

## GENERAL RULES

**ENTRY GUIDELINES** – Please Note: This catalog is planned to follow the State Premium book as amended as closely as possible. The Board of Directors has attempted to make this book comply with State Fair Fund Rules.

- All Exhibitors **MUST** make **advance** entries. Late entries will be returned to the exhibitor.
- **All Entry Forms and Entry Fees must be postmarked on or before August 1, 2009.** The fair office will be open Monday – Friday 9am – 3pm. The office will be open on Friday, July 31, 2009 from 9am – 7pm and on Saturday, August 1, 2009 from 9am – noon.
- Use appropriate entry forms (Livestock, Inside, Poultry, Wine or Beer) and mail the forms and fees to:
  - Westmoreland Fair  
PO Box 501  
Pleasant Unity, PA 15676

### ENTRY ARRIVAL AND RELEASE

- All Inside Agricultural and Home Economic Exhibits are to arrive at the Fairgrounds on **Thursday, August 20, 2009** between **4:00pm – 8:00pm**.
- All Inside Agricultural and Home Economic Exhibits will be released on **Sunday, August 30, 2009** between **9:30am – 12:30pm**. **NO EXHIBITS WILL BE RELEASED BEFORE 9:30AM.** All exhibits **must** be picked up on Sunday.
- Following are the Livestock Arrival and Release Dates:

Livestock	Arrival Date	Release Date <b>**All animals must be off the grounds by 12:30pm on Sunday, August 30</b>
Light Horses	Fri, August 21, 9am-4pm	Tues, August 25, 10pm through Wed, August 26 8am
Draft Horses	Wed, August 26, 10am-4pm	Sat, August 29, Midnight
Dairy (Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey)	Fri, August 21, 9am-4pm	Tues, August 25, 10pm through Wed, August 26 8am
Dairy (Holstein, Jersey)	Wed, August 26, noon-4pm	Sat, August 29, Midnight
Llamas	Fri, August 21, 9am-4pm	Sat, August 29, Midnight
Breeding Sheep	Fri, August 21, 9am-4pm	Sat, August 29, Midnight
Breeding Swine	Fri, August 21, 9am-4pm	Sat, August 29, Midnight
Breeding Beef	Fri, August 21, 9am-4pm	Sat, August 29, Midnight
Dairy Goats, Breeding Meat Goats	Fri, August 21, 9am-4pm	Sat, August 29, Midnight
Market Steers, Lambs, Goats, Swine, Rabbits, Poultry	Sat, August 22, 8am-4pm <i>No exceptions</i>	Sun, August 30, 8am

- The owner of any animal coming from another fair should notify the entry secretary prior to the fair. The animals will be accepted until 4pm on Saturday, August 22, 2009.

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1. All exhibitors agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of the Westmoreland Fair Association.

2. The fair management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules and regulations as its judgment may determine.
3. Reasonable care will be taken to protect all exhibits on display from injury and damage. The fair is not, in any way, to be held responsible for damage or loss due to accidents, water, fire, theft, natural disaster, or any other occurrence.
4. Entries will be made according to classification.
5. Premiums as listed, may be given for meritorious exhibits. IN CASES WHERE THERE IS ONLY ONE EXHIBITOR, JUDGES MAY GIVE AN AWARD SUCH AS THEY DEEM THE EXHIBIT IS WORTHY TO RECEIVE. The same rule applies where there are fewer entries in any class than the number of premiums offered. The judges may, at their discretion, award a prize or prizes of such grade as the exhibitor deserves.
6. The space for competitive exhibits is limited. The fair reserves the right to limit the number of entries in any department of the fair.
7. **\*\*NEW\*\* All livestock exhibitors are responsible for their own bedding.**
8. **When disposing of manure – please remove all trash.**
9. The fair reserves the right to determine how many entries they will accept from any exhibitor in the same class or, in the case of livestock, the same breed, and poultry, the same species.
10. The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases except where mistakes, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at the time of award, is proved. In such cases, the Superintendent, Manager, or Secretary of the fair or show, or such referee as he may appoint, may make the decision. The case may be appealed to the Fair Management from whose decision there can be no appeal.

