the committee in charge of the department in which it is entered, and any violation of this regulation will work a forfeit of the premium.

If a project/animal/exhibit is removed from the fairgrounds before the release time without the approval from the Sr. Fair board, there may be penalties imposed under the discretion of the fair board.

Livestock may be removed after 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning. All livestock must be removed by 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.

All grooming chutes, lamb and goat stands **MUST** remain in the designated area assigned by Sr. Fair board.

The Superintendent will receive the articles and animals for exhibition and place them in the right division.

In order that the Secretary may have time to make up his books and avoid all mistakes of committee there may be no orders issued for premiums until on or after October 1, following date of the Fair.

As the entire receipts are pledged for payment of premiums, after the payment of necessary expenses, exhibitors may rely upon the strictest good faith and all reasonable promptness in the payment of premiums awarded.

Payment of Premiums

If the proceeds of the Fair, after paying expenses, are not sufficient to pay the premiums in full, a dividend will be struck and the premiums paid pro-rata.

The Noble County Agricultural Society will not be responsible for any accident sustained on the grounds, either automobile, animal, accidental or otherwise.

All entries made upon the books of the Secretary will be strictly private. No entry made will be revealed to the public until after awards of the committees are made.

Awarding committees must not attach any premium cards to articles for which no premiums are offered. The awarding committee may attach commended cards to all such articles as in their judgment deserve commendation and make an entry of the same in their book.

Award committees finding any articles on exhibit not meritorious shall not award such stock or particles any premium.

No exhibitor will be allowed to give or sell any article that will conflict with the rights sold privilege men.

All entries to be made according to Revised Premium List. **ALL LIVESTOCK ENTRIES CLOSE AT 4 P.M., SATURDAY, AUGUST 19,**

2023.Late entry of \$25/head.

Vacancies in committees in the field will be filled by the officer in charge of the department.

All animals shall be trained sufficiently so as to not endanger the fair patrons, other exhibitors, or their animals. Those that are uncontrollable or ill shall not be brought to the fair. Straw, Sawdust, Wood Chips, Mulch, Bark, and any wood products may be used for bedding. Stalls, bedded area must be cleared daily, with waste product removed from barn and placed in designated areas. At the end of the fair, all bedding must be removed from barn and placed in designated areas, or removed from the Fair grounds. Absolutely no aggregate bedding.

If any exhibitor should refuse to obey instructions of the board member in charge, he may be asked to remove his exhibit from the fairground, forfeit any awards, and may be refused the privilege of exhibiting in future fairs.

Any violations of rules set forth by the Noble County Agricultural Society could result in suspension from Open Class or Junior Fair activities at the Noble County Fair for up to a year or more depending on the severity of the violation at the discretion of the Noble County Fair Board.

Protest & Appeals Policy

1. Protests must be made in writing, signed by party or parties making protest, and filed with the Senior Fair Board president by noon of the day following award, or violation, accompanied by a protest fee of \$50, which will be retained by the Noble County Senior Fair Board if protest is not sustained.

2. All appeals can be made to the board up to a week following notification of the infraction. The Senior Fair Board shall hear protests with all parties involved.

2. A protest may be filed anytime during the fair and will follow the procedures outlined above.

3. A protests/appeals will be considered at a time set by the Senior Fair Board, and all parties will be notified. If the Fair board determines an infraction may have occurred, they will conduct a hearing with the accused and the accuser(s) to address the matter. After the hearing the fair board will decide if further action is required for a penalty.

4. The written statement for protest/appeal must contain the following information, at a minimum:

1. The date of the incident
2. A complete statement of all relevant known facts.
3. List of names, addresses, and, if available, telephone numbers of people who were involved
4. Any rules, regulations, policies and/or procedures allegedly violated or misapplied.
5. A proposed resolution
6. Printed name(s) and signature(s) of the individual(s) filing the complaint, protest or grievance.

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