

GENERAL RULES

BRAZORIA COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

For information not herein contained concerning entries in any department contact Brazoria County Fair Association, Inc., P.O. Box 818, Angleton, Texas 77516 or telephone (979) 849-6416, email: contactus@bcfa.org or web site: www.bcfa.org. All exhibitors are cautioned to read carefully the following rules and regulations, as they will be strictly enforced, without deviation of any kind.

The Brazoria County Fair Association, Inc., hereafter called the Fair Association, reserves to its Officers and Executive Committee the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences, in regard thereto, otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Fair.

The Executive Committee reserves the right to amend or add to these rules as, in its judgment, may deem advisable.

Any person who violates any of the general rules or special rules as published in this premium list will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the Disciplinary Committee may order.

Unacceptable conduct and failure to cooperate with security personnel, employees, or officials of the Fair in all matters of policy will be subject to disciplinary actions.

All exhibitors (except livestock) will be allowed to tear down and remove exhibits at designated times after closing on Saturday night, and at designated times on Sunday following closing. Vehicles will be allowed on the grounds only at those designated times. The respective buildings will be closed and locked at closing time and reopened at the designated time.

The Brazoria County Fair Association shall not be responsible or liable for, and shall be saved and held harmless by any licensee or exhibitor from and against any and all claims and damage of every kind, for injury to or death of any person or persons and for damage to or loss of property, arising out of or attributed directly or indirectly, to the operations or performance of any exhibitor or licensee under these rules, including claims and damages arising in whole or in part from the negligence of any exhibitor or licensee.

The Fair has adopted the following Rules and Regulations.

1. The Fair will open officially on Friday, October 9, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. and will close Saturday, October 17, 2009 at midnight, unless cancelled, postponed or extended by the management which the management hereby claims the right to do, in whole or in part, from any cause whatsoever, for the general good of all concerned. In the event any situation arises, which at the sole discretion of the Executive Committee of the Fair Association, requires immediate suspension of Fair activities or a part of same, including activities of Fair patrons, concessionaires, exhibitors, carnival operators or individuals, firms or corporations, with or without contracts to be present on the Fairgrounds, it is agreed that they will cease their operations or activities immediately upon notice until directed to reopen or resume activities by the Fair Association. All parties agree that no liability shall be asserted against the Fair Association due to such closing or ceasing of activities even for lost profits, rent paid, or expenses of any kind. All refunds will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
2. Exhibitors must submit entries as designated in the rules of each department. All rules, general and specific, should be read carefully. In case of any conflict of rules, departmental rules shall prevail.
3. Exhibitor must own all exhibits. All entrants must be Brazoria County residents unless otherwise specified in departmental rules.
4. All participants entered as a representative of a state accredited school must comply with the requirements of Senate Bill 1.
5. Only contestants will be allowed free entry into the Fair on the day of the contest; all others must pay.
6. Anyone attempting to interfere with the judges before the decision is rendered will automatically disqualify the entry in contention.
7. All entries must comply with departmental rules for entry and release.
8. Exhibitors will be required to keep their space and stalls in a clean condition by removing all filth and litter and place the same in the designated area where the sanitation force of the management may remove it with ease.
9. Ample security force will be maintained day and night and every effort will be made for security of the exhibitors and others in attendance, but the Fair will not be responsible for any loss or damage to articles or animals while on the grounds or in transit thereto or therefrom, from any cause whatsoever.
10. Delivery gates to the Fairgrounds will be closed and locked daily at 12:00 noon, and at 9:00 am Saturday. All merchants, vendors, concessionaires, exhibitors, and others making deliveries on the Fairgrounds must have their vehicles off the grounds by that time, except by special permission.
11. The Brazoria County Fair Association has the right to search all vehicles entering or leaving the premises.
12. No weapons, fireworks or illegal drugs of any type will be allowed on Fairgrounds.
13. No selling or giving away of helium balloons will be allowed on the Fairgrounds.
14. No pets allowed (dogs, cats, etc.) except those entered into contests or those used for assistance to the handicapped.
15. All exhibits left more than 30 days from the close of the Fair become the property of the Brazoria County Fat Stock and Fair Association, Inc. and will be disposed of as the Association sees fit.

PREMIUMS

16. The premiums of the Fair are open to Brazoria County entries only or as otherwise specified in the rules of individual departments.
17. The premiums shall be designated by ribbons or awards as indicated in respective departments.
18. No premium shall be awarded nor shall any premiums be paid on any article or animal not mentioned or classified on the premium list.
19. Merit must exist to win an award.
20. All premium vouchers given by the Fair Association as payment for premiums must be claimed and presented within 30 days from the close of the Fair; otherwise they will not be honored.

JUDGES

NOTE: It is the objective of the Brazoria County Fair Association, Inc. to invite individuals of outstanding ability to judge the various departments. Much depends upon the caliber of the person doing the judging and it is the Fair's ambition to provide experts. By reason of the early date at which this catalog goes to press, it is impossible for the Fair Association to publish a complete roster of judges, but assurances are given to the exhibitors that the best available will be supplied.

21. No one will be allowed to act as judge in any class in which he/she exhibits.
22. The judges shall judge only animals or articles as presented within the department.
23. Judges will be familiar with all rules, regulations and procedures of the Brazoria County Fair Association.
24. The Chairman of each department shall host and provide orientation for judges in that department.

PROTESTS

25. Protests must be made in writing and be accompanied by a deposit of \$250.00, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. In the case of any protest concerning livestock substance abuse, the protest must be made in writing and be accompanied by a deposit of \$250.00, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. An additional \$500.00 must accompany the written protest, to cover the drug test and related expenses, and this additional fee of \$500.00 is not refundable, regardless of the outcome. In the event the information presented to the Disciplinary Committee is the result of an internal investigation of wrongdoing, the protest fee shall be placed in escrow and charged to the appropriate department. Any person who violates any of the general rules or special rules as published in the premium list and catalog will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the Disciplinary Committee may order. Unacceptable conduct and failure to cooperate with security personnel, employees or officials of the Fair Association in all matters of policy will be subject to disciplinary action. The Disciplinary Committee has the right and the responsibility to hear and investigate the evidence presented by both sides, and then reach a binding decision. The parties involved have ten days to exercise the right to appeal to the Disciplinary Committee, if there is additional evidence to present. The final decision of the Disciplinary Committee may be appealed to the full Executive Committee, if request for appeal is made in writing within the specified ten-day period.