

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

**MAILED ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED
ON OR BEFORE JULY 23, 2008.**

**HAND DELIVERED ENTRIES MUST BE IN
THE ALTAMONT FAIR ENTRY OFFICE BY
JULY 23, 2008 – 5:00 PM.**

**ONLINE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED
UNTIL MIDNIGHT JULY 30, 2008.**

**NO ENTRY FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED
AFTER THE DATE AND TIME INDICATED
EXCEPT FOR SPECIFIC DEPARTMENTS AS
INDICATED.**

EXHIBITS AND EXHIBITORS

1. Any exhibitor who makes, or causes to be made, any false statement in regard to any animal or articles exhibited, who attempts to interfere with the judges in the performance of their duties or who solicits other exhibitors not to exhibit against him/her will forfeit all claims to premiums.
2. Exhibitors will not be allowed to sell goods during the Fair unless they have a written agreement with the Fair to do so.
3. No immoral or lewd exhibition or gambling or games of chance will be allowed on the grounds. The New York State Police will rigidly enforce this rule.
4. No animals or articles on exhibition may be removed until 9 PM. Sunday, August 17, 2008 unless stated otherwise. **Any violation will automatically forfeit premium money.**
5. Notify the Entry Office of any change of address.
6. The Board of Directors of the Albany, Schenectady, Greene County Agricultural and Historical Societies, Inc. and the New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs, Inc. has adopted the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) National Code of Show Ring Ethics (p 6).
- 6). Livestock superintendents, judges and exhibitors should become familiar with this document. **Any violation will automatically forfeit premium money.**
7. Any horse or pony exhibitor who fails to clean out his/her stall prior to leaving the Fairgrounds will **automatically forfeit premium money.**
8. There is a **no vehicle rule** in effect. No vehicles will be allowed on the Fairgrounds after 10 AM each day of the Fair for the purpose of loading or unloading, delivery of merchandise, bedding, articles of food, soft drinks or service, or the solicitation of business and orders from concessionaires, exhibitors and others without specific credentials to do so. This rule does not apply to emergency vehicles.

9. The Fair will provide an **initial** supply of bedding and shavings to cattle and horse exhibitors, including 4-H. If more is needed, exhibitors may bring their own or purchase it from a vendor on the grounds.
10. Vendors who have rented space by payment or through public service must adhere to the rules provided with their contracts.
11. The sale or distribution of any merchandise, including printed or written material, is prohibited unless the vendor has a contract to do so from the Fair. If so, it can only be done from the specific location mentioned on his/her contract with the Fair.
12. All golf carts, all-terrain vehicles and scooters must be registered with the Fair Office, and a permit must be prominently displayed on the vehicle. **Only licensed drivers are allowed to operate these vehicles.** The Fair's regulations concerning the safe operation of these vehicles must be observed. Violations may result in the removal of the vehicle from the Fairgrounds.
13. **There will be a designated area for the parking of all livestock trailers. You will not be able to park them anywhere on the hill nor along the fence line by the barns.**

ENTRIES

1. Exhibitors must acquaint themselves with the premium list and General Rules and Regulations and be sure in which section and class their entries belong.
2. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure that his/her entry form(s) is complete and includes the following information:
 - A. Name and Address of Exhibitor
 - B. Department
 - C. Class
 - D. Lot
 - E. Name of Article or Animal
 - F. Amount of First Premium
 - G. Number of Animals

NOTE: Do not mix Departments on an entry form. One entry form per department entered.

3. Except where otherwise indicated within a specific Department, an entry fee of 10 percent of the first premium offered, with a minimum entry fee of \$2, will be charged in all departments. **The total correct entry fees must accompany the entry form(s), or it will not be accepted.** Make checks payable to "Altamont Fair."
4. All entry form(s) must contain the exhibitor's Social Security number.
5. Exhibitors are requested to examine their exhibitor tags at the time they are received from the Entry Department. Any claim of error must be made at this time or not at all.
6. Articles entered wrong or in wrong classes will be barred from competition.
7. The Societies will not be responsible for errors made by exhibitors on their entry form(s).
8. Positively no discretionary entries will be received, other than curios and works of art.
9. Exhibitors tags must be picked up at the Entry Office.
10. **The Societies reserve the right to reject any entry in any department.**
11. Grain, fruit, flowers, vegetables, dairy products and

articles competing for premiums must have been raised or made by exhibitor.