All protests regarding the judging must be made in writing and must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal. Such protests must be filed at the fair office within 24 hours of the occurrence.

11. It shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor to make known the proper name of the article or breed of livestock he is entering. Any item entered improperly, will be disqualified to receive a prize but the judges will mark the correct name on the entry tag for the benefit of the owner so the same mistake in entering need not be made the second time.
12. **All entries must be grown, produced or made since the last fair.**
13. All livestock offered for premiums must be the property of the owners thirty (30) days or longer.
14. Superintendents of a Department reserve the right to bar from competition any entry of inferior quality and those not possessing sufficient merit to warrant recognition. The fair reserves the right to remove any exhibit not worthy of viewing by the public.
15. **No exhibit may be removed at any time before the close of the fair except by consent of the management.**
16. Where award ribbons are stolen or destroyed, the exhibitor may receive a duplicate at the close of the fair or show, which shall be supplied by the fair free of charge.
17. During the judging, buildings, except livestock arenas, are to be closed to everyone except for officials, judges and necessary attendants. No exhibitor or his agent shall communicate with the judge during the time of determining the awards, except to answer questions proposed by the judges. Any exhibitor interfering with the judges while making awards shall forfeit any premium to which he would otherwise be entitled.
18. No person shall be allowed in the ring while stock is being judged, except the judge, superintendents, and necessary attendants.
19. Should any animal awarded a prize be disqualified, the animals gaining the lower prizes shall move into the next higher position, if in the opinion of the judges, the animals are worthy of such prizes.
20. When exhibitors and animals are in the ring, each animal must be under halter and in charge of the owner.
21. Joint ownership is considered to be as one owner in accordance with registration papers.
22. If earned premiums exceed total budget the Fair Association reserves the right to pro-rate the difference between the winners.
23. **Premiums will be forfeited unless the correct address is given. All premium checks must be cashed within 60 days of check date. No checks will be reissued.**
24. Entry fees must accompany entry blank. See entry blank for fees.

25. Exhibitors of horses, dairy and beef animals are entitled to one tie space for each animal entered and exhibited. Space will be provided for tack, *if available*.
26. For Champion Awards – where there are less than 3 exhibitors in competition, will be at the discretion of the judge.
27. No vehicles will be permitted entry through any gate between the hours of 4-11pm. All vehicles must be removed from the area around the barn and other designated areas from 4 to 11pm. The rule will be strictly enforced in order to maintain fire safety access.
28. The livestock gate will be closed from 11pm – 6am nightly.
29. No entry fee will be refunded unless application is withdrawn before the closing date of entries.
30. All exhibits will be limited to one entry per person, per class, unless otherwise noted under department rules.
31. Only exhibits listed in the premium book will be accepted for judging.
32. Animals may be housed *only* in the barns.
33. **No animals from one building are permitted in any other buildings.**
34. Over fitting of cattle is discouraged. Any artificial means used to change the form or shape of an animal will disqualify it from competition.
35. Any exhibitor not abiding by the above rules may be asked to remove their exhibits and forfeit any premiums awarded.

#### **LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR PASS INFORMATION**

Livestock exhibitors will be entitled to one exhibitor's pass; those entering more than five animals will be entitled to two passes. Two free parking passes will be provided per livestock exhibitor family excluding rabbits and poultry. No vehicles will be given access to the grounds without a parking pass. Exhibitors must have a sleeping pass or a weekly pass but not both. Additional weekly passes are available for exhibitors for \$11.00, which includes Amusement Tax. All passes are available at the Entry Office.

#### **CAMPING PASSES**

Camping passes are required for any camper parked on the grounds. The owner must pay for *each* day the camper is parked on the grounds. **Campers will be parked by Westmoreland Fair Staff.** Camping passes will be checked daily! Following are the rates for the two available camping areas.

