

SOUTHWEST ARKANSAS DISTRICT FAIR

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

LIABILITY OF EXHIBITORS

1. No animals (pets) will be allowed on the Midway.
2. No unauthorized vehicles of any kind will be allowed on the Midway after 3pm Monday through 11am Sunday.
3. All property of every character entered for competitive play, or for any other purpose, or brought into the fairgrounds by any person shall be subject to the rules and regulations prescribed by the Board of Directors.
4. In no case shall the Southwest District Fair or any of its officers/directors, be held responsible for any loss, damage, injury or death by disease, theft or from any other cause of any character, to any property while staying in the Fair Grounds, or any other time or place. The management hereby assumes no responsibility, either as bailee or otherwise, for any property being brought and kept upon said grounds.
5. IF the property owners or others interested in the property, desire protection against loss, damage, injury from fire or other cause, they must make their own arrangements and pay for such insurance.
6. Exhibitors making entries and not exhibiting shall forfeit all fees, stalls, space or exhibitor's tickets/passes.

CLAIMS FOR INJURY

7. No claim for injury to any person shall ever be asserted nor suit instituted or maintained against the Southwest District Fair, its officers or its agents, or on behalf of any person, firm or corporation or their agents, representatives, servants or employees having license or privilege to exhibit in the Fair Grounds or occupy space thereon.
8. If any damage, loss or injury to person or property shall be approximately caused by reason of neglect or willful act of any person, firm or corporation, or their agents, representative, servants or employee, having license or privilege on said Fair Grounds, or occupying space thereon, the Southwest District Fair shall be in no manner responsible therefore, and in case it is subjected to any expense of liability all persons causing same or liable therefore, shall indemnify the Southwest District Fair.
9. The Southwest District Fair will not be in any way liable for any injury to any attendant, to any exhibit in all departments, while en route to or from the Fair.

CONCESSIONS AND COMMERCIAL RULES

10. No privilege will be granted for questionable or immoral shows, for any game of chance or gambling device or for the sale of intoxicants or narcotics: NOR WILL THEY BE PERMITTED ON THE GROUNDS.
11. All privileges will be sold with the distinct understanding that the right of cancellation is reserved by the Management for the violation of the regulations of the Southwest District Fair, or of the conditions upon which the concession was granted, and any or either of such violations by the concessionaire shall work a forfeiture of his privilege without reimbursement.
12. Each concessionaire/commercial exhibitor is expected to deal honestly and fairly with the public and any attempted fraud or misrepresentation will be a sufficient cause for revoking the privilege.
13. On the concession and commercial contracts, 50% of the amount shall be paid at the time of signing contract: the balance is to be paid on or before taking possession of the space.
14. All concession space and commercial space and buildings must be kept in a neat and sanitary condition and will be inspected each day by representatives of the Southwest District Fair and Arkansas Health Department.
15. **All food or drink offered for sale or sold shall in every respect meet the approval of the Southwest District Fair. Failure to get pre-approval constitutes a \$100 FINE PER FOOD OR DRINK ITEM AND/OR BANISHMENT**

FROM FUTURE FAIR DATES. Vendors who reserve a space and do not show up or leave before the appointed time constitutes banishment from future fair dates. No food or drink which is contaminated or tainted shall be offered for sale or sold for human consumption. Food or drink subject to spoilage shall be kept in such a manner and at such a temperature as to prevent spoilage.

16. All food or drink for human consumption and vessels or other articles used for dispensing the same shall be protected against contamination by flies or dust in a manner approved by the Southwest District Fair.
17. The general sanitation in and about places where food or drink is offered for sale or sold for human consumption shall be satisfactory and meet the approval of the Southwest District Fair.
18. **ADVERTISING RESTRICTIONS:** No person shall be allowed to distribute any printed or advertising matter on the Southwest District Fair Grounds or in the buildings. All concessions and commercial exhibitors must work out of the space allotted. There will be no sales made, solicitation or literature handed out except in the space rented by those who have leased the space and have signed the proper contract, with ALL being treated the same.
19. No palm reading, fortune telling or card reading will be allowed on the premises.

