

Exhibitor Rules and Compliances

- General Rules

- 1. The Department of Agriculture shall use its best efforts to secure sufficient appropriations to fund premiums. In any year for which the General Assembly of the State of Illinois fails to make an appropriation sufficient to pay such premiums, premium amounts may not be accurately reflected in the premium book.
- 2. Exhibitors in the OPEN CLASS are not restricted by age or place of residence except where there are Junior and Senior Divisions. Note: Junior is an exhibitor who is 18 years or under as of September 1, 2015.
- 3. All entries must be made on an OPEN SHOW ENTRY FORM which may be found in the center of the book, on website, or obtained from the Kendall County Extension Office, 7775B Illinois Route 47, in Yorkville. Copies are acceptable. *Livestock entries* need to be listed on the livestock entry form and *Home Economics and General entries* should be on the General/Home Ec entry form. Entry forms are also available online at www.KendallCountyFair.org.
- 4. Entries may be mailed to the Kendall County Fair Association, P.O. Box 149, Yorkville, IL, 60560 or brought to the Kendall County Fairgrounds. (Hours vary)
- DEADLINES: GENERAL/HOME EC - entries must be postmarked by July 10 or dropped off at the Fairgrounds Office by July 12, 2016.
- LIVESTOCK - entries must be submitted on or before July 5, 2016. *The Kendall County Fair Office hours will be open on June 5 from 10 AM – 6 PM and July 12 from 10 AM –5 PM.*
- 5. Entry tags must be picked up at the Fairgrounds on the Wednesday before the fair from 4 PM to 7 PM. All entries must be in place by 7 PM *No exceptions!*
- 6. The Entry Form must be completed in full with all of the information requested. Only one person per entry form.
- 7. The Entry Form must be accompanied by payment for the entire amount of entry fees, stall/pen rent, and exhibitor ticket. Information on fees may be found at the beginning of each division. There are no refunds on exhibitor fees or tickets. Only Kendall County 4-H'ers are exempt from buying an exhibitor ticket. All others must pay the exhibitor ticket price.
- 8. Entries are limited to available facilities.
- 9. Rules for each division will be found at the beginning of the division. Specific rules and premium listings will be found at the beginning of the department. Any question on the rules should be directed to the department superintendent whose name and telephone number will be found with their department listing.
- 10. The Kendall County Fair Association and University of Illinois Extension Kendall County will make every effort to protect property while on the fairgrounds, but *will not* be responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.
- 11. All judge's decisions are final and the Kendall County Fair Association reserves the right to resolve any problems that may arise.
- 12. In order to prepare for project check-out on Sunday evening, Smith 4-H Hall will be closed to the public at 4:30 PM.
- 13. No dog/pet will be allowed on the fairgrounds.
- PDF of the Rules

- Livestock Rules

- 1. The Department of Agriculture shall use its best efforts to secure sufficient appropriations to fund premiums. In any year for which the General Assembly of the State of Illinois fails to make an appropriation sufficient to pay such premiums, premium amounts may not be accurately reflected in the premium book.
- 2. See General Requirements.
- 3. See the 2016 Livestock Health Requirements from the state.
- 4. All 4-H entries in Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Goats, Poultry, and Swine are eligible for open show classes and are encouraged to enter. Entries must be made on open show entry forms and submitted by the deadline.
- 5. Livestock exhibitors are allowed to enter and show no more than two animals per class. Entry fees must be paid for all animals entered. See entry form for fees.
- 6. Bark must be used for bedding in the beef division. Bedding will be provided by the Kendall County Fair Association. Other forms of bedding for beef animals will not be allowed. There will be a nominal fee of \$4 per animal charged for the bark. This fee must be paid with entry fee. *Kendall Co. 4-Hers are excluded from paying for bark.*
- 7. All livestock must be owned by the exhibitor 30 days prior to show. Breeding stock must be registered in the exhibitor's name. Registration papers will be checked at weigh-in and need to be presented upon request at any time during the fair. Tattoo in ear must match purebred papers. All papers must be in exhibitor's name, not farm, family, or firm name.
- 8. All livestock must be checked in between 2 and 8 PM on Wednesday. Health papers will be checked before animals are unloaded. Classes will be divided after weigh-in. The number of weight classes will be determined by the Superintendents.
- 9. Electrical supply is limited. Generators provided by exhibitors may be utilized to support the use of fans.
- 10. Livestock exhibitors are responsible for regular cleaning of pens and stalls by 10 AM daily or *premium money will be forfeited*.
- 11. Any entry deemed unworthy by the judge will not be placed.
- 12. Show order will be as printed in book.
- 13. Open show exhibitors under the age of 20 may stay overnight at the fairgrounds only with their parents or an adult. Check-in at the fair office upon arrival is required or premiums will be withheld.
- 14. The Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act prohibits the physical mistreatment of animals. The Kendall County Fair Association will enforce this law during the fair. Persons found mistreating animals shall be prohibited from exhibiting and may be dismissed from the fairgrounds. Exhibitors are also required to follow all labeled livestock drug withdrawal guidelines. Persons wishing to request further information in regards to specific situations at the fair should contact the Livestock Coordinator through the fair office.
- 15. The State of Illinois reserves the right to randomly select local county fairs throughout the state of Illinois to randomly check the animal's health papers, pedigrees and even collect urine samples from these animals to check for illegal or improper drug usage. Violation of these requirements could lead to premiums being withheld or forfeited and/or banishment from local and/or state fairs. The violations are also punishable under state and federal law. There will be no exceptions to these new ethics rulings.
- 16. Remember: good animal husbandry practices must be practiced at all times including Sunday until check out. Keep water and feed in place at all times. We will withhold premiums if these practices are not followed.