\$8/night - - Inside Grounds (No water or electric)  
 \$10/night - - Next to Horse Ring (water and electric available)  
 Passes are available at the Entry Office

#### **LIABILITY: Personal and Property Damage**

All persons who enter upon the Fairgrounds and use the facilities on said grounds for purpose of exhibiting, displaying, competing or in any manner participating in the Fair do so at their own risk. The Westmoreland Agricultural Fair and Recreation Association will not be liable for any personal injury or property damage suffered by any person visiting the Fair irrespective of how such injury or damage occurs.

The Westmoreland Agricultural Fair and Recreation Association will not intentionally show or permit to be shown, any dangerous attractions on the grounds. However, the showing of certain attractions require that

spectators be reasonably watchful of the conduct of children and though the Westmoreland Agricultural Fair and Recreation Association will take every precaution, it will not be responsible for any personal injury or property damage suffered by reason of any attraction shown or exhibited during the fair.

## **SUPERINTENDENT DUTIES**

1. Assign stalls and pens for all livestock entries. Pen assignments are final.
2. Each superintendent is responsible for preparation of their department for receiving exhibits and be present on opening day to receive exhibits, also on judging day to be in charge of the judging. The remainder of fair week each superintendent is to be sure that someone is available to answer questions and solve problems in each department.

## **RULES FOR JUNIOR, 4-H, & FFA EXHIBITORS STAYING OVERNIGHT AT THE WESTMORELAND FAIR**

1. Sleeping passes must be obtained at the Premium Secretary's office.
2. ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS under 18 years of age must have an overnight pass, signed by the premium secretary. Any exhibitor 14 years of age or less will not be permitted to stay overnight during the fair unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.
3. All parents/guardians must show proof of ID at the entry office and complete all paperwork in front of office personnel.
4. All exhibitors will be given a wristband with the designated sleeping area and exhibitor's age. Only one barn will be designated no matter how many different animals an exhibitor may have.
5. Junior exhibitors must be bedded down in the area assigned one-half hour after the last event.
6. This is a privilege to stay at the fairgrounds. If there are any violations the parent/guardian will be contacted and the individual will be put off the fairground property for the remainder of the fair.
7. All exhibitors must be in good physical health.

## **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PROHIBITED**

### **PENNSYLVANIA CRIMINAL LAW – SECTION 6308 PURCHASE, CONSUMPTION, POSSESSION OR TRANSPORTATION OF INTOXICATING BEVERAGES.**

- Offense defined – A person is guilty of a summary offense if he or she, being less than 21 years of age, attempts to purchase, purchases, consumes, possesses or transports any alcoholic, liquor or malt or brewed beverages.

### **TENT SAFETY**

A tent is a temporary structure and natural occurrences, such as wind and rain can affect tent stability due to changes in ground conditions or undue stress on the tent itself. In the event of inclement weather (high winds, thunder storms, etc.) evacuate the tent until the weather has subsided.

## ANIMAL HEALTH RULES AND REGULATIONS

### CERTIFICATES OF VETERINARY INSPECTION

- Certificates of Veterinary Inspection are NOT REQUIRED for poultry, pigeons, rabbits and Guinea pigs. Poultry and pigeons must be accompanied by an Owner-Endorsed health certificate; Rabbits and Guinea pigs must pass a health inspection as they enter the fair grounds.
- ALL production agriculture species on the fairgrounds must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. This includes animals in fair sponsored competitive events and non-competitive exhibitions held on the fairgrounds during the fair.
- Certificates of Veterinary Inspection must be executed on official Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Certificate of Veterinary Inspection forms (AAI-13) provided by the department. Veterinary practice generated 'Health Certificates' are NOT acceptable.
- Certificates of Veterinary Inspection must be marked "Exhibition" in block 1.
- For destination in block 3, Purchaser/Name of Show/Consignee, indicate "2009 Pennsylvania Fair Season" rather than the name of particular fair.
- These Certificates are not valid for interstate movement unless they meet the requirements of the state of destination.
- For SWINE, these Certificates are valid for thirty (30) days.
- For ALL OTHER SPECIES, Certificates dated on or after March 1, 2009 are valid through the end of the 2009 Pennsylvania fair season.
- Note-Were a veterinarian to have examined an animal for which a March 1, 2009 Certificate is valid for the entire fair season on or after March 1 and the veterinarian is comfortable that the thoroughness of that examination fulfills the obligations inherent in writing a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, the veterinarian may write a later date PROVIDED THAT it is dated as of the date of the actual examination rather than the date on which it is being written.

