

## GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- ADMISSION: Saturday(8-7) to Saturday(8-14):**\$10.00 per person (13 years and older). Children age 12 and under admitted **FREE**. Seniors (62 and older) \$5.00. Season Pass \$40.00. **Parking is FREE**. A Season Pass will be given to exhibitors for every \$15 of advance paid entry fees **only for animals presented** (brought to the Fair). **Maximum Limit – 5 passes**. All other exhibitors must pay admission at the main gate. **4-H/FFA Pass** - purchased through 4-H Office or FFA teacher. **One** Parking Permit will be issued to each **Livestock Exhibitor Family**.  
**Additional Parking Permits cannot be purchased**
- The Howard County Fair Association reserves the right to return entry forms and entry fees for any Livestock animal. The Board of Directors has provided guidelines to each Superintendent for the purpose of limiting entries, if entries exceed space available.
- No exhibits will be accepted unless classified. Space will be allocated only for animals and livestock **actually brought to the Fair, not the number entered**.
- Department Superintendents will dispense Passes and Parking Permits. There will be no refund of entry fees for animals accepted but not brought to the fairgrounds.
- While due care will be taken with all entries, **THE HOWARD COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC.**, will not be responsible for loss or damage.
- GATE OPENS at 8 am.**
- All animals entered for competition will be entered by numbers, and the names of exhibitors will not be attached until after the awards have been made.
- Before entering any exhibit, each exhibitor must get an Exhibitor Number, as all records are kept by those numbers. Address labels are helpful. All Open Class Indoor exhibitors will receive a number at the front of the **Home Arts Building, if they do not enter on-line**. All 4-H Exhibitors must get a number at the 4-H Office before the Fair starts. **Use that same Exhibitor # for ALL exhibits**.
- Entry fees per head:**

Open Beef	\$15.00 (includes \$10 tan bark bedding)
Open Dairy	5.00 (no bedding)
Open Sheep	2.00 (no bedding)
Open Goat	3.00 (no bedding)
Open Poultry	1.00;
Open Rabbits	2.00
- Open Livestock, Poultry & Rabbit** entries may be made until July 1<sup>st</sup> on line only at our website, [www.howardcountyfairmd.com](http://www.howardcountyfairmd.com) (follow the appropriate link). Early filing may get preference in case of limited space.
- 4-H/FFA Open Class Entries** may be entered on line until July 1<sup>st</sup>. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE**.
- Open Home Arts, Farm Crops, Fruits & Vegetables, Honey & Beeswax and Wool Fleece:** Pre-entries will be accepted (on line—see #10 above) until July 29<sup>th</sup> and can also be entered directly at the Fair (see each Department's Rules). To pre-enter into these departments, go to [www.howardcountyfairmd.com](http://www.howardcountyfairmd.com) and follow the appropriate link.
- Arrival Times: Jersey Dairy Cattle** must be on the fairgrounds by **12 Noon** on opening **Saturday**. This group will be released **Sunday at 8 pm** and must be out by **midnight Sunday**. **Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein and Milking Shorthorns** must be on the fairgrounds by **12 noon** on **Monday**, and must be checked in by **4 pm on Monday**. This group may leave on **Saturday** after **9 pm**. **Open Beef** must be on the fairgrounds by **12 Noon** on opening **Saturday**, and must stay until **9 pm Monday** and be out by **7 am on Tuesday**. **No Open/ 4-H Breeding Sheep** may arrive at the fairgrounds until after **9 am on Monday morning**. (no pens will be available until then), and may leave after **9:30 pm on Saturday**.

