

ALBANY COUNTY FAIR GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

AUTHORITY

These regulations are promulgated by the Albany County Fair Board (Board) pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedures Act, W.S. §16-3-101 and in accordance with Wyoming Statute §18-9-101(a) (iii) and §18-9-201 authorizing the Board to adopt reasonable rules and regulations for the operation of the annual Albany County Fair.

PURPOSES

The purpose of these rules is to provide regulations as to the operation of the annual Albany County Fair, exhibitions, and contests.

SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this regulation is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, that portion shall be considered a separate, distinct and independent provision, and the holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this regulation.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- **Advertising Material** - The distribution of advertising material or matter of any kind, nature or description, including specifically, but not exclusively, political campaign cards, dodgers, fliers, "newspapers", handbills, buttons, pins, caps, banners, display cards, ribbons, or any and all other forms of media or political advertising of any political party or group by concessionaires, exhibitors, patrons attending an exhibition on the fairgrounds, political parties or any other person or persons whomsoever, shall be, and the same here is, PROHIBITED on fair grounds unless such distribution shall be within and from the assigned and designated space as shall have been duly authorized by the Fair Board upon application thereto.
- **Camping** - A parent or guardian over the age of 18 must stay in the camper while the fair is in session. Campers may be required to leave the grounds following any noise complaints or other issues.
- **Conduct**
 - No person acting alone or in concert with others, shall go into or upon facilities under the control of the Fair Board and obstruct or disrupt by force, violence, or other conduct, which is in fact obstructive or disruptive, activities conducted therein or thereon or uses made thereof under the authority of the Fair Board. Obstructive or disruptive conduct includes restricting lawful:
 - Freedom of movement on or within a facility designated use as a facility ingress or egress on or within a facility (See Wyoming Statute § 6-3-301 through § 6-6-307 et seq.,)
 - No person within or upon the facilities of the Fair Board shall register to desist from a course of conduct or to remove himself from the facilities upon request by an authorized representative of the Fair Board, after having been notified that the conduct or presence of the person is contrary to or in violation of established policies, rules or regulations of the Board with are reasonably related to the furtherance of the law and purpose of the Fair Board and incident to the maintenance or orderly and efficient use of the facilities for the purposes for which acquired or designed. (Wyoming Statute § 6-6-305 et seq).
 - Any person violating paragraph (a) or (b) above is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$750.00 or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days, or both.
 - Any person violating the regularly adopted Rules and Regulations of the Fair Board or whose presence is otherwise prohibited by law may be subject to ejection from the fair grounds and may forfeit any fees paid to the Albany County Fair Board, upon refusal to leave upon request. (Wyoming Statute § 6-6-303 et seq.).
 - No dogs, cats, or other pets of any type whatsoever are permitted on the Fair Grounds unless such animal is there for exhibit purposes or involved in lawful competition (except in the case of service, seeing eye or hearing dogs).
- **Entries**
 - By submitting an online entry form via ShoWorks Fairwire Software or paper based, you agree to the Albany County Fair Board Regulations
 - Youth Entries
 - i. Online entries are completed by submitting an online entry via ShoWorks Fairwire Software.
 - Open Entries
 - ii. Online entries are due by submitting an online entry via ShoWorks Fairwire Software.
 - iii. Paper entry forms may be picked up and submitted to the fair office.
 - Deadline for entry will be announced by May 15th of the current year.
 - Announcements can be found on the Albany County Fair website.
- **Eligibility**
- **4-H Eligibility**
 - 4-H "age" is your age as of January 1 of the current year.
 - You may turn 19 during the year, you may not show in 4-H if you were 19 on January 1 of the current year.
 - 4-H eligibility is determined by Wyoming State 4-H Rules.

