

## GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Exhibitors Are Responsible For Knowledge Of Show Rules

This show is held under the current rules and specifications of USEF and their rules will govern, except that the rules and regulations of the AMERICA'S FAIR Horse Show shall take precedence where there is any conflict and the decision of the show management shall be final. The America's Fair Horse Show reserves the right to amend or change the rules, officials and/or show staff at any time prior to the show, and give due notice to the exhibitors of any changes.

1. All exhibitor packets, numbers, groom and parking passes that were not mailed out may be obtained upon arrival at the HORSE SHOW OFFICE located at the end of Ring 1 in the Grooms Quarters. STABLING assignments may be obtained from the Stabling Manager upon arrival.
  2. ENTRY INFORMATION: ENTRIES CLOSE TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2008. All entries postmarked and PAID by August 5, 2008 will be accepted at the regular entry fees. All entries postmarked after August 5, 2008 will be considered a post entry and will be charged a late fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per horse. Any payments returned as NSF will incur a \$39.00 penalty. Incomplete entries are subject to a penalty not to exceed \$25.00 per horse. Horses already entered in the show may add or scratch classes with no penalty.
  3. All entries must be made by the exhibitor or his authorized agent, and no animal will be admitted or exhibited unless the entry form is duly signed and presented to the secretary. NY State requires a PHOTOCOPY of negative Coggins test and rabies vaccination certificate on each horse be submitted with your entry form. Management reserves the right to decline any entry and to return any entry fees before or during the show without being liable.
  4. Only one horse allowed on each entry form. Please make copies of both sides of the appropriate forms or call for additional forms.
  5. Every owner must pay the \$15.00 (5 passes for the Fair) exhibitor fee or \$50.00 (1 pass for each of the 12 days of the Fair) Erie County Agricultural Society Membership fee.
  6. REFUND POLICY – Refund requests received prior to the closing date of entries will receive a full refund including stall fees. Requests received after the closing date of entries, but prior to the start of the show, will receive a complete refund less \$20.00 per horse. Refund requests received after the show begins will receive a complete refund of all fees paid except stabling charges. Stabling fees will not be refunded after the show begins for any reason. Vet certificates are not required for any refund.
  7. Prize Money: All prize money in excess of balances due will be mailed to the owner of record, unless otherwise directed, within 15 days of the completion of the show. PREMIUM CHECKS NOT CASHED BY NOVEMBER 30 of the current year SHALL BE FORFEITED TO THE SOCIETY.
  8. Any exhibitor entering the show ring with no number or an incorrect number will not be judged. Any horse shown in a class for which it has not been properly entered will be charged DOUBLE entry fee.
  9. The Society and the Horse Show committee will not be responsible for any accident which may occur to any person or exhibitor, or to any animal or vehicle exhibited at the AMERICA'S FAIR HORSE SHOW.
  10. To be eligible to show in performance championship classes, a horse must have been entered, shown and judged in one qualifying class in the same division or section.
  11. All youth staying on the grounds, either as exhibitors or guests of horsemen, must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
  12. FOOTING – The footing used in all show rings and warm up areas is washed sand. The dimensions of the competition arenas are as follows: Ring 1 – 143' x 254' Ring 2 – 112' x 290'
  13. NO PETS ALLOWED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.
  14. Every class offered herein which is covered by the rules and specifications of the current USEF Rule Book will be conducted and judged in accordance therewith.
- LIFE, SENIOR ACTIVE AND JUNIOR ACTIVE MEMBERS SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL CLASSES AT REGULAR COMPETITIONS, COMBINED TRAINING/EVENTING COMPETITIONS AT THE PRELIMINARY LEVEL OR ABOVE AND COMBINED DRIVING COMPETITIONS AT THE ADVANCED LEVEL OR ABOVE, DRESSAGE AND VAULTING COMPETITIONS AND ENDURANCE RIDES PROVIDED THE RESPECTIVE BREED/DISCIPLINE DUES OR BREED/DISCIPLINE CATEGORY FEE HAS BEEN PAID. A NON-MEMBER MAY PARTICIPATE AS A HANDLER, RIDER, DRIVER, OWNER, LESSEE, AGENT, COACH OR TRAINER AT REGULAR COMPETITIONS, COMBINED TRAINING/EVENTING COMPETITIONS, DRESSAGE COMPETITIONS AND COMBINED DRIVING COMPETITIONS UPON PAYMENT OF A \$15. NON-MEMBER REGISTRATION FEE AND A \$5 BREED/DISCIPLINE CATEGORY FEE FOR EACH BREED/DISCIPLINE. PARTICIPANTS IN THE FOLLOWING CLASSES ARE EXEMPTED FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS RULE; 1) LEADLINE; 2) EXHIBITIONS; 3) GAMES AND RACES; 4) CLASSES FOR 4-H MEMBERS; 5) WALK TROT AND ACADEMY CLASSES (Academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) USDF INTRODUCTORY LEVEL TESTS, PAS DE DEUX AND QUADRILLE CLASSES. ALSO EXEMPTED FROM THIS REQUIREMENT ARE RESIDENTS OF OTHER NATIONS WHO ARE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING OF THEIR NATIONAL FEDERATION, AND 7) ASSISTANT HANDLERS IN DRESSAGE SPORT HORSE BREEDING CLASSES; AND (8) CITIZENS OF OTHER NATIONS WHO ARE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING OF THEIR NATIONAL FEDERATIONS AND, IN THE CASE OF RIDERS, DRIVERS OR VAULTERS COMPETING IN DISCIPLINES RECOGNIZED BY THE FEI, IN POSSESSION OF A FOREIGN COMPETITOR'S LICENSE TO COMPETE IN NATIONAL COMPETITIONS, WHICH HAS BEEN ISSUED BY THE FEDERATION.
15. Competition Management will fine any individuals including trainers, exhibitors, or their agents up to \$100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments.
  16. There will be no manual poling or use of bamboo offsets permitted at any time.

All reservations for stalls, entries, parking, etc. must be accompanied with payment in full (check or money order payable to Erie County Agricultural Society) (Open Checks will be filled in for the total amount due) and mailed to:

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