

# 2023 General Rules and Regulations – Wisconsin State Fair

Exhibitors are expected to read and understand all rules prior to submitting an entry.

## General Rules and Regulations

Wisconsin State Fair management reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regards thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to Wisconsin State Fair. It further reserves the right to determine unforeseen matters not covered by these rules, to amend or add to these rules as they, in their judgment, may deem advisable.

All exhibitors are expected to conform with Wisconsin State Fair General Rules and Regulations. Any person who violates any of the special rules will forfeit all privileges and prize money and be subject to such penalty as the management may order. Failure to comply may result in award(s) and prize money forfeiture, dismissal from the Fairgrounds, and being barred from competition immediately in the department in which the violation occurred and from all departments entered, and/or in future competition in Wisconsin State Fair. In the event of conflict between the general rules and the special rules governing the various departments, the special rules will govern.

The following due process will be used in the questions of rule violation: the exhibitor and/or parties involved will be questioned by the Department Superintendent. If it is felt that a violation has occurred, the Department Superintendent will make a ruling. The ruling of the Department Superintendent will be final. See Wisconsin State Fair Park Competitive Exhibits Department Decision Review Procedures available online.

## Administrative Offices

Any correspondence should be addressed to:

Wisconsin State Fair Park, 640 S 84 St, West Allis, WI 53214.

## Admission Tickets

See entry form to order tickets. Ticket orders will be limited to 50 tickets per exhibitor. Tickets will be mailed out beginning in mid-June.

## Entry Questions

For information and questions, please call: 414/777-0580.

## Entry Requirements

Application for entries in all departments must be made on the printed entry form (or online) and must be in full compliance with the printed instructions. **There are no refunds of entry fees or late fees.** Entries will be disqualified if not entered under the name of the person who made the item. All entries must be made by the exhibitor unless otherwise stated in the entry information. Violation of this rule will forfeit any prize money awarded to such exhibitor in all departments at the Wisconsin State Fair. Wisconsin State Fair management reserves the right at any time to refuse entries or items entered. Entry deadlines are specified under each department's rules/schedule. Exhibits that have been erroneously entered in a division, and/or do not meet the specifications of the class can be transferred to a proper class or disqualified by the superintendent prior to judging. If such classes already have been judged, they shall not be reopened. No employee of the Wisconsin State Fair, or member of their immediate family shall be allowed to exhibit in the department in which they are employed. Any exhibitor's check(s) returned from a financial institution for any reason will be charged a \$20.00 service fee.

**Note:** Entry forms will be returned if not filled out completely.

## **Exhibit Release**

Exhibits will be released according to each department's regulations. The Wisconsin State Fair Director or their designee may change the time of release in any department at their discretion. Competitive exhibits which have not been claimed by exhibitors by 6:00 pm on the Tuesday after the Wisconsin State Fair will be disposed of and/or donated by management as they see fit.

## **Judging of Exhibits**

Judges have been carefully selected. All exhibitors submitting exhibits for the Wisconsin State Fair accept these judges and agree to abide by their decisions. The judging schedule is printed at the beginning of each department in the Exhibitors Guide & Prize Listing. If any exhibitor attempts to interfere with the judge in any manner, the exhibitor shall forfeit all prize money awarded and will be excluded from further competition. Judges will not be permitted to show in divisions they judge. Unworthy exhibits will not be placed by the judge. The decision of the judge will be final in all cases.

## **Prize Money/Awards**

Prize money will be mailed starting in September, 2023. In paying prize money, no evidence of awards will be recognized except the signed Judging Sheets. Any prize money discrepancies must be mailed to Wisconsin State Fair no later than October 1, 2023. Exhibitors should contact Wisconsin State Fair in writing at 640 S 84 St, West Allis, WI 53214. Please include your name, department, division, class and explanation of the discrepancy. All checks are void one (1) year after they are issued. Any checks not cashed causes automatic forfeit of prize money won.

## **Liability**

Wisconsin State Fair will take reasonable precaution to protect the safety of the exhibits sent to the Wisconsin State Fair, but owners themselves take the risk of exhibiting them. Should any exhibit or portion thereof be injured, damaged, lost or stolen, Wisconsin State Fair personnel will give assistance toward recovery of the same, but will not be liable or make any payment for the value thereof.

Neither the State of Wisconsin, Wisconsin State Fair, its agents or employees shall be liable for any loss to an exhibitor occasioned by fire, accident, condition of structure, or damage caused by weather to any exhibit, article, item, equipment or commercial exhibit left in the building or on the grounds after the close of the Wisconsin State Fair.

Exhibitors and/or machinery, while stationary or in motion, and any other exhibits or equipment which may cause accidents, injury or damage to persons or property coming in contact with or in proximity to them, shall guard their exhibits or machinery, and protect the public from coming in contact therewith at all times while on the Fairgrounds, and every such exhibitor or owners shall indemnify the State of Wisconsin, Wisconsin State Fair Park Board, its agents and employees from and against claims and demands, costs, charges and expenses which it or they might incur, suffer or be put to by reason of failure to take the precaution above referred to or failure to comply with Wisconsin State Fair rules, policies or directives. Liability insurance to comply with indemnity provisions is required. Presentation of an exhibitors' receipt shall be deemed acceptance of this provision.

**Wisconsin State Fair Park Competitive Exhibits Department Decision Review Procedures**  
Now available online at [www.tinyurl.com/25m44xfh](http://www.tinyurl.com/25m44xfh)