Horticulture – Society Shows
Exhibitor Handbook & Prize Money List

Wisconsin State Fair
August 5 – 15, 2021

Horticulture Superintendent: 414/405-7995
Entry Deadline: June 3, 2021
Late Entry Deadline: June 29, 2021
Welcome to the Wisconsin State Fair! We can’t wait to see what you’ve been Wisconsin Dreamin’ up for your exhibits in this year’s Wisconsin State Fair. As an exhibitor, you are the heart and soul of the Fair, continuing traditions for 170 years. Each exhibitor is exceptional, adding to the Fair’s rich history through your unique talents.

This 11-day Fair expects to welcome over one million guests who anticipate seeing your hard work and ingenuity through an array of masterpieces. Let’s celebrate the great state of Wisconsin and everything it has to offer.

See you at the 2021 Wisconsin State Fair, presented by U.S. Cellular, August 5-15, as we reap the rewards of your creativity.

Sincerely,

Kathleen O’Leary
Chief Executive Officer
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### HORTICULTURE SCHEDULE

2021 Entry Deadline: June 3, 2021  
**THEME: Wisconsin Dreamin’**  
As of July 5, 2021 call: Horticulture office: 414/266-7149 or cell phone: 414/405-7995

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No deliveries to the building allowed after 9:00 am. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
ROSE SHOW
Show Dates: August 8 – 11, 2021
Sponsored by the Greater Milwaukee Rose Society
President: Bernie Beattie
Show Chairman: Carrie Bergs
Phone: 262/878-1609 or 262/939-7075

RULES OF THE SHOW
1. Entries will be received between 7:00 am and 9:45 am on Sunday, August 8, 2021. **No entry fee required. Judging to start at 10:15 am.**
2. Entries in each class will be placed alphabetically. Each variety will create its own sub-class and is judged on its own merits, even if only one specimen of a variety is entered.
3. Entries are open to any rose grower. Roses must be grown in the exhibitor's garden.
4. Entries must be correctly named. Judges will disqualify roses for the following reasons: unlabeled entries, misnamed entries and foreign substances used to enhance the bloom. **Any entry found to be enhanced by artificial means such as glue, hairspray, pins, toothpicks, paint/coloring, eye shadow, or any additive that is not natural to the rose itself, will be disqualified.**
5. American Rose Society (ARS) classifications will govern.
6. An exhibitor may enter as many roses as desired, but not more than two per variety.
7. Exhibits will be judged on the basis of their condition at the time of judging. ARS rules and regulations of judging will be followed.
8. **Exhibitors will not be permitted to remove exhibits or awards until after 7:00 pm, Wednesday, August 11, 2021!**
9. New exhibitors are welcome and encouraged to enter competition. Members of the Greater Milwaukee Rose Society (GMRS) will be available to assist if needed.
10. Ribbons for first, second and third place will be awarded by the Wisconsin State Fair when the exhibits warrant, but the judges may withhold any of these at their discretion.
11. All sections except section E include bush/climbing varieties. Section E is limited to climbers only.
12. The Fair will exercise all possible care of exhibits but will not assume responsibility for loss or damage.
13. Roses entered in the show must be identified according to the exhibition name approved by the ARS as it appears in Official List of Approved Exhibition Names (AEN) for Judges and Exhibitors, the Handbook for Selecting Roses, Modern Roses database or other ARS publications. If a rose has two or more names, the AEN should be used.
14. ARS or GMRS certificates will be awarded in appropriate classes.
ROSE SHOW CLASSES – Division 460

HYBRID TEA – SECTION A
Class 1 – Hybrid Teas, climbing Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora – one bloom per stem, exhibition form.
Class 2 – One open bloom per stem, stamens showing.
Class 3 – Single Hybrid Teas – one bloom, or spray, classified as single by the ARS.
Class 4 – Spray, two or more blooms – one stem.

GRANDIFLORAS – SECTION B
Class 5 – Spray, two or more blooms – one stem.
Class 6 – One open bloom per stem, stamens showing.

FLORIBUNDAS – SECTION C
Class 7 – One bloom per stem, exhibition stage.
Class 8 – Spray, two or more blooms – one stem.

