

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

**MAILED ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR
BEFORE MONDAY AUGUST 1, 2016**

**HAND DELIVERED ENTRIES MUST BE IN THE
ENTRY OFFICE BY 2 P.M. MONDAY AUGUST 1, 2016**

**ONLINE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL 9
A.M MONDAY AUGUST 8, 2016**

**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.
4. No animals or articles on exhibition may be removed until 7 PM. Sunday, unless approved by Entry Office or 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. 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 inside the Fairgrounds after 9:30 a.m. 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 equine 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.** Proof of liability insurance coverage for the golf cart must be presented to the Fair Manager at the Fair Office. 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. Unless directed, there is no parking on the fence line by the horse barns or in front of any horse stalls.**
14. **Wrist bands that permit unlimited access to the midway rides are not included in any type of exhibitor tickets. If you plan to ride do not purchase exhibitor tickets as you will have to purchase a regular priced admission ticket.**
15. **EXHIBITORS AND SPECTATORS ARE PROHIBITED FROM BRINGING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ONTO THE FAIRGROUNDS. ANYONE IN VIOLATION MAY BE ASKED TO LEAVE, FORFEIT THEIR PREMIUMS AND/OR MAY BE REFUSED FUTURE PARTICIPATION IN THE FAIR.**

PLEASE NOTE: Shavings will be available for purchase Tuesday through Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30. You MUST pay for your shavings in the fair main office. You will be given a ticket to take to the shavings truck. The cost of a bag of shavings is \$7.00. Receipts are available upon request.

STALL RESERVATIONS EXHIBITORS: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

NOTE: A \$15.00 FEE IS CHARGED FOR ANY PART OF ANY DAY OF STALL RESERVATION DURING THE FAIR.

1. Reservations for horse stalls and tack stalls must be made in advance to Sue Osta at 518-396-6611 or Lynne Baldauf at 518-469-0257. Tack stalls must be rented for the entire 6 days at \$90 for the week. All stall reservations will now be assigned, subject to availability, based on the order in which the calls are received in accordance with the deadline listed below. There will be no exceptions. Do not assume that you will automatically have a stall this year if you had one last year. **All checks must be mailed to Lynne Baldauf at 429 Helderberg Trail, E. Berne, NY 12059.**
2. The rental rate for all stalls is \$15 per day (or any part thereof) per horse. **Full payment must be received by Lynne Baldauf at the address listed above on or before July 31, 2016.** If payment has not been received by the deadline, or an approved alternate date for submission of payment has not been met, your reservation will be cancelled, and the stall will be given to the next person on the waiting list.
3. Payment must be by check only. Make checks payable to the **Altamont Fair**. You will not be able to occupy a stall unless a stall number has been assigned.
4. There will be a \$5 per horse per day grounds fee for all horses that have not reserved a stall. This money will be collected by the Show Secretary along with the entry fee and forwarded to the Fair Office.
5. All stall renters are required to clean out their stalls. Please

move the manure and bedding to directly in front of the stall to allow for easier pick-up by Fair staff. **Premium checks will be held if stalls are not cleaned-out by the stall renter and a reservation will not be accepted for next year.**

- Animal pens other than horse stalls must be requested through each department's superintendent. The superintendent has the sole right to assign pens.
- HORSE TRAILERS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS FOR LOADING/UNLOADING ONLY. IF YOU MUST WORK FROM YOUR TRAILER (only if a stall has not been assigned) A DESIGNATED AREA WILL BE AFFORDED TO YOU VIA ESCORT. UPON LEAVING YOU MUST NOTIFY THE ANNOUNCER'S BOOTH TO ARRANGE AN ESCORT OFF THE GROUNDS.**

ENTRIES

- Exhibitors must acquaint themselves with the department list and General Rules and Regulations and be sure in which class and lot each entry belongs.
- It is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure that his/her entry form(s) is complete and includes the following information:
 - Name and Address of Exhibitor (street address mandatory)
 - Department
 - Class
 - Lot
 - Name of Article or Animal
 - Amount of First Premium or Entry Fee
 - Number of Animals
- NOTE: Do not mix Departments on an entry form. One entry form per person per department entered.**
- Please refer to each department you are entering for the cost of entry fees. Use the entry form attached to each Department description.
- For Departments that utilize tags, exhibitors are requested to examine their tags when placed on the exhibit. Any claim of error must be made at this time to your superintendent or not at all.
- Articles entered incorrectly or in wrong class/lot will be barred from competition. In the event of a discrepancy between the Class/Lot designation and the description, the Class/Lot will prevail.**
- The Societies shall not be responsible for errors made by exhibitors on their entry form(s).
- Exhibitor passes ONLY must be picked up at the Entry Office. General admission passes ONLY must be picked up at the Administration Building.**
- The Societies reserve the right to reject any entry in any department.
- Grain, fruit, flowers, vegetables, dairy products and articles competing for premiums must have been raised or made by exhibitor.
- Absolutely no refunds after entry closing date.

JUDGES

- Judges are selected, as far as possible, who do not reside in Albany, Schenectady or Greene Counties.
- 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.
- Judging schedules are posted in each department.

