

# OPEN CLASS LIVESTOCK/ANIMAL ENTRY

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## GENERAL RULES

1. All exhibitors in the Kitsap County Fair must comply with all rules and regulations as set forth by the Kitsap County Fair. Violation of any rules or regulations may be cause for disqualification of any exhibitor and may result in such exhibitor being removed from Kitsap County Fairgrounds and forfeit all premiums defined in General Rules.
2. Removal of any exhibit, prior to dismissal time, from display area will be seen as a final act and will result in immediate forfeiture of all premiums, points and privileges by the exhibitor. Further, exhibitor may be suspended from future exhibiting at the Kitsap County Fair.
3. **EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY:** Any person, regardless of place of residence, may enter all entries for livestock to be exhibited in the Kitsap County Fair. However, entries will be accepted from the Kitsap County area first, Kitsap Peninsula area second, with out-of-County third on a first come, first served basis, subject to space availability. Entry fee will be refunded if exhibit is not accepted due to space availability. If it is ascertained that an animal or exhibit is entered in a division or class in which it does not belong, the Superintendent may, at their discretion, correct the entry and place the animal or exhibit in the classification where it properly belongs and will so notify the entry clerk. No animal from any quarantined premises will be permitted to enter the Fair. Exhibitors are limited to two premiums per lot, however, may enter as many specimens as desired. Animals entered by different persons from the same address will be considered as one flock or herd.
4. **ENTRY FEES:** Except as may be specifically defined in individual department rules, entry fees shall be a minimum fee of \$1.00 or ten percent (10%) of the first premium money offered, whichever is applicable in class and lot that the exhibit is entered for each exhibit. Except as may be specifically defined in each special department rules, all livestock entries must be received by the Kitsap County Fair Office on or before August 1<sup>st</sup>. Entry and exhibitor's pass fees must be paid at the time entries are submitted. All entry fee checks and/or money orders must be made payable to the Kitsap County Fair. 4-H and FFA members may enter registered animals only upon payment of entry fees and be entered by the prescribed times as heretofore set forth. 4-H and FFA exhibitors participating in Open Class competition must comply with all Open Class rules and regulations.
5. **ENTRY TIMES:** All exhibits in livestock departments of the Kitsap County Fair will be entered the following times only:
  - a. Tuesday of Fair week between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. subject, however, to complying with the health requirements and veterinary inspection with such requirements as hereinafter set forth.
  - b. In all cases of livestock exhibits, the exhibits are to be in their assigned places in the livestock barns no later than 10:00 p.m., Tuesday of Fair week.
  - c. **NO ANIMAL IS ALLOWED IN BARN WITHOUT BEING VET CHECKED.**
6. **WITHDRAWAL TIMES:** No livestock, tack, ribbons or personal belongings may be removed from exhibit area of the Fairgrounds prior to 6:00 p.m., Sunday. All poultry and rabbit (Open Class) exhibits will remain until 6:00 p.m. Those exhibitors who are entered into another Fair on closing day of this Fair may be excused at the discretion of the Livestock Director or Assistant Livestock Director.
7. **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 immediately removed from the Fairgrounds.

## HERDSMANSHIP REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements are compulsory for Herdsmanship in the Kitsap County Fair:

1. In all livestock departments of the Kitsap County Fair, all exhibits and stalls shall be kept constantly clean and no trash, rubbish, manure, used bedding or other debris shall be permitted to accumulate in or about any of the livestock area.
2. All livestock and animal exhibitors shall bear the responsibility of cleaning their own exhibit areas and placing all the trash, rubbish, manure, used bedding and other debris in some central place of their exhibit area in order for Fair personnel to pick up and dispose of such trash, rubbish, manure, bedding and any other debris.
3. All Herdsmanship competitors, at the conclusion of the Fair, shall pile all refuse, debris, manure and bedding in one central location of their exhibit area for Fair personnel to pick up and dispose of. The final compliance with this ruling by all competitors must be completed within 48 hours after the closing of the Fair.
4. Failure to comply with Herdsmanship requirements may result in the forfeiture of any premium that may be offered.