POLYANTHAS – SECTION D
Class 9 – Any Polyantha

CLIMBERS – SECTION E
Class 10 – Large-Flowered Climbers (LCI), Hybrid Wichuranas (HWich) and Hybrid Giganteas.
   One bloom, or spray. Climbing HTs and FLs should be shown with the HTs and FLs.
   (No climbing sports of Hybrid Tea, spray or bush type varieties.)

SHRUBS – SECTION F
One bloom or spray.
Class 11 – Any Modern Shrub (Any shrub rose designated by “S” in ARS references, including
groundcovers, English – style and landscape roses).
Class 12 – Any Classic Shrub (Kordesii, Hybrid Moyesii, Hybrid Musk, Hybrid Rugosa, Rambler).

OLD GARDEN ROSES – SECTION G
Class 13 – Variety introduced before 1867.
Class 14 – Variety introduced during or after 1867 or unknown date of origin.

MINIATURES – SECTION H
Class 15 – One bloom per stem, exhibition form.
Class 16 – One open bloom per stem, stamens showing.
Class 17 – Single miniature – one bloom per stem, classified as single by the ARS.
Class 18 – Spray, two or more blooms – one stem.

MINIFLORAS – SECTION I
Class 19 – One bloom per stem, exhibition form.
Class 20 – One open bloom per stem, stamens showing.
Class 21 – Single miniflora – one bloom per stem, four-eight petals or classified as single by the ARS.
Class 22 – Spray, two or more blooms – one stem.

NOVICE ENTRIES – SECTION J
A novice is one who has never won a blue ribbon or trophy in any rose show.
Class 23 – Novice – Any rose.
JUNIOR ENTRIES – SECTION K
Restricted to exhibitors age 18 and younger.
Class 24 – Junior – Any rose.

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR RIBBONS WILL BE AWARDED IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:
Most Perfect Hybrid Tea
Most Perfect Hybrid Tea Open Bloom
Most Perfect Single Hybrid Tea
Most Perfect Hybrid Tea Spray
Most Perfect Grandiflora Spray
Most Perfect Grandiflora Open Bloom
Most Perfect Floribunda
Most Perfect Floribunda Spray
Most Perfect Polyantha
Most Perfect Climber
Most Perfect Modern Shrub
Most Perfect Classic Shrub
Most Perfect Old Garden Rose – Before 1867
Most Perfect Old Garden Rose – During or After 1867
Most Perfect Miniature
Most Perfect Miniature Open Bloom
Most Perfect Single Miniature
Most Perfect Miniature Spray
Most Perfect Miniflora
Most Perfect Miniflora Open Bloom
Most Perfect Single Miniflora
Most Perfect Miniflora Spray
Most Perfect Novice Entry
Most Perfect Junior Entry

THE GOVERNOR’S TROPHY WILL BE AWARDED TO THE BEST ROSE OF THE SHOW.
BONSAI EXHIBIT
Display Only – Division 480

Show Dates: August 5 – 15, 2021
Sponsored by the Milwaukee Bonsai Society
PO Box 198
Brookfield, WI 53008-0198

