

The Reason For and Purpose of the Premium Section

The Premium Book is the principle means of communication between the Northern Maine Fair and the many people in Aroostook County, the State of Maine, Canada and neighboring states that wish to exhibit at our Fair. It can be found on the internet at www.northernmainefair.com.

An Agricultural Fair has as one of its main objectives the exhibition of outstanding animals, agricultural products, arts, crafts, fancy work, food and flowers. In addition to this, as stated in our mission statement, the Northern Maine Fair places great importance and emphasis on educating the public about the rural and agricultural way of life. These exhibitions serve as a wonderful way to show people the talents and skills of others in our community as well as fostering an interest in these activities among the general population and, perhaps most importantly, future generations.

Not only does the fair encourage individual displays, but also organizations such as 4-H Clubs, FFA Chapters, Extension Groups and Granges, have the opportunity to show their projects and illustrate their important rolls and contributions to our communities.

The Premium Book is divided into various departments, categories and classes. The exhibitor may determine from it into which area his/her entry may fit and also the premiums to be awarded. It also contains all the rules and regulations, entry registration times and judging times for the various exhibits.

The Premium Book is what makes our exhibitions at the Northern Maine Fair a reality. If you have any questions or concerns about the book or how to enter exhibits at the fair please feel free to contact me at s01sbrown@gmail.com.

I hope to see you at The Fair.

Sherry Brown, Secretary

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Federal law requires that we report to the Internal Revenue Service prizes, awards or premiums paid to any individual or partnership if the amount paid aggregate \$600.00 or more. We are also required to provide the Federal Identification (E.I.) number or Social Security number. If we are not furnished the (E.I.) or Social Security number or are furnished an incorrect number we must withhold 20% of the amount to be paid.

Accordingly, it is most important that all persons furnish us with their numbers, if exhibiting or participating in fair activities where premiums or prizes may be awarded.

****Requirement 2017****

ALL CONCESSIONAIRES, LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS, (INCLUDING SHEEP & GOATS), DRAFT HORSE OWNERS, AND SHOW HORSE OWNERS, MUST HAVE A CURRENT CERTIFICATE OF GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE, COVERING THEIR CONCESSIONS AND LIVESTOCK, (THIS INCLUDES ALL 4-H AND FFA ANIMALS) SEE YOUR SUPERINTENDENT, OR SHOW PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE MAINE LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The One Hundred and Sixty-Second Annual Northern Maine Fair opens to the public Friday, July 28, 2017.

THE MANAGEMENT WILL CONSIDER IT AN ACT OF KINDNESS IF MISTREATMENT OR EXTORTION, PRACTICED BY ANY EMPLOYEE OF THE FAIR OR CONCESSIONIST, IS REPORTED AT ONCE. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE FAIR IS OVER TO MAKE A COMPLAINT. REPORT COMPLAINT IMMEDIATELY TO THE FAIR OFFICE LOCATED IN THE NORTHERN MAINE FORUM.

RULES GOVERNING ENTRIES, EXHIBITS AND AWARDS

1. Rules established by Ag Education Animals & Entertainment Committee must be fully complied with. The decision of the Ag Education and Animals Committee will be final.

2. Disregard of any rule by an exhibitor or concessionaire forfeits all premiums, rights and privileges without recourse.

RULES GOVERNING ENTRIES, EXHIBITS AND AWARDS, continued

3. The Secretary and Superintendents will be in their places on Friday, July 28, 2017 at 9:00 AM to take charge of the entries.

4. Exhibitors may advertise and distribute from their places of exhibit only. Any distribution and advertising matter that conflicts with a concession sold by the management is prohibited.

5. Articles for exhibition sent by Express or otherwise without someone to take care of them will be returned unopened.

6. A firm, to be entitled to exhibit as such, must have been organized for a time not less than sixty days preceding the closing of the entry.

7. A firm will be regarded as one exhibitor.

8. No exhibitor shall compete against himself, either directly or indirectly, and any person entering borrowed animals, articles, vegetables, or other products, or making fraudulent representation in reference to any exhibit, will forfeit all premiums which may have been awarded. The Association also reserves the right to accept or reject any entry made for any premium offered, and no premium will be paid unless all requirements have been fulfilled.

9. Exhibitors will have the right to sell their exhibits, but same must not be removed during the Fair. Violation of this rule will be sufficient grounds for withholding any premium the display may have earned.

