

COMPETITOR INFORMATION

In an effort to continually improve the Fair operationally and economically, the following regulations will be in effect at the 2010 Fair.

1. Entry Deadline

All entries must be in by deadlines described in each department's information. Exhibitors can help us by having exhibits in early so when the public arrives Saturday morning, the Fair is ready to go. Split shows are the exception. Entries will not be released until 7 pm on Monday, September 6.

2. Camping Facilities

Exhibitor Camping: All cattle/sheep exhibitors camping by the red barn will be assessed \$100 per camping unit for Fair week, or \$15 per day, payable to Champlain Valley Exposition, to be collected by Camping Superintendents Michael & Roberta Penchina, 802-872-0686. All others must contact Michael or Roberta for general camping.

General Public Camping: Contact the camping superintendents, Michael & Roberta Penchina at 802-872-0686, or write to him at 58 Dunbar Drive, Essex Jct, VT 05452. Each camper must purchase the appropriate ticket at a walk-through gate each day they want to enter the Fair. A \$35 Super Value season pass is available.

3. Handicapped Parking

Parking for handicapped will be permitted at Gate B, E or F. In order to qualify, one must have a valid handicapped license plate or or hangtag. Those desiring handicap parking should notify "parkers" upon arrival at the Fair. Enter from Route 2A (Gate F) and proceed to Gate H (Handicap).

4. Registration Forms

All individuals exhibiting at the Champlain Valley Fair will be reliable and responsible for any harm or damage caused by their exhibit including but not necessarily limited to such damage as may be caused by live stock, horses, 4-H, fruits and vegetables, flowers, home crafts and foods. The exhibitor will hold harmless the Champlain Valley Exposition for any claims made against it and will indemnify the Champlain Valley Exposition for any and all damages or costs that may be incurred as a result of any such claim.

5. Vouchers & Cash Prizes

Paid out on-site will be cash premiums up to and including \$200.00. Prize vouchers redeemable at cashiers office.

Agricultural Education

Each year special emphasis is given to the agricultural exhibits. In the Dairy Department, we are having four state breed shows, Holstein, Jersey, Ayrshire and Guernsey. These four divisions of the cattle show, in addition to Milking Shorthorn & Beef Shows, make the Champlain Valley Fair Cattle Exhibit one of the largest in New England.

Fruits, Vegetables and Flower Exhibits will be located in the Expo North Building, as well as a Bonsai display. The Chittenden County Milk Producers will operate the milking parlor and sell ice cream as a special dairy promotion. The "Vermont Barnyard" will focus attention on the full variety of agricultural components of the fair. A daily schedule will vary to include dairy and dairy products, horses, flowers, llamas, sheep, rabbits, maple, bees, beef, etc. You will find this where the "milking mound" was in the past. Culinary Department is in the Ware Building.

Agriculture is really our most important product and we want to make sure that our interest in other agricultural activities does not get neglected. Poultry, Horses, Sheep, Plants and Flowers, Maple and Honey are all important to the agricultural community and our support for their betterment will continue.

CASHIER OFFICE HOURS

Located by the Vermont State Building

Friday, August 27

11am - 2pm

Saturday August 28 - Sunday, September 5

9am - 9pm

Monday, September 6

9am - 8pm

Tuesday, September 7

11am - 2pm

Wednesday, September 8

Closed

BLUE RIBBON PAVILION BUILDING

(Prizes for Home Crafts and Art)

Thursday, September 9

10am - 6pm

The only exception to the above will be when cashing out gates. At those times customers will not be allowed in the office to cash prizes. Vouchers not cashed in at above times are null and void.

EXHIBITOR RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules as they, in their judgment, may deem advisable. In the event of conflict of general and special rules, the latter will govern.

The following rules and regulations will apply to each and every department of the Fair. Exhibitors are required to familiarize themselves with the rules.