RULES OF THE SHOW
1. There will be three separate Bonsai Exhibits during the length of the Fair.
2. The schedule for the different exhibits is as follows:
   First Exhibit – The first exhibit will be on display Thursday, August 5, 2021 through
   Saturday, August 7, 2021.
   Second Exhibit – The second exhibit will be on display Sunday, August 8, 2021 through
   Wednesday, August 11, 2021.
   Third Exhibit – The third exhibit will be on display Thursday, August 12 2021 through
   Sunday, August 15, 2021.
3. The Milwaukee Bonsai Society will coordinate the setup, maintenance, display and supervision
   of these exhibits.
4. The Milwaukee Bonsai Society will select the Show Coordinator and the judges for the
   Wisconsin State Fair Bonsai Exhibits.
5. The Milwaukee Bonsai Society and the Wisconsin State Fair will exercise all reasonable care.
   The exhibitor assumes any liability for damage or loss to any exhibit or exhibitor.
6. Any active member of a Bonsai Society or 4-H club is eligible to exhibit a bonsai.
7. Each exhibit will be judged separately according to the judging criteria listed in Article 17.
   Judging will be done on the first day of each exhibit.
8. The decision to award any prize is solely at the discretion of the judges and all decisions made
   by the judges are final.
9. More than one award may be given in any class at the discretion of the judges.
10. If no specimen in a class meets the criteria necessary for an award, an award may not be made
    in the class.
11. Additional awards may be given by other bonsai-oriented organizations.
12. There shall be six classes of entries:
    Class #
    101. Youth Class – Exhibitors 18 years of age or younger.
    102. Novice Class – Exhibitors with less than five years’ experience in bonsai.
    103. Intermediate Class – Exhibitors with more than five years’ experience in bonsai.
    104. Advanced Class – Exhibitors that have previously won an Award of Merit in the
        Intermediate Class or Best of Show in any class at the Wisconsin State Fair.
    105. Open Class – Open to all exhibitors.
    106. For Exhibit Only – Not eligible for any award.
13. A tree may be exhibited in only one class. Each class will be judged separately. The “Best in
    Show” and “Awards of Merit” will be chosen from the blue ribbon winners.
14. All trees submitted for exhibition must be healthy and free of disease and infestation and must
    be exhibited in a bonsai container.
15. Any tree submitted for judging must have been in the direct care of the exhibitor over two
    winters. Youth and Novice class entries are exempt from this requirement.
16. Exhibitor’s names will NOT be displayed on any exhibited tree. As a matter of security, the bonsai identification cards will identify only the club affiliation of the tree’s owner.
17. Specimens exhibited for judging may be awarded prizes according to the guidelines below.

- **White Ribbon:** A good example of the art of bonsai.
- **Red Ribbon:** A very good example of the art of bonsai.
- **Blue Ribbon:** An outstanding example of the art of bonsai.
- **Award of Merit:** An exceptional example of the art of bonsai, which exhibits unique characteristics or design.
- **Best of Show:** The specimen which best exhibits the highest quality of the art of bonsai.

18. These are the complete rules governing the Wisconsin State Fair Bonsai Exhibit.
ORCHID SHOW

Show Dates: August 11 – 15, 2021
Sponsored by the Wisconsin Orchid Society
President: Dr. Richard Odders
Show Chairperson: Bruce Efflandt
3518 N 98 St, Milwaukee, WI 53222
Phone: 262/327-9373

RULES OF THE SHOW

1. Entries will be received at the State Fair in Grand Champion Hall on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 between 7:00 am and 8:30 am. No entry fee is required.
2. Those unable to make drop off at Wisconsin State Fair may call the Chairperson to arrange drop off.
3. Entry is open to all members of the four (4) orchid societies located in the State of Wisconsin.
4. Plants must have been the property of the exhibitor for a minimum of six (6) months.
5. Entries must be correctly named or judges may disqualify them.
6. The exhibitor may enter any number of entries per class.
7. No one plant can be entered in more than one (1) class, except specimen and miniature.
8. **Judging will begin at 8:30 am on Wednesday, August 11, 2021.**
9. First, second and third place ribbons may be awarded in each class at the discretion of the judges. Special awards will be given as designated judges may withhold any ribbon or award. The decision of the judges is FINAL.
10. This is a non-AOS (American Orchid Society) judged show, but one or more AOS judge will be present for judging.
11. The Wisconsin State Fair will exercise all possible care, but will not assume responsibility for loss or damage to plants.
12. The Wisconsin Orchid Society (WOS) will have one designated person to secure each exhibitor’s entry number, entry information and florist exhibitor car tags from the Entry Department of Wisconsin State Fair.
13. WOS will furnish judges and clerks and complete entries in the award book.
14. A list of the number of exhibitors and the number of plants exhibited will be given to the Superintendent at the end of the show.
15. **Plants must remain in place until Monday, August 16, 2021.**
ORCHID SHOW – Division 500

Class #

Cattleya Alliance
1. Epidendrum and Encyclia species, hybrids and intergenerics
3. Cattleya and Allied genera species, hybrids and intergenerics other than above.