CODE OF BEHAVIOR/RULES

ALL EXHIBITORS, PARENTS OF EXHIBITORS, COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS, VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE INSTRUCTORS AND ANY OTHERS INVOLVED WITH EXHIBITORS ARE EXPECTED TO ADHERE TO THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS (IAFE) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS. (A copy is available to view under Rules and Regulations on the website.)

IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY:

1. If an exhibitor in any way, whether in person or by agent or servant, interferes with the judges during their adjudication or shows any disrespect to them or the Southwest District Fair Officials, such person and agents will be subject to penalties as detailed in rules 3 and 4.
2. Any act of discourtesy or disobedience to Southwest District Fair officials on the part of the exhibitor, parents or sponsors will disqualify exhibitor from the contest and the owner shall forfeit their entrance and other fees. Any exhibitor, parent or sponsor who shall attempt to interfere with judges in the performance of their duties or who shall make any false statement in regard to any animal exhibited or shall interfere with official's and/or judge's books shall be excluded from the competition and may be subject to other disciplinary actions.
3. **PENALTIES:** AN EXHIBITOR, EXHIBITORS PARENT, AGENT, County Extension Agent, Vocational Agriculture Instructor or other person associated with an exhibitor who violates any of the rules contained herein, or whose animal has been found to be in violation of the rules is subject to such penalties as the management shall order, including but not limited to:
 - a. Such animal being barred from entering and/or participating at the Southwest District Fair event.
 - b. The exhibitor being barred from entering and/or participating at the Southwest District Fair event.
 - c. The exhibitor, the exhibitor's family, representatives or agents of the exhibitor or all of these, being barred from any further participation.
 - d. Violator's name and address being reported to the National Association of Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association Rule Infraction Database. Being reported in the database may result in disqualification from any national livestock show. If you are listed in this database, you may not be allowed to participate in any event held at the Southwest District Fair or any associated event.

- e. Awards and premiums being withheld. In the event any awards or premiums have been given by the Southwest District Fair to animal or exhibitor in violation of these rules, the exhibitor will, upon demand by the Southwest District Fair, immediately return all awards and premiums given to such animal or exhibitor.
 - f. Exhibitor being liable to the Southwest District Fair shall indemnify and hold the Southwest District Fair harmless from all damages, including but not limited to all expenses and costs for blood, tissue, urine, hide and/or carcass sampling and testing, Southwest District Fair management labor and expenses, consultant legal and court costs incurred as a result of violations of Southwest District Fair rules and regulations.
4. Penalties for violations in junior shows – See above penalties in rule #3. In addition, the following penalties apply:
- a. If an exhibitor, the parent(s) or other family of a junior exhibitor, County Extension Agent, Vocational Agriculture Instructors or any other agent associated with said exhibitor is charged with behavior that is not in accordance with the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics or any rule stated in any part of the Southwest District Fair rules, the result will be that the individual will be banned from future shows conducted by the Southwest District Fair for at least, but not restricted to one year.
 - b. In the event that the individual who is found to be in violation of the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics or any rule stated in any part of the Southwest District Fair rules, is a county Extension Agent or Vocational Agriculture Instructor, that person will not be allowed to sign entry forms, nominations forms or any other official paperwork submitted to the Southwest District Fair office and they too will be banned from Southwest District Fair Grounds during competitive events held at this facility for at least, but no limited to one year.
 - c. If action must be taken toward a County Extension Agent or Vocational Agriculture Instructor documentation of this action will be reported to his/her supervisor at the discretion of the Southwest District Fair Management.
 - d. The Southwest District Fair reserves to its management the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and amend or add to these rules as its judgement may determine.
 - e. Any exhibitor who violates any of the rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and will be subject to such penalty as the management may order.
 - f. The decisions of the Southwest District Fair management are final and not subject to protest.