12. Absolutely no refunds after entry closing date.

JUDGES

1. Judges not residing in Albany, Schenectady or Greene Counties are selected with special reference to their fitness as far as possible.
2. No judge shall be interested, either personally or as an agent or employee, in any animal or article which he or she is to judge.
3. Judges will report to the Secretary's Office at 9 AM on Monday to register and receive their instructions, then report to the Superintendent of the Department which they are to judge.
4. Judging will begin at 10 AM. Tuesday, unless otherwise specified.
5. Judges will in no case award a prize where there is no merit, regardless of competition.
6. In case there is no competition in a class, the judges will award a premium, if in their judgment, the article deserves the same.
7. Judges of animal classes are expressly charged to examine the ownership, age, breed, character, and condition of the animals and make proper allowances for feed and other contingent circumstances.
8. Judges must exclude from competition any person who in any way, whether in person or by his agents or servants, interferes with them during their adjudication, shows any disrespect to them or violates any rule or regulation of the Societies.
9. Judges shall observe all the rules governing the exhibits and in the absence of a regulation or when in doubt as to the application of the rule, may call upon the Superintendent of the Department for written instructions on the point involved, which shall be attached to the award rendered under the decision and with it returned to the Secretary.
10. Judges shall in no case change the order of classes printed in the premium list and on the judge's sheet.
11. Any classes not provided for in the premium list shall not be added or awarded a prize without permission of the Societies.
12. The Societies cannot be held responsible for failure of judges to report premiums awarded.
13. The awards made by the judges must be entered in the judge's book, signed by them and attested to by the Department Superintendent.

PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

1. Premiums will be paid strictly upon the report as shown on the judge's sheet. This record will stand as official.
2. Premiums will be paid by an Altamont Fair's Treasurer's check as soon as possible.
3. Checks should be cashed within ten (10) days of receipt and no later than ninety (90) days of issue. **Unclaimed premium monies will be forfeited (no exceptions).**
4. All animals or articles under examination will be shown to the judges under the supervision of the Superintendents. The premiums, when announced, may be designated by:

First	Blue
Second	Red
Third	Yellow

Fourth	White
Fifth	Pink
Sixth	Green

CLOSING DATES

1. **Absolutely no HAND-DELIVERED entry form will be accepted after 5 PM on July 23, 2008 (except for certain Departments where indicated).**
2. **No animals or articles on exhibition may be removed until 9 PM Sunday, August 17, 2008, unless stated otherwise.**

SUPERINTENDENTS

1. The Superintendent will direct the arrangement of all articles or animals on exhibition in his/her department. He or she shall give instructions to awarding judges or committees that will result in judicious action decide all questions that may be presented in accordance with the regulations governing the department and shall allow no one except judges in the show ring when exhibits are being judged.
2. Each Superintendent is charged with caring for and returning the entry sheets of his or her department to the Entry Office. The awards of each article must be duly and properly entered therein, and each sheet must signed by himself and the judge who made the award. Premiums cannot be paid unless this is done.
3. The Superintendent must check on the exhibits competing for premiums in each class and lot and see that the entry book shows which articles were exhibited in each class, as well as which were awarded premiums.
4. After all entries are made; the Superintendents will have charge of the entry sheets. The judge must not have access to these sheets until after the awards are made. The judge should verify the entry numbers receiving the awards before affixing his or her signature.
5. Superintendents shall see that automobiles, trucks, tractors and trailers admitted to the grounds are confined to the parking places assigned, that exhibitors keep all space allotted to them in neat and clean condition and that stalls containing livestock and the approaches and walks adjacent thereto are kept as required by regulations.
6. Superintendents will not release livestock except in accordance with rules published in this premium book.

PROTECTION OF EXHIBITS

1. The Societies furnish a reasonable number of policemen, watchmen and traffic officers. In case of loss or damage of property, please report same to the New York State Police on the grounds. They will provide you with any necessary assistance.
2. The exhibitor agrees to be solely responsible for any loss or injury to or damage done by or arising from any animal, equipment, exhibit or person on exhibition, and to defend and to indemnify the Albany, Schenectady, Greene County Agricultural and Historical Societies, Inc. and the management thereof against all claims and liability in regard thereto. Entries will be accepted only upon these conditions. In view of the indemnity agreement appearing

herein and on entry form(s), exhibitors may find it advisable for their own protection to carry appropriate liability insurance, if they are not already covered.

INTERPRETATIONS, AMENDMENTS AND VIOLATIONS

1. The Fair's management reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations, settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the Fair.
2. The management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules without previous notice as it, in its judgment, may deem advisable.
3. Any person who violates any of the foregoing or special rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums as the management may order.
4. **NOTICE!** Every Possible protection and courtesy will be extended to exhibitors at the Altamont Fair. However, the Societies will not be responsible to any person, individual, corporation or association for any loss by fire, theft, damage or personal injury sustained by anyone through the negligence of any person or group of persons, exhibits or exhibitors.