1. All property of every character entered for competition, display or any other purpose or brought upon the Champlain Valley Exposition grounds by any person shall be subject to the rules and regulations prescribed by the Champlain Valley Exposition.
2. In no case shall the Champlain Valley Exposition or any of its officers be held responsible in damages for any loss, damage, injury, death or disability by disease or from theft or from any other cause to any such property, or to any person coming upon said Champlain Valley Exposition grounds while said persons or property are on said Champlain Valley Exposition grounds. The Champlain Valley Exposition hereby refuses to assume any responsibility for the safety as bailee or otherwise, of any property brought upon said Fair Grounds, said property being brought upon and kept upon said grounds at the owner's risk.
3. No claims for injury to any person or property shall ever be asserted or suit instituted or maintained against the Champlain Valley Exposition, its officers, agents, representatives, servants or employees for any cause by any person having license or privilege to exhibit on the Fair Grounds or occupying any space thereon, and it is part of the consideration for such license or privilege that such claims for damage are specifically waived.
4. If the property owners or others interested in the property desire protection against loss, damage or injury from fire or any cause, they must make their own arrangements and pay for such insurance.
5. All entries must be filed with the Superintendent of the Department not later than the date and time specified. The Management reserves the right to reject any entries offered. All applications for entry must be made on printed forms which may be obtained at the Administrative Office. Every entry blank must be signed by the exhibitor or his duly authorized agent, giving name and post office address in full. The date of the Closing of Entries will be found in the Special Rules at the head of each department.
6. Every exhibit must remain intact until release time specified in each department, and the failure to comply with this requirement will cause forfeiture of premiums won in any department of the Fair.
7. Exhibitors making entries and not exhibiting shall forfeit all fees paid for entries, stalls, pens, space or admission tickets.
8. The management reserves the right to reassign any space, stall or pen, not occupied by the exhibitor on or before specified date, and no exhibitor will be allowed to sublet or sell any space, privilege, stall, pen or coop without the written permission of the Manager.
9. Exhibitors will be required to keep their spaces and stalls clean by removing therefrom any trash and litter and placing it in front of said space or stalls early in the morning, where the cleaning crew may get it with convenience.
10. If it be ascertained that any exhibitor, or his employee, has in a public manner taken exception to the judgment or ruling of an awarding committee, judge, superintendent or any official of the Champlain Valley Exposition, CVE Management may exclude said exhibitor and employee so offending, from competing for a premium.
11. If it be ascertained that any exhibitor has made or caused to be made any false statement in regard to any animal or article, or if any exhibitor shall attempt to interfere with the judges in the performance of their duties, he shall be excluded from competition or exhibition.
12. The judges will award premiums only on articles listed in the premium lists. The decisions of a judge shall be final and no appeal will be considered except in case of protest. The judges in all departments will be approved by the Department Superintendent.
13. Where there is no competition and/or where there are fewer animals or articles shown in a class than the number of premiums offered, the judges may, at their discretion, award a prize or prizes of such rank as the animal or article deserves.
14. No premiums will be awarded when the article is unworthy though there be no competition. All premiums awarded under the rules and regulations of the premium list will be paid according to the rules governing each department.
15. Prize monies will be paid at the Cashier's Office before the close of the Exposition. No check will be issued in an amount of less than \$200. Redeem your vouchers prior to the end of the fair. See Cashiers hours on page 7.
16. The judges of awards are requested to observe strictly the conditions and regulations of the Exposition in awarding premiums, and to make their report to management as soon as possible.

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17. The management reserves the right to remove from the grounds any exhibit, animal, or show that may be falsely entered or may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable, or to remove any sign, banner or advertising matter of any kind which may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable by them, without assigning a reason therefore, and, if necessary, to return any money already paid for space of stalls, which shall exonerate them from any claims whatsoever on the part of the exhibitor or purchaser. Where signs or banners are used, it is our suggestion that you avoid any unprofessional hand-made signs. Persons exhibiting thoroughbred animals will be required to furnish the judges satisfactory evidence of the purity of blood before allowing one to compete for premium. The herd book of the several breeds shall be such evidence.
18. No person, other than the judges and attendants, will be permitted to go into the ring where the stock is judged.
19. No article or animal will be permitted to compete for more than one premium, except in the case of herd or flock premium, or unless otherwise stated in the conditions of that department.
20. Department Superintendents will appoint Judges when not otherwise appointed.
21. The management reserves the right to accept entries later should it be found so doing would not work an injury to other exhibitors. Do not forget dates. Mail entries now!
22. All entries should be sent to the Exposition marked for the attention of the Superintendent of the Department in which it is to be shown, unless otherwise specified on the Department Entry Form.

VERMONT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Recommended Uniform Animal Health Standards for Fairs, Field Days and Festivals

Notice to Participants in Vermont Fairs and Livestock Exhibitions

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets encourages all of those expecting to participate in any Vermont livestock exhibitions this season not to change their plans because of the outbreak of Influenza Disease in Europe. Participation in these events will present a negligible risk of exposure to Avian since the disease does not exist in North America. In the event of an outbreak in this country, a revised policy would be forthcoming.

To ensure the health of all animals, it is recommended that all exhibitors follow the uniform Animal Health Standards Recommended For Vermont Fairs and Field Days. Participants importing animals into Vermont from out of state must follow the Vermont Rules Governing the importation of Domestic Animals, Including Livestock and Poultry. The following additional recommendations should be practiced routinely by exhibitors whenever taking animals to exhibitions in order to limit their exposure to disease.

- 1) Abide by all animal health requirements established by the event organizers.
- 2) While at the event, use appropriate means of limiting contact of your animals with people and other animals, e.g. use of signs, ropes and plywood as barriers.
- 3) Do not share feeding, watering, cleaning or grooming equipment used for other animals.
- 4) Supply your own feed and bedding and keep it separate from other animals.
- 5) Clean and disinfect milking units between milking cows.
- 6) Have disinfectant available for cleaning and disinfecting equipment when necessary.
- 7) Avoid using or sharing stalls recently occupied by other animals.
- 8) Isolate animals returning to the farm from the event for two weeks before reintroducing the animals to your herd.
- 9) Make sure your animals are currently vaccinated according to your veterinarian's recommendation at least 14 days prior to the event.

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