Cypripedium Alliance
4. Paphiopedilum species
5. Paphiopedilum hybrids – Primary
6. Paphiopedilum hybrids – Complex
7. Allied Paphiopedilum species, hybrids, and intergenerics other than above.

Vanda and Phalaenopsis Alliance
8. Aerangis, Aerides and Angraecum species, hybrids, and intergenerics
9. All Vandaceous genera species, excluding Phalaenopsis
9a. All Vandaceous genera, hybrids, and intergenerics excluding Phalaenopsis
10. Phalaenopsis species
11. Phalaenopsis hybrids and intergenerics

Oncidium Alliance
12. All Oncidium Allied genera species hybrids, and intergenerics, excluding Oncidium
13. Oncidium species, hybrids, and intergenerics excluding Tolumnias
14. Oncidium Tolumnia species, hybrids, and intergenerics

Cymbidium Alliance
15. All Cymbidium and Allied genera species, hybrids and intergenerics

Dendrobium
16. All Dendrobium and Allied genera species
16a. All Dendrobium and Allied genera, hybrids and intergenerics

Miscellaneous Genera
17. Masdevallia, Pleurothallis, and Allied genera species
17a. Masdevallia, Pleurothallis, and Allied genera, hybrids and intergenerics
18. Orchid species, hybrids and intergenerics not covered elsewhere
19. Miniature species, hybrids and intergenerics, all classes

Specimen
20. Specimen Plants

Artistic
21. Paintings by exhibitor
22. Photographs by exhibitor
23. Art other than above by exhibitor
24. Collectibles
Orchids in Use
   25. Corsages, bouquets, hairpieces, etc.
   26. Orchid arrangements

Educational
   27. Educational display

SPECIAL AWARDS
   I. Best of Cattleya Alliance
   II. Best of Cypripedilum Alliance
   III. Best of Vanda/Phalaenopsis Alliance
   IV. Best of Oncidium Alliance
   V. Best of Cym/Dend
   VI. Best of Specimen Plant
   VII. Best of Show
   VIII. Best Culture
   IX. Best of Art
   X. Best of Orchids in use
   XI. Best Educational
   XII. Best Misc. Genera
2021 GENERAL RULES – WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

The 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 the 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 the Wisconsin State Fair Rules and Regulations. Any person who violates any of the following of 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; and 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 the 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.

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.

ENTRY QUESTIONS

For information and questions, please call the Horticulture Superintendent at 414/405-7995.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Application for entries in all departments must be made on the printed entry form and must be in full compliance with the printed instructions on same.

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 article. All entries must be made by the exhibitor unless otherwise stated in the prize money list. Violation of this rule will forfeit any prize money awarded to such exhibitor in all departments at the Fair.

The Wisconsin State Fair management reserves the right at any time to refuse entries or articles entered.

Entry deadlines are specified under each department’s rules.

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 his/her immediate family shall be allowed to exhibit in the department in which he/she is 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 Fair Director or his/her designee may change the time of release in any department at
his/her discretion.
Competitive exhibits which have not been claimed by exhibitors by the Tuesday after the Fair,
at 6:00 pm, will be disposed of by management as they see fit.

JUDGING OF EXHIBITS
Judges have been carefully selected. All exhibitors submitting exhibits for the Fair accept these
judges and agree to abide by their decisions.
The judging schedule is printed at the beginning of each department.
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 around September 1, 2021.
In paying prize money no evidence of awards will be recognized except the signed Judging
Sheets as ribbons frequently become misplaced.
All prize money discrepancies must be mailed to Wisconsin State Fair no later than October 1,
2021. All exhibitors should contact the Wisconsin State Fair in writing at
640 S 84 St, West Allis, WI 53214. Please include your name, department, division, class and explain
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
The Wisconsin State Fair will take reasonable precaution to protect the safety of the exhibits
sent to the Fair, but owners themselves take the risk of exhibiting them, and should any exhibit or
portion thereof be injured, damaged, lost or stolen, State Fair Park 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 Park, 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, equipment or commercial exhibit left in the building or on
the grounds after the close of the 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, the 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 Park 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.
PROTESTS

Wisconsin State Fair Park Competitive Exhibits Department
Decision Review Procedures

DEFINITIONS AND ESCALATION SEQUENCE:

**Complaint (Verbal):** Express verbal opinion on a decision or matter to Wisconsin State Fair Park (WSFP) staff.

**Complaint (Written):** Written opinion submitted to Wisconsin State Fair Park (WSFP) staff via mail, hand delivery or email on a decision or matter.

