

RULES AND REGULATIONS

GOVERNING OPEN CLASS ENTRIES

1. Only residents of Sanders County as well as adjoining Montana counties - Mineral, Lake, Missoula, Flathead and Lincoln - may enter Sanders County Fair Open Class competition.
2. All entries must be made in the name of bona fide owner.
3. All property entered for competition, display, or any other purpose anywhere on the Sanders County Fairgrounds, shall be subject to the control of the Fair management.
4. You may enter as many exhibits as you wish at no charge using the **ShoWorks** Online Entry System.
 - YOU HAVE UNLIMITED EDITS TO YOUR ONLINE ENTRIES
 - If you are unable to bring an exhibit, simply login and remove it from your entry list. This will help minimize the number of unused tickets printed and the number of adjustments required by the Department Superintendents
 - ALL ENTRIES MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED USING THE **ShoWorks** ONLINE ENTRY SYSTEM NO LATER THAN **Wednesday, August 24, 2022.**
5. If you choose to use paper entry forms, you may enter twenty (20) items at no charge. If you enter more than twenty (20) items, you will be charged 50 cents for each additional item entered.
 - Paper entry forms may be mailed to Sanders County Fair Commission, 30 River Rd, Plains, Montana 59859, or taken to the Fairgrounds Office during regular office hours.
 - A separate paper entry form is to be used for each Division where exhibits are to be entered for judging.
 - The forms must be filled in completely, with the information printed or typed in black ink so the office staff can create the electronic entry ticket. Said information is to include: Name, Mailing address, Telephone number, Email address, and date of birth.
 - Entrants aged 10 or less must have the signature of a parent, guardian, or sponsor.
 - All entries must be made on an official entry form retrieved from the Sanders County Fair Website or obtained from the Sanders County Fair Office. Photo copies will be accepted.
 - PRE-REGISTRATION FOR PAPER ENTRY FORMS CLOSSES AT **4:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 17, 2022** so the staff can transfer paper entries into the **ShoWorks** Online Entry System.
6. Your exhibit entry tags and any other required documentation will be printed and waiting for you at the Departments Superintendent's desk.
7. Exhibitors who fail to pre-register will NOT be permitted to exhibit items during the **2022 Sanders County Fair.** (This does not apply to the Open Class Horse Show – please see Department rules for regulations specific to the Open Class Horse Show.)
8. Exhibit entries for judging are to be brought to each corresponding Department Superintendent.
 - Entries for **Art, Crafts, & Photography** and **Home Sewing and Needlecraft** are to be entered on **Monday, August 29, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
 - Entries for **Agriculture, Culinary Arts, Horticulture,** and **Floriculture** are to be entered on **Wednesday, August 31, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
 - Entries for **Open Class Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep,** and **Swine** are to be entered on **Wednesday, August 31, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**
9. Early removal of exhibits shall cause forfeiture of any awards and/or premiums, and the entrant shall be barred from entering exhibits the following year. **Any exhibits that cannot be removed from the buildings without driving on to the grounds must wait to be removed until Monday, September 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m..**
10. NO EXHIBITS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE FAIR GROUNDS PRIOR TO THE ENTRY DAY APPROPRIATE FOR THAT EXHIBIT.
11. Exhibitors are subject to the rules and classifications governing exhibits as published in the current Fair Premium listing. Exhibitors agree to be governed by these rules upon entering.
12. Any entry judged in Open Class or 4-H may not be removed for display or competition in any other are. Any display used in a Commercial exhibit may not be entered in Open Class for judging.
13. The Fair Management reserves the right to remove from the fairgrounds any exhibit that may be falsely entered or that is deemed unsuitable or objectionable, without assigning any reason thereof.
14. **PREMIUMS WILL BE PAID IN CASH ONLY,** due to the increase in attendance at the Sanders County Fair, Premium payouts will be paid **Monday, September 5 at the fair office from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m..** If you cannot pick them up then, they will be mailed to you.
15. The Sanders County Fair Commission and Sanders County Fair Management shall have the power of decision in all matters of disagreement between exhibitors, superintendents, judges, or other offices of the Sanders County Fair.
15. The Sanders County Fair Commission and Sanders County Fair Management reserve the right to amend, add, or delete these rules, as they deem advisable.
17. Any person(s) or organization who may violate any of these rules will forfeit privileges and premiums and will be subject to such penalties as the management may order.
18. The Sanders County Fair will not pay or assume transportation charges on articles sent for exhibit unless specified in writing prior to transporting that they will do so.
19. The Sanders County Fair Commission and Sanders County Fair Management will exercise care and diligence to insure the safety of stock and any other articles entered for exhibition or competition, but under no circumstances will it be responsible for the loss of, or the damage, any article or animal on exhibition and the exhibitor shall indemnify the Sanders County Fair against any and all legal proceedings in this regard.

20. Only entries that qualify for published classes as found on our website shall be accepted for judging.
21. Enter your exhibit in the category that applies to you. In the case of any complaint against an exhibitor, the Fair Management reserves the right to call for affidavits to satisfy a challenge.
22. 'Exhibit Only' items will be accepted at the discretion of the Department Superintendent, according to space available for that exhibit.
23. Each exhibitor can register only one entry per class.
- 24. You must provide your Name, mailing address, Telephone number, Email address, and date of birth. If you do not provide this information, no entry tags will be printed for you and you will not be allowed to enter exhibits.**
25. Age categories vary across departments.