- 17. A veterinarian is on the grounds, or available, throughout the fair, upon request of fair officials.
- 18. Open Show Livestock is eligible to be released between 11 PM Saturday and 1 AM Sunday and 5 AM to 7 PM Sunday. Open Show Livestock still on the grounds at 7 AM Sunday *and* all Kendall County 4-H Livestock will be released at 5 PM Sunday.
- 19. Health papers held in the Fair Office until Saturday morning when they will be released to the exhibitor.
- 20. Be sure to collect your premiums before you leave the grounds. Checks available at 6 PM on Sunday. Checks will not be mailed without the proper paperwork completed by the exhibitor. See the Fair Office.
- 21. *Failure to comply with any of the rules will be sufficient cause for forfeiture of all premiums earned by the exhibitor.*
- PDF of Livestock Rules
- Link to state rules: <https://www.agr.state.il.us/AnimalHW/CountyFairRules.pdf>
- General & Home Economics Rules
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 - 2. See General Requirements.
 - 3. Entry fee is FREE! Only one entry per class allowed, except in Arts & Crafts and Clothing where two entries are allowed.
 - 4. Entries must be postmarked by July 12, 2016 or dropped off at the Fair Office by July 12, 2016. The Fair Office will be open 10 AM to 5 PM on July 12.
 - 5. Be sure your entry form is complete; no additional entries can be made once your form is received. Superintendents may change the class if an entry is incorrectly entered.
 - 6. Regarding premium placement: If an entry does not meet the requirements of the class, it will not be placed. However it may be displayed at the superintendent's' discretion.
 - If there is only one entry in a class and meets all of the judging criteria, it will receive the first premium placing.
 - 7. Junior classes (Department P) are open to anyone who is 18 years old or younger as of 9/1/2015. 4-H members may enter 4-H project items not being judged in the 4-H fair.
 - 8. Senior classes are open to anyone 19 years or older as of 9/1/2015.
 - 9. Entry must be the work of the exhibitor. Previously entered items are not acceptable, with the exception of Photography.
 - 10. Entries will be accepted between 4 PM and 7 PM. the Wednesday before the fair and must be in place by 7:00 PM. See map for check-in locations. Judging will begin immediately after check-in and, if needed, will continue at 8 AM the next morning.
 - 11. Premium checks will be available after 5 PM on Sunday at the Open Fair Office. Be sure to collect your premiums before you leave the grounds. *We are required to have your signed receipts for all premiums collected.* NO CHECKS WILL BE MAILED without the required paperwork completed by exhibitor.
 - 12. All entries will be released at 5 PM Sunday. All entries should be picked up by 6 PM. After that time, the building will close and entries can be picked up the next day at the fairgrounds. *Be sure to have your claim tickets or project may not be released. Fair Office will be open Monday, August 8, 2016 from 10 AM to 12 NOON for check pick up.*

- 13. Smith 4-H Hall will be closed to the public at 4 PM Sunday to prepare for check-out.