

# BROWN COUNTY FAIR RULES

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It is a privilege to participate in the Brown County Fair. This privilege can be revoked for conduct unbecoming an exhibitor, parent, leader or volunteer. Exhibitors, family members or spectators not obeying the rules may result in loss of premiums awarded for the current year or discipline or dismissal from the fairgrounds and exhibitor may not be eligible to show at the fair the following year.

## **GENERAL RULES** (Junior, Open and Senior Citizen)

1. Exhibitors should be sure to read the rules for each department. Failure to follow rules will result in a lower ribbon/premium.
2. Wisconsin Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection Chapter ATCP 160 govern fairs.
3. The Brown County Fair Association reserves the right to interpret rules and regulations and resolve issues. All policy decisions are subject to final approval of the Brown County Fair Board.
4. All exhibits must be the result of the exhibitors own work during the current year.
5. Only one entry per class number, with the exception of the Market Classes for Beef, Swine and Sheep.
6. Once entry forms are received by the Brown County Fair Office, changes or additions will have to be requested in writing.
7. If an entry tag error is the fault of the Brown County Fair Office, there will be no penalty and a corrected entry tag will be written by fair personnel. If the error is the fault of the exhibitor, the entry will be judged, but the placing will be dropped one premium level.
8. Anyone who removes takes down or packs away anything (including items other than exhibits) prior to 6:00 pm Sunday without permission from the Exhibits Coordinator will forfeit the premium for that project.
9. All persons participating in the fair agree to make no legal claim against the Brown County Fair Association, or person acting for or through the fair, for loss, damage, or injury to property, animal or person during the progress of the fair or while in route to or from the fair.
10. Security measures are taken during the fair. However, all exhibits will be displayed at the owner's risk. Exhibitors will be held responsible for any damage or accident caused by their entries.
11. Vehicles are not allowed to be parked in the fire lanes at any time. Vehicles or trailers parked in non-designated parking areas will be ticketed and towed at owner's expense.
12. In hardship cases, authority for removal of an exhibit will be granted only upon joint agreement of the superintendent of the department, the Exhibits Coordinator, and the Brown County Fair Management.
13. There will be NO sleeping in the barns.
14. Indoor exhibits will be released at 6:15 PM Sunday evening. The exhibit building will be locked at 6:00 PM to give the superintendents time to arrange the exhibits to be picked up.

## **ANIMAL DEPARTMENT RULES** (Junior and Open)

1. Only animals that are being exhibited are allowed on the grounds, unless permission is received prior to the fair from the Fair Management or Exhibits Coordinator.
2. **No animal sales are permitted other than at auction. No "For Sale" signs can be displayed.**
3. To exhibit animals in the Junior Department, youth must have completed at least the third grade during the current year.
4. Garments with commercial advertising will not be allowed to be worn in the judging ring.
5. Vehicles are not allowed to be parked next to livestock barns from 7:00 am on Wednesday through 6:00 pm on Sunday. Vehicles may unload near the barns, but must be moved in a timely manner.
6. Campers/Sleeper Trailers are to be parked only in assigned spots. Reservations must be made using the Camper/Sleeper Trailer Reservation form (found online at [www.browncountyfair.com](http://www.browncountyfair.com) or by calling 606-5120). Fee must accompany reservation in order to hold camping spot.
7. Brown County Fair Rules & Expectations for Exhibitors Staying Overnight at the Fairgrounds form must be turned in to the Brown County Fair Office. This form can be found online at [www.browncountyfair.com](http://www.browncountyfair.com) or by calling 606-5120. Exhibitors are allowed to stay overnight Wednesday through Saturday. Youth exhibitors who are staying overnight must have an adult chaperone 21 years old or older.
8. There are many different noises that are a part of the fair. If your animal is sensitive to the fair atmosphere, you may want to reconsider your animal choice. While, we do not want to discourage any exhibitors, we feel the safety of our fair patrons, exhibitors and animals is our utmost concern. Any issues or concerns will be addressed at the discretion of the Superintendent, Exhibits Coordinator and the Fair Management.
9. All exhibitors of animals are responsible for supplying their own feed, water and bedding. All animal exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their own animals.
10. All animal exhibitors are responsible for cleaning on a daily basis the stalls/pens/cages that their animals have used for the duration of the fair. Cleaning of stalls/pens/cages is to be done by 9:00 am each day.
11. Barns will start closing at approximately 10:30 pm each night.
12. Use the Animal Stall, Pen and Cage Reservation Form found on the fair website under Exhibits. Reservations should be made by the club, except for horses, the exhibitor must submit the form by family along with the \$25 per animal. All reservations should be made by July 15.
13. All stalls, pens or cages must be completely cleaned out on Sunday night unless other arrangements are made. Horse stalls must be inspected by the horse superintendent or a fair board member, your check will then be given back to you.
14. The signature of a licensed veterinarian is required for early release of any animal. The Brown County Fair Association has a licensed veterinarian available at no cost to the exhibitor. Any treatment or medications will be charged to the exhibitor and must be paid at the time of treatment or by personal arrangement with the vet. Contacting your own veterinarian will be at the exhibitor's expense.