- All animals admitted to (show or fair) shall be identified by a unique and permanent ear tag, tattoo, brand or records of unique physical attributes.
- Animals known to be infected with or exposed to any contagious, infectious, or external parasite disease, and animals restricted by quarantine may not be assembled for show purposes.
- All animals admitted to (show or fair) must comply with applicable state (7 PA Code) or federal (9CFR) rules.
- Animals presented for exhibition will be subject to inspection by show officials and will be rejected if evidence of infectious, contagious or parasitic disease is apparent or if health certification or identification documentation is not acceptable.
- All show animals should be held in isolation for at least 30 days after return to the herd of origin.
- **USE CAUTION WHEN FITTING YOUR ANIMALS**  
Be sure to use only grooming products that are approved for use not banned on meat and dairy animals when fitting your animals for show. Unapproved products may contain ingredients that result in unacceptable residues in the meat or milk. If you are not certain that a product is residue safe and approved for use on meat or dairy animals. DO NOT USE IT!
- **\*\*IMPORTANT!\*\* IF UPON SLAUGHTER, TREATMENT WITH DRUGS, BIOLOGICS, OR ANY CHEMICAL FROM FITTING PRODUCTS, IS THE CAUSE OF CONDEMNATION OF A CARCASS, THE LOSS OF THE CARCASS AND ANY OTHER DAMAGES WILL BE BORNE BY THE EXHIBITOR. IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT ANIMALS MUST BE WASHED BEFORE SALE.**
- **ALL HEALTH PAPERS MUST REMAIN AT FAIR GROUNDS FOR LENGTH OF FAIR.**

## GOOD HOUSEKEEPING AWARDS

(No Entry is Required)

1. All animal exhibitors who maintain the most attractive and sanitary exhibits will be eligible for special daily premiums.
2. All animal exhibits will be scored on the following basis:

	Points
Cleanliness of animals	15
Cleanliness of bedding	15
Entry card and ribbons won properly displayed with animal	20
Keeping grain and hay feed presentable	10
Keeping all equipment sanitary and neat	10
Keeping aisles clean	15
Courtesy to people	<u>15</u>
Total	100

3. Inspections to be made unannounced.

	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>
Daily Prizes	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00

## **ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY**

According to a plan, perhaps divine, perhaps evolutionary, but in any even, not the result of human intervention, we share the fragile environment of this planet with the animal kingdom; a kingdom of wild creatures in wilderness areas we must preserve; a kingdom of domesticated creatures who with us share our fields and meadows, our very homes, creature who, like us are born in a state of total dependence on parents or other adults; creatures who suffer pain, endure the pangs of hunger, shiver in the cold, swelter in the heat, recoil from cruelty, suffer from neglect, experience the ravages of disease, respond to loving care, and are comforted by clean, adequate living space just as humans.

While recognizing the benefit to humanity derived from effective research into causes of and cures for disease and the need of the people of the World for an adequate food supply, the Westmoreland Agricultural Fair and Recreation Association reaffirms as one of its basic corporate objectives the understanding and preservation of the basic needs of animals – wild and domestic.

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This Association is determined to take all appropriate steps, to the extent of its capabilities to require that those who use or occupy premises owned by this Association take every appropriate measure for the preservation of such needs.

This Association determines to support and assist in every way possible the efforts and activities of other agencies, public or private, the purposes of which are the understanding and preservation of such needs.