**Protest:** Action requesting the review of a decision by the Wisconsin State Fair Park (WSFP) Competitive Exhibits Director; the official protest must be submitted in writing on a WSFP Protest Form via mail, hand delivery or email. The WSFP Competitive Exhibits Director must respond in writing via mail, hand delivery or email within seven (7) business days of receiving the Protest.

**Appeal:** Action requesting the review of a decision by the Wisconsin State Fair Park Management. An Appeal must be submitted in writing on a WSFP Appeal form via mail, hand delivery or email within seven (7) business days from the date the protest decision was received. Wisconsin State Fair Park Management must respond with a decision in writing via mail, hand delivery or email within seven (7) business days of receiving the Appeal.

**Final Appeal:** Action requesting the review of an Appeal decision by the Wisconsin State Fair Park Board (WSFPB). A Final Appeal must be submitted in writing on the WSFP Final Appeal Form along with a deposit of $250 (check or money order via mail, hand delivery or email within seven (7) business days from the date the Appeal decision was received. The WSFPB Chair will review the Final Appeal and has the authority to determine if this appeal will be reviewed by the WSFPB of Directors. The WSFPB Chair or designee must respond with a written decision via mail, hand delivery or email within seven (7) business days of receiving the Final Appeal.

PROCEDURE:

**Complaints:**

Verbal complaints are considered unofficial, may be received at any time, and do not require action by Staff, Superintendent or Management.

Written complaints are considered official, and do not require formal action or a decision. Written complaints must be signed by the remitting party and dated, with complete contact information. The complaints will be evaluated/discussed within program reviews and/or considered while making program enhancements. Written complaints may be hand-delivered, mailed, or emailed to:

Wisconsin State Fair Park Competitive Exhibits Department
640 S 84 St
West Allis WI 53214
entryoffice@wistatefair.com

The Competitive Exhibits Department staff may or may not choose to respond to a written complaint. Please note: Official written complaints may be subject to open records requests.
Protests:
To challenge a decision, an official protest must be submitted in writing on an official WSFP Protest Form via mail, hand delivery or email within seven (7) business days of receiving the decision. The Protest must substantiate the concern and justification for the review of a decision. Protests may be sent to:

Wisconsin State Fair Park Competitive Exhibits Director
c/o Official Protest
640 S 84 St
West Allis WI 53214
jill.albanese@wistatefair.com

The WSFP Competitive Exhibits Director must respond in writing with a decision via mail, hand delivery and email, explaining the rationale for any decision rendered within seven (7) business days of receiving the Protest.

Appeals:
To challenge the WSFP Competitive Exhibits Director’s Protest decision, a written WSFP Appeal Form must be submitted and received in care of the WSFP CEO via email, hand delivery or email, within seven (7) business days of receiving the protest decision. The Appeal must substantiate the concern and justification for the Protest to be reviewed. Appeals may be sent to:

Wisconsin State Fair Park CEO
c/o Official Appeal
640 S 84 St
West Allis WI 53214
Kathleen.OLEary@wistatefair.com

The appeal will be reviewed by Wisconsin State Fair Management. Management may choose to gather information from the protesting party and/or staff. Management will respond in writing via mail, hand delivery or email, explaining the rationale for any decision rendered within seven (7) business days of receiving the Appeal.

If Wisconsin State Fair Management’s decision on the Appeal overturns the WSFP Competitive Exhibits Director’s Protest decision, the WSFP Competitive Exhibits Director may challenge the Appeal decision of Wisconsin State Fair Management to the Wisconsin State Fair Park Board (WSFPB). This Appeal must be submitted and received in care of the WSFPB Chair via mail, hand delivery or email, within seven (7) business days of receiving the WSFPB Appeal decision.