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13. **Any questions, please contact the Sheep Superintendent, Tommy Mullinix. Open Goats** must be on the fairgrounds on **Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> 6 pm** and may leave after **the show and must be out by 10 pm.**
14. **Fans:** No individual fans will be permitted in the Sheep & Swine Barn. All fans must be grounded and have no larger than 1/3 hp motor. There is a limit of one fan per four animals per family/farm. No butt fans are allowed. No "mistlers" are allowed.
15. Fans in Sheep, Swine and Goat areas may be no larger than 1/3 hp and cannot be in the aisles. Cords must be grounded and protected so animals cannot chew them.
16. Aisles must be kept clear for wheelchairs and strollers (no hoses or cords). All feed and tack must be in front of the animals in feed alleys in barns.
17. **Premiums:** Premiums will be paid only on the record shown by the Judges sheets. The possession of a ribbon or card is not sufficient evidence for the payment of premiums.
18. Premiums will be paid on closing Saturday after **9:00 pm**, unless otherwise announced, and on Sunday from **10 am to 1:30 pm**. **Premiums not picked up will be mailed within 30 days. Complete address must be on entry form to receive check.**
19. Protest against any awards in any Department must be made in writing. All protests will be considered by the Management. Premiums on protested articles will be withheld until a decision is made.
20. **Private Sale:** Exhibitors may sell at private sale anything they have on exhibit but **delivery must occur at the end of Fair week. Fair entry fee required to pick-up.**
21. Exhibitors are warned that any act of discourtesy to the Officials or Management will disqualify their entry for adjudication.
22. **Code of Ethics:** All Open and 4-H/FFA entry forms and Code of Ethics **MUST** be signed where designated by the exhibitor.
23. All Livestock entries must be checked in by the Department Superintendent.
24. No Livestock Exhibitor may receive **more than two (2) money awards in any one class or lot.**
25. No cars, trucks, trailers or campers shall be parked in areas other than those designated. **NO PARKING BEHIND THE SWINE BARN AT THE DOCK DURING THE WEEK.** Vehicles in violation will immediately lose their Parking Permit.
26. No washing of animals to be done in or around any barns. All hoses attached at the Wash Rack must have working nozzles. **Livestock Road will be closed to traffic from 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> for the Jersey Show. No animals may be unloaded on the road during that time.**
27. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES PERMITTED ON THE GROUNDS AT ANY TIME!**
28. **Pets:** No pets permitted on the Fairgrounds except Service Dogs with appropriate designation and animals being exhibited.
29. There will be **NO PARKING** on **Midway Boulevard** or **Livestock Lane** or their fringes between **9 am** and **Midnight**.
30. **Tie-Out Time – 8:30 pm.** Tie outs are for 4-H/FFA animals. Tie out space for Open Class will be in the designated space as available. The route to tie out will be designated.
31. All **group classes must be pre-entered.** All animals must be registered with their respective breed association. Registration papers will be checked by the Department Superintendent and tattoos must match.

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32. An **Official Health Certificate** (see MDA Health Regulations) of an entry must be obtained from the State Veterinarian and presented to the Department Superintendent along with the Self-Certification Form.
33. No added Livestock entries will be accepted after the final day of entry (**July 1<sup>st</sup>**).
34. **The Howard County Fair Association, Inc., reserves the right to reject any entry that it deems not in keeping with the atmosphere and purpose of the Fair.**
35. The Howard County Fair Association, Inc., does not own any of the exhibits presented at the Howard County Fair. All exhibits, including animals, are privately owned. The sale of livestock at the animal Livestock Auction are private sales between the buyer and seller. The Howard County Fair Association, Inc., does not assume liability for any private sale. Discussions about the private sale of an exhibit will not take place in front of the general public trying to view the exhibits on display.
36. The fair reserves the right to interpret all rules and regulations and resolve any situation which may arise and is not restricted by the lack of or omission of a specific rule or regulation. Every attempt is made for the safe keeping and well-being of exhibits, however the fair does not assume any liability regarding damages.

### **SPECIAL REGULATIONS**

- All persons enter at their own risk.
- \*No demonstrations.
- Parents/Guardians are responsible for the supervision of all minors.
- Not responsible for lost articles.
- \*No soliciting
- No alcoholic beverages or controlled substances allowed.
- No illegal or unlawful activity allowed.
- No distribution of any printed material/flyers/advertisements, etc.
- No pets permitted on the Fairgrounds except service Dogs and animals being exhibited.
- All motorized vehicles (golf carts, gators, ATV's) and operators need to be authorized by the Howard County Fair Board, and operator must have a valid driver's license.
- The Howard County Fair Board (the "Board") reserves the right to exclude from the Fairgrounds any person (exhibitor, spectator, parent of exhibitor, vendor, and admission-paying patron) who is in any manner disruptive or who exhibits inappropriate behavior that would disturb the public. Such behavior shall include, but not be limited to, any public cursing, abusive or belligerent language, or any language or conduct which causes others to feel threatened at any time with respect to any activity conducted on the Fairgrounds. The Board may delegate such authority to impose any such sanction to its President or any officer of the Board or the Board's General Manager. Said sanction shall also include the right to temporarily or permanently ban participation in future events, whether or not they are sanctioned by the Board, or any third-party exhibitors or vendors, specifically, the Board may prohibit participation by individual persons who violate this policy from participating in Board-sanctioned exhibitions, classes or shows. In the event a person who has paid admission to the fairgrounds is asked to leave the premises, such admission shall be refunded upon the person leaving the premises.

### **ALL VIOLATORS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ESCORTED FROM THE PREMISES**

**Authority of the Howard County Fair Association, Inc. – OWNER**