5. The merits of good Herdsmanship shall be as follows:

**Educates and promotes the industry**

Does the exhibit educate and provide an attractive presentation to draw people into the barn? Is the information displayed or available that will provide the public with facts about the farm and breed(s) of animals on exhibit? Does the display educate the public about the livestock industry? In general, is the information provided informative, creative, and original, with a clearly defined theme?

**Demonstrates pride in one's farm**

Is there a farm sign present and clearly visible so a visitor can identify certain animals as belonging to a particular farm? Is there information displayed or available that will provide the public with facts about the farm and the breed(s) being raised? Are stall cards complete and in place?

**General Attractiveness of Area**

Has the Exhibitor made an effort to make his/her area attractive? Are the public access aisles free of shavings and/or straw? Are pens free of obvious fecal matter; water buckets free of straw and adequately filled; tack and equipment neatly stored; area generally uncluttered? Are the animals clean and well groomed?

**Exhibitor Appearance, Attitude, & Availability**

Is the exhibitor neat, friendly, and available to answer questions? Does the exhibitor respond to the public in a positive manner?

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AND VETERINARY INSPECTIONS**

**OPEN CLASS, 4-H AND FFA LIVESTOCK**

1. All Fairs are required to provide veterinary personnel for the purpose of examining all health certificates and to give visual inspection to all classes of livestock as is required. Authorized Fair Veterinarians will examine all livestock exhibits only during the hours of 10:00 a.m. – 9 p.m. on Tuesday of Fair week.
2. If a Fair veterinarian rules that an animal may not enter the Fair because of disease or any other reason, (s)he shall advise the official Fair Board Livestock Director or his/her assistant or the Fair Managers and, in turn, the Exhibitor shall be so advised and the animal shall be immediately removed from the Kitsap County Fairgrounds and shall not be allowed to return under any circumstances to the Kitsap County Fairgrounds during the current Fair. In all cases, the decisions of the Fair Veterinarian shall be final.

3. If any Exhibitor's livestock and/or animal become sick or diseased after they are in their exhibit areas of the Kitsap County Fairgrounds and veterinarian services are required, any veterinarian services that may be required and any monetary remuneration payable for the same shall be solely the responsibility of the Exhibitor and such expenses shall be borne by the Exhibitor.
4. Individual or herd health certificates and proof of vaccination are strongly recommended for entry. The Fair veterinarian shall issue a blanket health certificate covering all animal entries to the Fair.
5. No animal from quarantined area or premises will be permitted to enter the Fair/show.
6. All out-of-state animal entries must comply with State of Washington import regulations.
7. All out-of-state horses must have a negative Coggins test within six months.
8. Fair veterinarians will inspect all classes of livestock and poultry (including horses, pen animals, rabbits, fur-bearing animals, pigeons, ducks, geese and turkeys) before they are exhibited, to determine that the livestock and poultry show no clinical indications of contagious, infectious disease and ectoparasites.
9. Fair veterinarian must and will reject any animal with infectious or contagious disease or ectoparasites. Exhibitors should be aware that ringworm, warts, pinkeye, strangles, contagious ecthyma, scabies, lice, mites, ticks, fleas, abscesses and sore mouth fall into these categories.
10. Those animals exhibiting disease symptoms during the course of the Fair shall also be rejected by the Fair veterinarian.
11. It is strongly recommended that all animals be vaccinated in the current show year. It is recommended these vaccinations be given at least 4 weeks before Fair. The following vaccinations are recommended:

Dogs	Distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis yearly and rabies vaccination every two years
Cats/Feline	Distemper vaccination and rabies vaccination yearly
Cattle	A respiratory complex vaccine four weeks prior to Fair
Horses	Tetanus toxoid, influenza, Eastern and Western Encephalomyelitis, a mixed bacterin injection are advised yearly.
12. Entry permits are required for all out-of-state animals.