- **FFA Eligibility**
 - FFA members in Albany County are eligible to exhibit and sell at the Albany County Fair up to the second county fair following their high school graduation regardless of age. FFA members will be able to show as an FFA member for a maximum of eight years.
 - FFA members must be bona-fide members and in good standing with their FFA Chapter.
 - Any issues regarding FFA member eligibility will be decided upon by the members FFA advisors.
 - FFA eligibility is determined by the Wyoming State FFA Rules.
 - You must meet the requirements for active membership as listed in the current FFA rulebook to participate in any contest at this fair. This is defined by enrollment in a secondary agricultural education class, dues current and eligible to show.
- **Non 4-H & FFA Member Eligibility** - Members of other youth organizations may request approval for entry from the Fair Board. Approval will be granted by a majority vote from the Fair Board.
- **Exhibit Eligibility** - Exhibits should be completed since the last fair and may not have been exhibited at any previous county fair.
- **Exceptions** - The Fair Board reserves the right to make exceptions to any provisions contained herein by a majority vote.
- **Grievances/Protests**
 - Shall be in writing accompanied by a \$50.00 Cashier's check, money order or cash and given to the proper Superintendent or Fair Manager.
 - They must be filed on the day the infraction/complaint takes place.
 - If allowed by the Fair Board the fee is returned.
 - Judges' decisions are final and may not be protested.
- **Loss or Damage** - The Albany County Fair will not be responsible for the loss of any article, bird, or animal at the fair, either during fair, enroute to or from the fair, nor will the Albany County Fair be held responsible for any damage done to any exhibit while at the fair; nor will it be responsible for the safe return of an exhibit to its owner. Exhibitors are responsible for their own insurance.
- **Residency Requirement**
 - To show at the Albany County Fair, a youth exhibitor shall be:
 - In good standing with their organization; AND
 - A resident of Albany County; OR attend school in Albany County; OR reside in Albany County during fair due to a court ordered custody arrangement; AND
 - Subject to ownership deadlines, required weigh-in dates, and other project requirements.
- Exhibitors that participated in the 2021 and preceding Albany County fairs and their immediate siblings shall raise and house all exhibited animals in the immediate care of the exhibitor.
- **Right to Construe** - The Fair Board reserves to itself the sole and absolute right to construe its own rules and regulations and to determine arbitrarily all matters and differences in regard thereto.
- **Transportation on Fairgrounds** - There will be no golf carts, bicycles, ATV's, UTV's, hoverboards, skateboards, or any other items with wheels allowed on the fairgrounds and operated by fair participants during the fair for safety reasons. This rule excludes the use of wheelchairs for handicapped individuals.
- **Illegal Substances** - Possession or use by a minor of alcoholic beverages or drugs on the fairgrounds will result in immediate expulsion of the member and his/her exhibits. An appearance before the Fair Board is mandatory before an exhibitor may show at subsequent fairs.
- **Violation of Rules**
 - Any willful disregard for the rules established by the Albany County Fair Board may result in loss of premiums, privileges, expulsion from fair, forfeiture of sale proceeds and may affect participation at future fairs.
 - Removal of exhibits (including animals) before they are released will result in a loss of prize money and prizes won for that exhibit.
- **ALBANY COUNTY FAIR FEE & PREMIUM SCHEDULE**
 - Fee Schedule

Fee	Item
\$25.00	Animal Late Entry (Per Animal)
\$50.00	Late Showmanship Entry
\$15.00	Late 4-H & FFA Divisions Entry Fee
\$50.00	Grievance Fee
\$50.00	RV Space for Week - Full Hookup
\$25.00	RV Space for Week - Electricity Only
\$1.00	Stall Fees - \$1/head (lg); \$1/pen (furs/feather)

- **Premium Checks**

- Premium Checks will be available for pickup on Tuesday following the Sale and load out of animals, tack, and indoor projects. Pick up during normal business hours as listed on the current year fair schedule.
- Checks will be available in the fair office for two months, after that time, eligible checks will be mailed.
- Non eligible checks will be considered donated to the Fair operating account and will be voided.
- Checks less than \$3.00 will not be mailed.
- You have 30 days to report errors in writing to the Fair Manager. Remember that not all classes pay the same amount. Refer to the premium schedule for questions
- If you need an itemized list of your premiums, you can email manager@albanycountyfair.org to obtain those.

OPEN EXHIBITS & SHOWS

- **Placing**

- Placings will be American.
- Each class is allowed one blue, one red, and one white ribbon. Each open area will receive a judges choice award. These awards are recognition only and will not receive extra premiums. If there is no competition, the judge may award any placing or no placing if he/she feels that a “no place” is justified.

- **Entries**

- 4-H members may not enter items that they have prepared for 4-H classes. Entries must be a totally separate, different entry not a duplicate of a 4-H entry.

- **Sweepstakes Awards**

- Fair Board Sweepstakes Award - The intent of this award is to increase the number of exhibits entered at this fair in the indoor open project areas.
- The Fair Board will award \$50 to the exhibitor with the highest point total in each of the following open exhibit areas:
 - a. Open Crafted Arts
 - b. Open Foods
 - c. Open Gardening
 - d. Open Needlework
 - e. Open Photography
- In case of ties for sweepstakes awards
 - f. The greatest number of blue (1st) place ribbons
 - g. The greatest number of red (2nd) place ribbons
 - h. If there is still no winner, the money will be split.
- Laramie Garden Club Awards - See Gardening

- **Premium Schedule**

Department	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
4-H Contests	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	---	---
4-H Exhibits	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00	---
4-H Shows	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
FFA Exhibits	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00	---
FFA Shows	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
Junior Shows	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
Open Static	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	---	---
Open Animal	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	---	---

**Late entries written in on judging sheets but not paid for will not receive placings or premium monies.