

KITSAP COUNTY FAIR & STAMPEDE

Aims and Purposes

Mission Statement: The Kitsap County Fair and Stampede is held annually for the purpose of educating, entertaining and promoting a better quality of life for the residents of Kitsap County and surrounding counties.

Education: will consist of historical information for our youth and community members so they may better understand what has shaped Kitsap County to become what it is today and what it will become in the future. We promote agriculture so that consumers may better understand the source of their food and natural resources.

We also provide information to consumers so that they may make informed choices of products and ideas in their private lives. We feature competitive exhibits as another way to educate our community.

Entertainment: provides amusing and educational programs in a family-orientated, multi-cultural setting. Entertainment can be found in all areas of our Fair and Stampede.

A Better Quality of Life: is the goal of every area of our Fair and Stampede by promoting community spirit.

GENERAL RULES

All Exhibitors

1. General supervision of the Fair, including exhibits, administration, entertainment and concessions has been vested in the Fair Management. Fair Management may interpret rules and regulations as may be necessary. Such interpretations are to be made in consultation with the Fair Board and Department Heads where questions arise. Fair Management shall also determine all matters questions and differences that may arise incident to the Fair that are not covered by the established rules and regulations in the official Fair Premium Book.
2. Fair Board has absolute jurisdiction to enforce all rules and their decisions on all questions will be final.
3. Fair Board has the right to maintain the Fairgrounds at their discretion and do whatever they deem necessary to the operation of the Fair. All persons not of good behavior in the judgment of the Fair or its agents or authorized personnel may be summarily removed from the Fairgrounds.
4. All exhibitors who enter exhibits at the Kitsap County Fair, for the purpose of receiving premium money and/or ribbons, which are paid for by the Fair and which the judges fees are paid by the Fair, shall hold a current year exhibitor's Pass after their exhibits have been accepted for entry in the Fair. Exhibitor passes must be purchased before opening day. Exhibitor passes are non-transferable and those holding a valid Exhibitor pass shall be admitted to the Fair when presenting the pass to the gate attendant. In the event that the Exhibitors fail to purchase the appropriate exhibit pass, Exhibitor shall forfeit all rights and title to any ribbon and/or premium money his/her exhibit may have been awarded. The Kitsap County Fair reserves the right to issue and sell such exhibit pass, which is deemed to be in the best interest of the Kitsap County Fair.
5. All articles to be exhibited in the Kitsap County Fair may be entered by any person regardless of Exhibitor's place of residence EXCEPT, as specifically outlined in the individual departmental rules. Exhibits, in some instances, will be limited to number and size and will be accepted on a space available basis.
6. Every reasonable precaution will be taken for the protection and preservation of all articles on exhibit, livestock or other property, but the Fair will not be held responsible for loss or damage by theft, fire, vandalism, or any other cause whatsoever. The Fair shall not provide insurance coverage for individual exhibits or properties.
7. If any article, which, in the judgment of the Superintendent of the department involved, does not meet the standards of quality for exhibiting in the Kitsap County Fair, it will not be accepted. The Fair further reserves the right to refuse or accept exhibits and the number of exhibits subject to space available and such refusal or acceptance shall be left to the discretion of the Department Superintendent, subject to approval by the Fair Manager. The Fair, in all cases, reserves the right to accept or reject exhibits when deemed to be in the best interest of the Fair.
8. Kitsap County Fair shall award ribbons and/or premium money as well as other special awards with awards being made on the basis of judging as reported to Fair management.
9. In all departments, the Fair reserves the right to either pay cash premiums or award ribbons in accordance with departmental rules. PREMIUM MONEY WILL BE PAID AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, CHECK MUST BE CASHED WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE CHECK; OTHERWISE THEY WILL BE FORFEITED TO THE FAIR. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.
10. No person may act as judge in any division or class in which there is any direct or indirect interest in the result of such judging. If awards are made in violation of this rule, the Fair Management reserves the right to revoke the examination. Further, awards will only be made on those lots and classes listed in the Premium Book for that department, except that judges may comment on any other exhibit which they find worthy. Entry books will not be open to the public until all awards have been made and entered and there after, no changes, additions or deletions will be permitted.