CARE OF ANIMALS

5. All owners of livestock or others having same in charge, shall care for, guard, protect and preserve the same, as the Southwest District Fair does not undertake to do so, and it shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to said property or the others thereof.
6. Each livestock exhibitor must furnish his own bucket for watering and his own feed troughs.
7. ATTENDANTS: All livestock shall be in the charge of competent, courteous and neatly dressed attendants, who shall impart to visitors such information as shall be desired. Blankets must be removed and animals kept in condition for inspection by the public from 8am Thursday until 12pm Saturday.
8. All stalls and pens must be cleaned before 9am each day and refuse disposed of as the superintendent may direct.
9. Failure to abide by any rule, regulation or decision may result in removal of animal from the grounds and all entries will be forfeited.

AWARDS

NO EXHIBITOR SHALL BE PERMITTED TO WIN MORE THAN 2 PRIZES IN ANY ONE CLASS.

10. Awards will be made on the basis of merit. For example, if in the opinion of the judge, no animal in the class merits receiving a first-place award, placing according to the merits of the animals entered in the class will be made by the judge.

EXHIBIT AUCTION

11. In the interest of furthering the livestock business of the area and in the interest of producing and providing food, all animals exhibited in the Southwest District Fair may be sold privately on the show grounds.

HEALTH REGULATIONS

12. The Southwest District Fair reserves the right to have a blood and urine laboratory analysis made for any market animals at the fair. Any exhibitor administering a drug to an animal which would render the carcass unfit for human consumption or any exhibitor of any animal producing an analysis indicating presence of an unapproved drug that can result in a quantitative or qualitative change in the characteristics of an animal will be required to return all premium money and could be banned from further competition in the Southwest District Fair. Their name and lab analysis will be submitted to the USDA and FDA for further investigation and possible prosecution.
13. All livestock for exhibition or any other purpose shall conform to the following rules and regulations of the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commissions.

GATE PASSES/FAIR GROUNDS ENTRANCE

14. All exhibitors will receive 1 back gate pass to be used by the **EXHIBITOR ONLY**. Parents, other relatives and visitors can purchase their own pass or pay the entrance fee. Any and every time entrance to the grounds is needed or wanted a pass must be shown or the entrance fee paid. If you pay for entry and later leave, you will have to pay again for reentry.

CHILD LABOR LAW

State law regulates the employment of minors under the age of 18 and generally, requires children under the age of 16 to have employment certificates.

Employment certificates for children 14 and 15 are not required for seasonal agricultural laborers, newspaper carriers, or bat boys of professional baseball clubs.

Special provisions govern the employment of children in the entertainment industry, otherwise, children that are 14 and 15 years of age may not work:

- More than 10 hours a day
- More than 6 days a week
- More than 48 hours a week
- Before 6am not after 7pm except on nights preceding non-school days, such children may work until 9pm.

Children under 14 may not be employed except in the entertainment industry, as newspaper carriers, bat boys or bat girls for professional baseball club, to hand harvest short season crops, or by their parents or guardians during school vacation.

Children that are 16 and 17 years of age may not work:

- More than 10 hours a day
- More than 6 days a week

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- More than 54 hours a week
- Before 6am nor after 11pm except that the limitation of 11pm shall not apply to children 16 and 17 years of age employed on nights preceding non-school days. Provided, however, that no boys or girls between the ages of 16 and 18 shall be subject to the provisions of this Act if:
 - a. Such boy or girl is a graduate of any high school, vocational school or technical school
 - b. Such boy or girl is married or is a parent

Act 647 of 1987 allows for the employment of children in the entertainment industry provided the child is issued an Entertainment Work Permit by the Director of Labor. Child labor violations result in a civil money penalty of not less than \$50.00 and not more than \$1,000.00 for each violation.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS MINIMUM WAGE LAW,
TELEPHONE 501-682-4505**