10. Security will be on duty day and night, but the Association assumes no responsibility in case of loss, or damage to stock, or other exhibits from any cause, and on this condition only are exhibits accepted.

ENTRIES

1. Entry blanks may be obtained from the Superintendent of each department.

2. Applications for entries in all departments will be made on the printed form provided by the Secretary for that purpose and must be in full compliance with the printed instructions on same. Forms will be available June 2017. If no deadline is noted for entry forms to be submitted, then they are due at time of arrival! No premiums will be paid without entry form received in advance.

3. Incomplete entries will be returned for correction when there is time to do so. Exhibitors are urged to enter early and to use great care in filling out entry blanks. This will save work and annoyance for both exhibitors and management.

4. Entries for the Harness Races will be made to the Northern Maine Fair Assn., Attn: Race Secretary, P.O. Box 804, Presque Isle, Maine 04769.

5. Collections and displays must be made up of specimens other than those entered in single classes.

6. Entries in the Agricultural Department must be true name.

7. Please see individual department sections of this book for the entry times for items. This may not apply to 4-H Club entries, which may close earlier – consult your Extension Agent for closing time and date.

8. NMFA reserves the right to limit entries to less entries than are published in this Premium Book.

AWARDS

1. Articles classed as children's work, pictures, oil paintings and photographs, senior citizens' work, household articles and needlework that have been awarded first prize at any previous fair cannot be entered singly or collectively.

2. Awards will be made by the single judge system.

3. No unworthy exhibit will be awarded a premium.

4. The following colors will be used to designate awards:
First - Blue; Second - Red; Third - White.

5. Premiums in all departments will be paid as soon as possible.

JUDGING

1. Judges' awards as given in the award book will stand as correct under any circumstances.

2. No Premiums are to be awarded unless the article in question, in the opinion of the Judges, is meritorious.

3. Decisions of all Judges, in all departments, are final.

4. All of the "Any other" categories will be judged based on the Danish system.

****Not responsible for typographical errors or changes to the schedule.**

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RELEASES

1. Harness Horses are automatically released when their racing engagements are concluded.
2. No article may be removed from the hall before 9 AM, Sunday, August 6, 2017, without forfeiting all claims to the premiums.
3. All items entered for exhibit at the Fair may be picked up on Sunday, Aug. 6th between 9 AM and 1 PM. Other arrangements for pick-up can be made with the Exhibition Hall Superintendant at 764-0998. All items not picked up (or arrangement made for) by Sunday, Aug. 7th becomes property of the Northern Maine Fair.
4. See individual departments concerning release time of animals.

PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Any exhibitor lodging a protest must make it in writing and deliver it to the Northern Maine Fair Assn. Secretary within twelve hours after the award complaint is made. It must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$5.00, which sum shall be forfeited if said protest is not sustained by the Trustees or by the persons delegated by them to deal with same, whose decision shall be final and no further appeal shall be considered.

CONCESSIONS AND PRIVILEGES

1. Anyone wishing to rent Concession Space or Privileges will apply to the President or their designee.
2. Concessions are liable to strict supervision by the management who reserve the right to enforce whatever rules appear necessary for the regulation of concessions.
3. The abuse of any privilege granted, by extortion, impure food, sale of dishonest goods, unclean booths, or acts or practices objectionable to the management, will forfeit all rights and privileges, and be asked to leave the Fair Grounds.
4. No dealer shall be allowed to sell horses, ponies, cattle or other livestock on grounds during the Fair, unless authorized by the Fair Board of Trustees.
5. All concessionaires will be required to keep the space assigned to them in a clean and orderly condition, by removing there from all filth and litter PRIOR TO 9 AM EACH MORNING. This rule will be strictly enforced by the Chairman of the Grounds - Committee and the President.