11. No Exhibitor of either articles or livestock shall advertise for sale or solicit for the sale of such items that are on exhibit. Persons who are engaged regularly in a commercial or professional endeavor involving the sale of articles, which are normally on exhibit at the Fair, shall not be allowed to exhibit any article of that person's normal commercial or professional endeavor. In all cases of exhibits, the Fair Manager or his/her designated agent reserves the right to accept or refuse articles for exhibits.
12. Should there be any disputes or misunderstandings, which no by-laws, rules and/or regulations will govern, whether in connection with judging or otherwise, they shall be referred to the Board of Directors whose decisions shall be final.
13. Any person who violates any of the general or special rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the Fair Board, Fair Manager, and/or Superintendent may order. Premiums are defined as points, ribbons, trophies and/or payments of any kind/amount.
14. Removal of exhibits from display areas prior to dismissal time will be seen as a final act and will result in immediate forfeiture of all premiums, points, and privileges by Exhibitor. Further; Exhibitor may be suspended from future exhibiting at the Kitsap County Fair.
15. Animals sent home by Superintendent or Veterinarian due to illness or excess aggressiveness will not lose premiums earned up to the time of removal.
16. No small appliances (heaters, microwaves, toasters, coffeepots, etc.) will be allowed in stall areas. Kitsap County Fair will endeavor to offer reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person needing assistance should contact the Fair Office at (360) 337-5376 or any Fair employee.
17. Entry forms must be filled out correctly and completely. Address, phone number, all class and lot information must be completed. Registration information and/or tag number is required for each animal entered in the Fair and must be on your entry form. Signature of the participant on the entry form & National Code of Ethics (for all livestock participants) is required for entry to be considered complete. Please print or write legibly. Check class & lot numbers carefully. Wrong class or lot numbers appearing on entry forms may lead to disqualification or loss of premiums. Your signature verifies that you have read all the Exhibitor rules and the National Code of Ethics and will adhere to them.
18. Exhibitors must be able to prove ownership.
19. Every article or animal must be entered in the name of the owner, maker or grower. Any person trying to deceive Fair personnel or judges in regard to ownership by purchasing or borrowing items/animals and exhibiting them as his/her own manufacture or production, shall forfeit all claims as an Exhibitor, including premiums.

20. Premiums will be paid as posted under each separate department.
21. Entry Fees are non-refundable.
22. GOLF/UTILITY CARTS: No Golf Carts or Utility Carts are allowed anywhere on the Fairgrounds during Fair **without prior approval from a Fair Board Director or Fair Management.** Approved carts must display approval credentials at all times. Any carts without credentials will be subject to immediate removal from the Fairgrounds.

SUPERINTENDENTS

1. Each Superintendent, under the direction of the assigned Fair Board member, shall have full charge of the department in which they may be assigned, and Exhibitors must follow their direction relating to placing of exhibits, showing and area management.
2. Superintendent and Assistants will direct the show in their department, including the calling of classes, announcing the winners and the clerking of the show.
3. Superintendent is required to turn in all Fair related paper work by Sunday of Fair, including the ribbon orders and inventory, completed entry forms and all other required information.
4. Superintendent under consent of Management or designee may at their discretion exclude any exhibit deemed inappropriate because of quality, content, condition or otherwise deemed unsuitable.
5. Superintendent may request to check all registration papers and ownership agreements of participants.
6. Premium book changes are due in the Fair office no later than November 15th.

LIVESTOCK AUCTION

1. Time of Sale: 11:00 a.m. Saturday of Fair – Location: Swine arena.
2. Selling Order: 1st Beef, 2nd Sheep, 3rd Goat and 4th Swine.
3. Schedule of sale: Sale orders will be available on the day of the auction. Each above stated barn area will have copies to distribute prior to auction.
4. Sale weight of market stock: All market animals will be weighed on a certified stationary scale Tuesday of Fair entry day between 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This will be the sale weight. Livestock Director will be present at the weighing.
5. All market lambs must be slick shorn no more than one week prior to Fair.
6. Ownership deadlines: Beef January 1st, Sheep, Goats and Swine May 15th. For questions or additional information about the Market Animal program/auction contact Mark Boardman, Committee Chair, via email at mark@stokesauction.com.

PARKING RULES

1. General parking will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.
2. General parking is limited. All general parking will be on the east side of the Fairgrounds and subject to rules and regulations of the Kitsap County Fairgrounds.
3. Any vehicle parked in a space other than that properly assigned may be impounded and towed from the Fairgrounds properties. Any vehicle, illegally parked in an area where parking is not permitted by the Fair or by the Kitsap County Sheriff, shall be towed away and the owner shall be liable for the cost of towing and any other costs incurred in having the vehicle impounded and towed away.
4. Trailer and camper space (inside the Fair complex) will be available to Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, 4-H Clubs and FFA, and out-of-county Exhibitors. Season parking passes for cars and trucks will also be available (limited space available). Go to www.kitsapgov.com/parks for application and current rate.
5. No vehicles are allowed on the Fairgrounds after dark. The Fairgrounds will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. for dropping off tack. Enter through the lower arena gate and exit the same way. Depart no later than 9:30 a.m. or your vehicle may be towed off the grounds.

OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES

Gates will be open for the public each day at 10:00 a.m. Commercial Exhibit Building (Kitsap Sun Pavilion) will close at 10:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. Still Exhibits Building (Presidents' Hall) will close at 10:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. Barns and livestock areas will close at 10:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.