

**FAIR DAYS**  
**CHISAGO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**  
**RUSH CITY, MN**

**OPEN CLASS GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**EXHIBITORS**

1. **No exhibitor shall be allowed to make more than one entry in any one lot.**
2. Exhibitors of Chisago County and adjoining counties whose fairs are open to Chisago County exhibitors may compete for premiums on space available basis.
3. Entries must be in place at 12 noon on Thursday.

**EXHIBITS**

4. Entries for premiums in the individual lots of grain, field seed, fruits and vegetables shall not be permitted to appear as parts of collections.
5. No articles or animals shall compete for more than one premium except livestock competing in teams or groups. This rule shall not debar sweepstakes or special premium competition for which no entry is required.
6. Stock and articles must be entered in the name of the bona fide owners, and grain, vegetables, fruit, dairy products and domestic manufacturers must have been raised or made by the exhibitors thereof during the past year.
7. Every article in competition must correspond in number and description with the premium list, and be in its proper class in order to obtain premiums. No change or alteration will be permitted after the books are placed in the hands of the judges.
8. All entries except entries in trials of speed and livestock must be made on or before the first day of the fair. (Subject to local conditions).
9. No animals or article will be assigned to a place on the grounds until an entry has been made.
10. Each entry tag shall be securely attached to the entry itself, or the stall, pen or receptacle in which it is shown.
11. All entries except livestock division are to remain on exhibition until 7 p.m. on the last day of the Fair, unless permission to remove earlier is given by a signed release with Fairboard approval. Livestock released at 5 p.m.
12. All articles exhibited in this department must be the handiwork of the exhibitor and must have been completed within the last two (2) years and not exhibited at this fair before.
13. Grains and field seed shall be shown in clean bags, dishes, or baskets, and unless otherwise designated, shall consist of one peck measure, in standard receptacles furnished by the Fair Association.
14. Exhibitors of articles not competing for premiums must be arranged for at the Secretary's office and will be arranged for as far as possible in conformity with the wishes of the exhibitor.
15. Those in charge of different divisions shall conveniently group each lot in the various classes.
16. The Association will take every precaution in its power for the preservation of articles and stock on exhibition, but cannot be responsible for any loss or damage by fire, theft, or otherwise that may occur in the delivery, exhibition or removal of the exhibits. Vet costs are the responsibility of the exhibitor.

**AWARDS**

17. The Superintendent of the Division or some other person appointed shall assist the judge as clerk and shall keep a record of the awards made. This record, when completed, shall be signed by the judge and returned to the secretary.
18. The awards or entries shall be designated by ribbons or cards as follows: First premium, blue; second, red; third, white.
19. Any interference by exhibitors to influence or dictate the decision of the judges will be sufficient cause for excluding his or her entry from competition, and should be reported to the Secretary through the Superintendent of the Division.

20. No appeal from the decision of the judge shall be allowed. An exhibitor may make protest to the Superintendent of the Division at the time of the award, who may then request the judges to give reasons for such placing.
21. No judge shall award any discretionary premiums. Whenever articles of superior merit are exhibited for which no premiums have been offered, the judge may enter the same as "commended" on the book of awards, so that the Secretary may report the same to the board for future action..
22. Premiums will not be awarded on articles or animals of inferior merit, regardless of the number in competition for a premium. The judge may award a premium, second, or first premium as merit may warrant, putting the reasons in writing when requested.
23. Special premiums may be offered by interested persons for entries which conform to the general classification of the Fair Association.
24. All Fair premiums not called for within sixty days after the last day of the Fair will be forfeited to the Society.
25. If the resources should prove insufficient to meet all the demands, the Society reserves the right to first pay all bona fide expenses of the Fair and pay premiums with the balance on hand.
26. No person will be permitted to distribute advertising matter on the grounds except from their place of business or exhibit. The tacking or posting of any advertisements, bill, cards, etc., other than within the space occupied by exhibitors, is strictly prohibited. The distribution of hand bills, flyers, heralds, etc., will not under any circumstances be permitted. Anyone violating this rule will be liable to a fine or expulsion from the grounds, as the Board may elect.