## **JUNIOR DIVISION RULES**

1. Entries are open to any boy or girl who is enrolled in good standing in a 4-H club, Future Farmers of America, Future Homemakers of America, Girl Scouts of the USA, Boy Scouts of America or any other recognized youth organization under adult leadership with an educational program.
2. Youth must be enrolled in or doing similar work in the project area in which they are entering.
3. All on-line entries must be completed by July 15<sup>th</sup>. Paper entry forms are to be mailed to the Brown County Fair Association, P. O. Box 5172, De Pere, WI 54115 by July 15<sup>th</sup> or they will not be accepted.

## **OPEN DIVISION RULES**

1. Open class is open to all ages. Exhibitors 17 & under should list their age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the exhibit year.
2. All on-line entries must be completed by July 15<sup>th</sup>. Paper entry forms are to be mailed to the Brown County Fair Association, P. O. Box 5172, De Pere, WI 54115 by July 15<sup>th</sup> or they will not be accepted.

## **SENIOR CITIZEN DIVISION RULES**

1. Senior citizens entries are limited to persons 62 years of age and over as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of exhibit year.
2. Exhibitors in the senior citizen division may not enter identical items or articles in both the senior citizen division and the corresponding classes of the regular open division.
3. All on-line entries must be completed by July 15<sup>th</sup>. Paper entry forms are to be mailed to the Brown County Fair Association, P. O. Box 5172, De Pere, WI 54115 by July 15<sup>th</sup> or they will not be accepted.

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# **BROWN COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION CODE OF CONDUCT**

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**All Brown County Junior, Open and Senior Citizen Division exhibitors and their parents/guardians (if applicable) agree to:**

1. Follow the general rules and regulations governing entries, exhibits, judging, and payment of premiums as stated in the Fair Exhibitor's Book.
2. Follow any rules relating specifically to a department in which they are exhibiting.
3. Exhibit proper conduct according to the following guidelines:
  - a. Show respect for the rights of others and be courteous at all times.
  - b. Respect the property of others.
  - c. Demonstrate sportsmanship in the show ring, judging contests and meetings.
  - d. Be honest and not take unfair advantage of others.
  - e. Refrain from loud, boisterous talk; foul language; and/or horseplay.
  - f. No consumption of any alcoholic beverages if under the age of 21.
  - g. Smoking or use of other tobacco products is prohibited if under the age of 18.
  - h. Illegal substances are prohibited.
  - i. Vandalism of fair property is prohibited.
  - j. Refusal to obey fair rules and policies as found in the Exhibit Handbook.
  - k. Youth being outside of designated areas after midnight is prohibited.

## **Violation Procedure**

1. Reports of violations must be submitted in writing, accompanied by a deposit of \$15, to a Brown County Fair Board Member. Deposit will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained.
2. All protests must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, stating at length, the facts of the situation and/or the rule(s) violated.
3. All protests and appeals must be presented to the Brown County Fair Office within 12 hours of the occurrence of the incident being protested.
4. Infractions will be dealt with through the Brown County Fair Resolution Committee.

## **Resolution Committee**

The protest or appeal will be decided by the Resolution Committee comprised of the Brown County Fair Association Executive Committee (5 members) and the Fair Exhibits Coordinator. In the case any of the 5 Fair Association Executive Committee member(s) cannot be present; another Fair Board member may serve as an alternate member of the Resolutions Committee. Decisions of the Resolutions Committee are final.