- Judges will in no case award a prize where there is no merit, regardless of competition.
- 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.
- 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 Entry Office.
- Judges shall in no case change the order of classes and/or lots printed in the premium list and on the judge's sheet without prior approval from the Altamont Fair Entry Office and the department Superintendent.
- Unless previously approved by the Entry Office, judges shall not move exhibits except as specifically permitted in certain weight, class and color lots.**
- Any classes/lots not provided for in the premium list shall not be added or awarded a prize without permission of the Societies.
- The Societies cannot be held responsible for failure of judges to report premiums awarded.**
- 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

- Premiums will be paid strictly upon the report as shown on the judge's sheet. This record will stand as official.
- Premiums will be paid by an Altamont Fair's Treasurer's check as soon as possible.
- 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).**
- 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

SUPERINTENDENTS

- The Superintendent will direct the arrangement of all articles or animals on exhibition in his/her department judged. The Superintendent will only allow show personnel, judges and exhibitors in the show ring when exhibits are being judged.
- Each Superintendent is charged with caring for and returning the judging result 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 be signed by the Superintendent and the judge who made the award. Premiums cannot be paid unless this is done.
- 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 and lot, as well as which were awarded premiums.

4. After all entries are recorded; the Superintendents will have charge of the ringside 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.
7. **IMPORTANT: Superintendents of livestock exhibits must adhere to basic safety rules. These rules include, but are not limited to, calling a halt to the competition should any incident occur that compromises the safety of any spectator or participant; any indication that an animal is in distress; any indication that an exhibitor is in distress; and, any indication that the exhibitor does not have complete control of the animal being exhibited.**

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 DEPARTMENTS A (PONIES), B (CATTLE), C (SHEEP- ANIMAL ENTRIES ONLY) AND D (GOATS)

EXHIBITOR TICKETS DO NOT INCLUDE RIDES. IF YOU PLAN TO RIDE DO NOT PURCHASE EXHIBITOR TICKETS AS YOU WILL HAVE TO PURCHASE A REGULAR PRICED TICKET AT THE GATE.

1. \$30.00 or less in entry fees entitles the exhibitor (**owner or lessee of animal**) 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 two (2) additional weekly passes as follows:
\$25.00 for exhibitors
4. Daily tickets may be purchased at \$8.00 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.

ONLINE ENTRIES ENTITLES THE EXHIBITOR TO ONE FREE DAILY EXHIBITOR PASS. ONE PER EXHIBITOR.

Attention Exhibitors ADMISSION TICKETS ALL DEPARTMENTS EXCEPT A, B, C, D

EXHIBITOR TICKETS DO NOT INCLUDE RIDES. IF YOU PLAN TO RIDE DO NOT PURCHASE EXHIBITOR TICKETS AS YOU WILL HAVE TO PURCHASE A REGULAR PRICED TICKET AT THE GATE.

1. For every \$10 in entry fees, one free daily exhibitor pass will be issued.
2. Exhibitors with entry fees of less than \$10 will be given the privilege of purchasing daily exhibitor passes at \$8.00 each.
4. 4-H exhibitors must purchase additional tickets from the 4-H Department.

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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. Permits are issued by Fair personnel upon arrival on the grounds.
2. There will be **no camping along Line 1. This space is reserved for Livestock trailers only.**

3. The discounted camping fee for exhibitors is \$100.00, which includes electric and water. **NO SEWER HOOKUP, NO SLIDE-OUTS.** For mail-in payment information contact the Altamont Fair office at 861-6671. **IF YOUR CAMPER HAS SLIDE-OUTS YOU MUST PAY FULL PRICE FOR CAMPING.**
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 23rd. 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.
12. **Campers will be received starting Saturday August 13, from Noon to 6:00 p.m. Under no circumstances is a camper to be placed on a site without the express permission of the Altamont Fair. If you must bring your camper to the grounds before August 13 prior approval must be obtained from the Altamont Fair. If a camper is placed without approval, it will be moved and you will be charged a \$50 removal fee.**

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 7 PM. Sunday. Livestock may be removed through gate by north end of Cattle Barn.

Draft Horse: Closes at 7 PM Sunday. Exit through Gate 2. Vehicles must be escorted off the fairgrounds.

Pony Barns: Close at 7 PM Sunday. Exit through the gate by pony barns. No vehicles will be allowed to enter Fairgrounds.

Poultry: Poultry Building may close at 7 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 7 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 7 PM. on Sunday. 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.

2016 Admission Prices

Over 36" in height

\$15.00 Tuesday, Wednesday
\$17.00 Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday
 includes midway rides

Senior Citizens Free Admission with ID Wednesday until 4PM

Grange Members Free Admission with ID Wednesday until 4PM

Armed Forces Day Free Admission with ID Wednesday until 4PM
 (Active Military & Veterans)

DISCOUNT ADVANCE SALE TICKET ONLINE

<http://www.altamontfair.com>

FREE PARKING EVERY DAY

SPECIAL NOTICE

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

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.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO GOAT EXHIBITORS

The Albany County Health Department recommends goat vaccinations be completed 28 days prior to arrival on the fairgrounds.