## **SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR LIVESTOCK**

1. No exhibitor of livestock shall be allowed to make more than two entries in one lot. Limited 10 entries total per family.
2. Exhibitors must keep their stock, stalls, and pens in good condition and open for inspection from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.
3. Exhibitors of livestock must inform themselves when their stock will be judged. Stock must be in the show ring promptly after being called and any exhibitor failing to comply with this order will be ruled out of competition.
4. All cattle must be accompanied by a health certificate supplied by a recognized veterinarian at the time of the entry of the exhibit in the Fair.
5. All animals on exhibit will be shown to the judges under the supervision of the respective superintendent.
6. Exhibits of bulls, 3 years or over, must lead such animals with a suitable staff attached to a nose ring.
7. In all classes which call for registered stock, all animals must be accompanied by a certificate of registry, showing that the animal is properly registered in the studbook, herdbook or flockbook, which is recognized as being authentic for the breed which the animal is representing.
8. Base dates for computing age shall be March 1 and September 1.
9. If premium money is won without display of papers in registration classes, money will be held until papers are sent in for examination.
10. No exhibitor of livestock shall be allowed to show more than two breeds in any class or division.
11. All entries must be made at least two days in advance of entry day.
12. **Any one animal can be shown in only one area such as open or 4-H or FFA.** Registration papers will be checked during vet checks.

**Note:** These rules are for both open class & 4-H. In order to enter any animal, there must be a lot number listed. There are no rabbits, goats, pets, dogs, or horses in open class.

## **EXHIBITION OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY IN MINNESOTA**

### **SUMMARY OF STATE RULE**

#### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

The exhibition management may adopt more but not less restrictive health requirements than required by the state rule.

Livestock or poultry shown by the exhibitor to have an **infection, communicable disease** or to have been exposed to an infection, communicable disease, or to be from a **quarantined** herd or flock may not be entered in an exhibition. **Warts and ringworm** are considered communicable diseases. Therefore, livestock affected by these diseases cannot be exhibited. A statement from a veterinarian that an animal is being treated for these diseases is **not** acceptable.

All livestock will be inspected by the Official Veterinarian on the opening day of the exhibition and daily during the exhibition. The Official Veterinarian will order the immediate removal to a quarantine facility or removal from the exhibition premises of any livestock with symptoms of infectious or communicable diseases. Animals placed in a quarantine facility must remain there until removed from the exhibition premises. They may not enter a show ring. This includes livestock with **warts or ringworm**.

All **testing** must be conducted prior to the exhibition, and a record of the test results on a test chart or Intrastate Health Certificate must accompany the tested animals.

Livestock and poultry entered in a **petting exhibit** is not exempt from the exhibition rules if the animals are from more than one farm or there are other animals at the exhibit.

Official Fair Veterinarian will oversee examination of all animals at the Fair.

**Poultry** (originating from Minnesota)– except Waterfowl and pigeons:

1. Negative pullorum – typhoid test within 90 days, or
2. Record of origin from a flock tested negative within last 12 months.
3. Turkeys must be tested at a laboratory for typhimurium and mycoplasmas or have a statement of origin if less than 6 months old.

**Swine** (originating from Minnesota) – No open class swine:

Negative **official (SN, latex, ELISA) pseudorabies** test within 30 days of the opening date of the exhibition, if the swine originate from a phase 3 county. **The differential pseudorabies tests are not approved for exhibition.**

**Exceptions to testing requirements:**

1. Swine from a Pseudorabies Qualified Negative Herd.
2. Swine from a Pseudorabies Controlled Vaccinated Herd.
3. Slaughter class swine (terminal show).

**When pseudorabies testing is required, all swine (including barrows) from monitored herds must meet the testing requirements.**

**CATTLE, GOATS, SHEEP** (originating from Minnesota)

No specific requirements. (Note: see general requirements above. ALL sheep except wethers must have scrapie tag).

**CATTLE, GOATS, SHEEP, HORSES, SWINE & POULTRY** (not originating from Minnesota)

Animals must meet the Minnesota Importation requirements in addition to the requirements outlined in this summary. Health certificates must list the Minnesota Exhibition as consignee and will be accepted if examination and tests are conducted within 90 days prior to the exhibition, except swine pseudorabies tests, which must be made within 30 days. **The differential pseudorabies tests are not approved for exhibition.**

**DOGS**

Dogs over 6 months of age must be accompanied by a current Certificate of Rabies Vaccination issued by a Licensed Veterinarian.

**HORSES**

All horses are required to have a coggins test. Specific dates are available at the County Extension Office.

**RABBITS**

Health check will be done by Superintendent with final check of problems by Fair Veterinarian. Once in quarantine, animals must remain there until veterinarian checks.