The Competitive Exhibits Director’s Appeal will be reviewed by the WSFPB Chair who will determine if the Final Appeal has merit to be reviewed by the WSFPB Directors.

If the WSFPB Chair rules the Final Appeal has merit for an appeal the WSFPB Directors will be presented with the Appeal. The WSFPB Chair/Directors may choose to speak with the WSFP Competitive Exhibits Director and/or Wisconsin State Fair Management and/or other WSFP Staff. The WSFPB Chair or designee will respond with a decision in writing via mail, hand delivery or email, explaining the rationale for any decision rendered within seven (7) business days of receiving the Competitive Exhibits Director’s Appeal. The decision of the WSFPB Directors/Chair is final and not subject to further appeal.

Final Appeal:
To challenge the Wisconsin State Fair Management’s Appeal response, a written WSFP Final Appeal Form must be submitted and received in care of the WSFP Board Chair via mail, hand delivery or email, within seven (7) business days of receiving the appeal decision. Additionally, a deposit of $250 (check or money order) will be required with Final Appeal submission; the deposit will be returned if the decision of the appeal is overturned but retained if the decision of the Final Appeal is not overturned.

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The deposit is a recovery mechanism to offset labor costs incurred during the entire decision review process. Final Appeals must be sent to:

Wisconsin State Fair Park Board Chair  
c/o Official Final Appeal  
640 S 84 St  
West Allis WI 53214  
Kathleen.OLeary@wistatefair.com

The appeal will be reviewed by the WSFP Board Chair who will determine if the Final Appeal has merit to be reviewed by the WSFP Board of Directors.

If the WSFPB Chair rules the Final Appeal does not merit consideration by the WSFPB the WSFPB Chair or designee will respond in writing via mail, hand delivery or email, explaining the rationale for any decision rendered within seven (7) business days of receiving the final appeal. The decision of the WSFPB and/or Chair is final and not subject to further appeal.

If the WSFPB Chair rules the Final Appeal has merit for an appeal the WSFPB of Directors will be presented with the Final Appeal. The WSFPB Chair/Directors may choose to speak with the protesting party and/or the WSFPB Competitive Exhibits Committee and/or WSFP Management. The WSFPB Chair or designee will respond in writing via mail, hand delivery or email, explaining the rationale for any decision rendered within seven (7) business days of receiving the final appeal. The decision of the WSFPB Directors/Chair is final and not subject to further appeal.

The WSFPB’s: Chair, Directors, Competitive Exhibits Committee Members and the WSFP CEO/Executive Director and Competitive Exhibits Director reserve the right to discuss the protest/appeal/final appeal with legal counsel, or other parties relevant to render a conclusion to a Protest/Appeal/Final Appeal.

**JUDGES, JUDGING AND/OR AWARDS REVIEWS:**

**Verbal complaints** are considered unofficial, may be received at any time, and do not require action by Staff, Superintendent or Management.

**Written Complaints** are considered official. The written complaint must clearly state the concern(s) and justifications. Written complaints will follow the “Written Complaints” protocol as listed above. Of special note:

- Written complaints pertaining to judge qualifications/potential conflicts of interest must be submitted in writing a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to the judging date. Judges are selected through a formal review process prior to WSFP issuing a service agreement. In consideration of this process, complaints based solely on unsubstantiated concerns questioning the competency of judges will not be considered. Parties involved will be notified and given the opportunity to submit evidence to the WSFP Competitive Exhibits Director whose decision is final and not subject to appeal.

**Protests and Appeals:** Protests and Appeals must clearly state the concern(s) and justifications. Protests and Appeals will follow the decision review protocol listed above. Of special note:

- Award protests must be submitted to the WSFP Competitive Exhibits Director within 24 hours of the award being posted online. An award is deemed presented when the notation of the decision is entered on the official judging sheets. Overturning a judging decision will only be considered if it is determined an award has been made in violation of the rules governing the exhibit.