PARKING GENERAL

1. STRICT PARKING REGULATIONS will be in effect on the Fair Grounds. PARKING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS: Fire Lanes -- Roadways -- Footpaths -- Posted No Parking Areas, ALL VEHICLES PARKED IN THESE AREAS WILL BE TOWED AWAY! NO PARKING AROUND TRACK OR PADDOCK AREA.
2. Parking regulations are for the benefit of all, and to be a benefit for all, THEY WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

PARKING OF CAMPING - RECREATIONAL TYPE VEHICLES ON FAIR GROUNDS

1. All rental fees are to be paid at the time of arrival. Parking of these vehicles by Concessionaires, and Midway Personnel, must be approved by the President or their designee. No one else is authorized to permit camper parking over night, on the fair grounds, and no campers are authorized to park over night in fair designated parking lots. Prices determined by Fair Board.
2. The President or their designee will assign and control all camping spaces assigned. Due to space limitations in the Agricultural Area, these spaces will be on a first-come basis, with those living at great distance from Presque Isle, Maine, given preference over those living in surrounding towns. This rule must be strictly enforced. All livestock exhibitors, with living quarter type vehicles will be required to pay for the Fair week. Prices determined by the Board of Trustees.
3. Race horse caretakers requiring a camper space will contact the racehorse barn manager. The fee for these individuals will be determined by the Board of Trustees.
4. Any camping unit found in other than an Authorized Parking Area, will be towed away. Authorized Parking Stickers will be affixed to each vehicle when space is assigned.
5. Horse Show Exhibitors will be assigned spaces to park their vehicles by Horse Show Management Personnel. All Living Quarter Type Vehicles will be required to pay space rental. Prices will be determined by the Board of Trustees.

PASSES

Passes to the Fair for ALL departments, ALL Exhibitors and ALL vendors shall be distributed by the Gate Superintendent under the policy adopted by the Board of Directors.

Northern Maine Fair Code of Conduct

In order to provide a safe and pleasant family oriented environment, the Northern Maine Fair Board asks all our participants and attendees for your cooperation in complying with the Northern Maine Fair's Code of Conduct.

Anyone attending events either as a spectator, exhibitor, advisor, volunteer, parent, superintendent, judge, committee member or fair official and staff must conduct themselves in a manner that demonstrates the utmost respect for others.

This code of conduct and rules are applicable to any event held at the Northern Maine Fairgrounds, including but not limited to meetings, clinics, contests, shows, annual fair, etc. Consequences to violating this code of conduct may include but are not limited to:

- Verbal Warning
- Written Warning
- Removal from Fairgrounds
- Suspension, reduction and/or loss of premiums or prize monies
- Loss of future show privileges
- Loss of privilege to be on the Fairgrounds property

The act of making an entry in the fair, participating, and/or attending any event on the Northern Maine Fairgrounds is giving verification that you will abide by the code of conduct and understand the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code.

Spectators, Exhibitors, Advisors, Volunteers, Parents, Family Members, Superintendents, Judges, Committee Members and Fair Officials and Staff MUST:

- Be responsible for your own behavior/conduct and uphold high standards for the group and accept consequences for inappropriate behavior - ***Adults have a special responsibility to set positive examples and serve as positive role models for youth by what they do and say.***
- Support and abide by the rules set forth by the Fair Board, Superintendents, Committees and Clubs
- Practice good citizenship, leadership and self-governance
- Follow the direction of staff
- Demonstrate positive sportsmanship and attitudes at all times
- Be courteous and respectful to others
- Use appropriate language at ALL times
- Respect and adhere to guidelines of the Northern Maine Fair Code of Conduct an all rules and regulations that apply to participation/competition

Behavior, Conduct, and Activities Not Permitted at events held at the Northern Maine Fairgrounds:

- Unsportsmanlike, unethical, immoral conduct
- Improper language (i.e., profanity)
- Bullying, intimidation, belittling
- Threats of bodily harm to any person or persons pets/livestock.
- Soliciting other fairgoers outside paid booth spaces
- Possession or consumption of alcohol (Except at Fair Board approved events or at the Beer Booth)
- Possession or consumption of illegal drugs, including the use of tobacco by a minor
- Possession or use of weapons or fireworks (Except with prior approval from Fair Board)
- Possession or use of harmful objects with the intent to harm or intimidate others
- Destruction of property
- Postings, listings, pictures, and clothing that are deemed inappropriate on fairgrounds or on social media forums.

The leadership of the Northern Maine Fair Board may act on conduct violations at any time with the assistance of the law enforcement personnel when the situation warrants. The Northern Maine Fair Board reserves the right to remove any person, at their discretion, from the grounds who violates Code of Conduct. The Northern Maine Fair Board of Directors reserves the right to amend, change or add to these rules and regulations as they, in their judgement, may deem advisable. All Northern Maine Fair Board of Directors decisions are Final.

Thank you for your cooperation in making the Northern Maine Fairgrounds a safe and enjoyable environment for all.