Attention Exhibitors ADMISSION TICKETS NON-LIVESTOCK

1. For every \$10 in entry fees, one free daily exhibitor pass will be issued with a maximum of 12 passes per exhibitor.
2. Exhibitors with entry fees of less than \$10 will be given the privilege of purchasing up to two daily admission tickets for \$6.00 each (total for 2 - \$12.00).
3. The minimum entry fee is \$2.00
4. **If the exhibitor fails to present the exhibit for judging for which he/she has paid an entry fee, an exhibitor pass will not be issued.**
5. 4-H exhibitors must purchase additional tickets from the 4-H Department.

Attention Exhibitors ADMISSION TICKETS DEPARTMENTS A (PONIES), B (CATTLE), C (SHEEP) AND D (GOATS)

1. \$30.00 or less in entry fees entitles the exhibitor one weekly exhibitor pass.
2. For each additional \$30.00 in entry fees the exhibitor receives 1 weekly pass.
3. Exhibitors will be permitted to purchase additional weekly passes as follows:
 - \$15.00 for adults (13 and up)
 - \$10.00 for Children (12 and under)
4. Daily tickets may be purchased at \$6.00 each.
5. ALL additional ticket purchases will be limited to exhibitors and their immediate family.
6. 4-H exhibitors must purchase additional tickets from the 4-H Department.

TO ALL EXHIBITORS STAYING ON THE GROUNDS

1. A Camping Permit must be obtained and displayed on the vehicle as directed in order to stay on the Fairgrounds. Trailers and campers will be assigned a specific spot by Fair personnel.
2. There will be **no camping along Line 1 without the permission of the Director in charge of camping.**
3. Camping fees are as follow:
 - a). Campground space with electric, sewer and water hook-up\$ 200
 - b). Campground space with electric and water only\$175
 - c.) Livestock Exhibitors\$ 80
4. The NYS Dept. of Health requires that all campers must be 10 feet apart (including awnings).
5. Awnings may be opened only with the approval of the Director in charge of camping.
6. The Altamont Fair Camping Permit must be posted in a clearly visible location in the vehicle.
7. Each sleeping vehicle must have an adult chaperone.
8. Trash cans will be provided and emptied daily.
9. All campers must be removed by noon on Tuesday, August 21. A fee of \$60/day will be charged for late removal.
10. Pumping service will be available for a nominal fee.
11. Under no circumstances will the Fair allow anyone to dump any gray or white water onto the Fairgrounds. If you violate this regulation, you will be subject to a \$500 fine, immediate removal from the Fairgrounds and may not be permitted to camp on the fairgrounds in the future.

LIVESTOCK RELEASE TIME

Exhibitors and truckers should be reminded that the Fair is still open to the public at livestock release time, and extreme care must be taken in moving vehicles on and off the grounds and loading animals.

Cattle Barn: Closes at 9 PM. Sunday. Livestock may be removed through gate by north end of Cattle Barn.

Draft Horse: Closes at 9 PM Sunday. Exit through Gate 2. Vehicles must be escorted off the fairgrounds.

Pony Barns: Close at 9 PM Sunday. Exit through the gate by pony barns. No vehicles will be allowed to enter Fairgrounds.

Poultry: Poultry Building may close at 9 PM Sunday. However, no vehicles will be allowed to enter or leave until 10 PM. If you wish to leave earlier, birds may be carried to parking lot by hand

Sheep & Goat Barn: Closes at 9 PM Sunday. Livestock must be removed through gate located at south door of barn. Gate 2 may not be used at any time.

RELEASE OF 4-H LIVESTOCK: 4-H livestock will be released beginning at 9 PM. on Sunday, August 17. Animals in the Cattle Barn will load from the gate at the north end of the barn. Animals in the Sheep & Goat Barn will load through the gate at the south door of the barn. The Superintendent for each barn will supervise all loading.

2008 Admission Prices

Adults (13 and over)	\$12
Children (6 -12)	\$5
Children 5 and under	FREE
Advance Sale	\$10
Weekly Pass	\$35

Advance Sale Tickets are available at participating Price Chopper stores, at the Fair Office or by mail. Contact the Fair Office for sale dates. Weekly passes are available only at the Fair Office or by mail. Payment at the Fair Office or by mail must be in cash or certified check or money order only. Make all checks payable to the "Altamont Fair."

Grange Members

Enter free with proper ID on Wednesday, August 13

Armed Forces Day

Sunday, August 17

(Active Military & Veterans enter free with proper ID)

FREE PARKING EVERY DAY

Call (518) 861-6671 for information, or visit our website
www.altamontfair.com

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Albany County Health Department requires extra care in the housing and handling of off-label vaccinated animals. As a result of this requirement, goats and rabbits will be housed in such a manner as to reduce contact with the public. Exhibitors of goats and rabbits will be expected to cooperate fully with this requirement.

Hand washing is the single most important prevention step for reducing disease transmission. It is recommended that all fairgoers wash their hands with soap and water after going to the toilet, after touching any animal, before eating and before preparing foods. Hand washing stations are located outside of every animal barn and outside the petting zoo for your convenience.