# **FAIR RULES & REGULATIONS**

- **1**. No dogs or any other animals not affiliated with the fair allowed in the county park (including campgrounds).
- **2**. All animals to be led to and follow designated walkways to and from the show rings, practice rings and trailers.
- 3. No smoking in Goodells County Park.
- 4. No animals in spectator area.
- 5. No horses in stalls with fuse box.
- 6. No spectators during the loading and unloading of animals.
- 7. Unload in designated area only and follow traffic pattern.
- **8**. All spectators and fair participants must wear shoes in Goodells County Park at all times.
- 9. Spark plug disconnected in engines projects.
- **10**. All exhibitors should carry some type of liability and hospitalization insurance.
- 11. Still exhibits may be picked up the last day of fair on Saturday between 10-10:45 p.m. or the day after fair on Sunday between 8-9 a.m. No animals shall be released before 8 a.m. on Sunday unless otherwise designated by The Society. All exhibitors exhibiting livestock must clean and help dismantle pens when removing exhibits. See individual project guidelines or consult project superintendent for project release time for livestock projects.
- **12**. Exhibitors not following rules may be denied participation in next year's fair.
- **13**. The Fair Board carries a general insurance policy for the fair. Exhibitors and spectators are largely responsible for their projects and self while at the fair. In the event of a problem, report to the fair office immediately and fill out an Incident Report Form.
- 14. Designated security agency will enforce rules.
- **15**. All fair superintendents have the right to dismiss any exhibitor if he/she becomes a hazard to himself/herself or other exhibitors.
- **16**. All animals to be tied properly. All dogs must be on a leash for dog show and pet parade.
- **17**. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages allowed in Goodells County Park or campgrounds.
- 18. No unauthorized solicitation in Goodells County Park.
- **19**. No motorized vehicles, bicycles, scooters, skate boards, or rollerblades allowed in Goodells County Park or campgrounds.
- 20. No parking around barns.
- **21**. All deliveries to barns must be made between 11 p.m. and 9 a.m. each day. No vehicles allowed behind barns between 9 a.m. -11 p.m. Move your vehicle to parking lot after unloading.
- 22. No unauthorized vehicles in Goodells County Park/campgrounds.
- **23**. In the event of inclement weather, seek shelter at the designated areas on the park map or seek shelter outside of Goodells County Park.
- **24.** No coffee makers/pots, microwaves, crock pots or electric kitchen appliances are to be plugged in or maintained in any barns or area surrounding barns.
- **25.** Rules found in this Fair Book take precedence over any previous publications prior to May 1 of the current year.

## 26. Eligibility:

To participate as a youth, exhibitors must have reached their eighth birthday as of January 1 of the current year; upper age limit is exhibitors who have reached their 19th birthday by January 1 of the current year. Fair age will be determined as of January 1 of the current year.

## If you were born in (age as of Jan. 1):

2010 you are 8 years old 2009 you are 9 years old 2008 you are 10 years old 2007 you are 11 years old 2006 you are 12 years old

2005 you are 13 years old

2004 you are 14 years old

2003 you are 15 years old

2002 you are 16 years old

2001 you are 17 years old

2000 you are 18 years old

1999 you are 19 years old.

Clover Sprout age is determined as of January 1 of the current year. If you were born in: (Age as of Jan. 1)

2013 you are 5 years old

2012 you are 6 years old

2011 you are 7 years old

- 27. Each exhibitor must register online, complete online the Livestock Drug Form, Livestock Care Agreement, and any online Pre-Entry Forms by July 1. Online entries are free and completion of that process will satisfy all requirements to submit a paper entry form and pre-entry forms in project areas. For project record books, please refer to individual project areas, along with the Livestock Rules & Regulations.
- 28. Exhibitors will be provided with exhibit tags.
- **29**. Any livestock or still exhibit project that is not pre-registered will not be allowed to show.
- 30. Exhibits leaving before release time will forfeit all premiums.
- **31**. 4-H exhibitors participating in the St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair may not show the same species/still exhibit through 4-H in any other county fair during the current year.

#### 32. Premiums:

- a. Premiums will be mailed to exhibitors after the fair. Exhibitors will be paid on the basis of their A & B rating ribbons. An exhibitor can enter an unlimited number of classes in most divisions unless otherwise noted. However, the exhibitor will receive premium money only on the top three ratings in each project area, and will be paid only once in each class. Funds to pay premiums come from the St. Clair County Agricultural Society and payment may be subject to fair receipts and may be prorated.
- **b.** Exhibitors with livestock must clean their pen or stall at the end of the fair. Superintendents will withhold premiums from exhibitors who do not clean their respective pens or stalls.
- c. Persons not completing Online Entries will not receive premiums. Premiums are not paid for Honorable Mention or Championship Classes. **Online entries are due July 1.**
- **d**. Premium check discrepancies must be settled with the Society within 60 days of the date checks are issued.
- **e**. The Society reserves the final and absolute right to mind all matters, questions or differences. It further reserves the right to amend or add to these rules.
- **33.** Each exhibitor will assume all risk in taking their exhibit to the fair. If exhibits are brought in before exhibit time, you must properly label your exhibit and leave in proper exhibit area. Every article or animal upon the grounds will be under control of the Society. While the Society provides this precautionary measure for the protection of all exhibits and articles brought upon the grounds, it will not be responsible for loss, theft, injury or damage by fire, lightning, wind or any other act to such animal or article on exhibition or display, and upon which condition all entries are accepted.
- 34. The Society cannot be held responsible for mistakes in this book or on the website and we reserve the right to make corrections where and when they appear.

#### 35. RIBBON GUIDELINES:

- a. Each exhibit will receive a rating ribbon, A, B or C.
- **b**. Grand and Reserve ribbons awarded in all project areas, if warranted
- c. Grand Champion, Reserve Champion and Honorable Mention ribbons can only be awarded to A rated exhibits.
- d. EXHIBITORS ARE INELIGIBLE FOR ANY CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES/AWARDS IN THE PROJECT AREA IN WHICH A DEADLINE WAS MISSED.

### **36. TROPHY GUIDELINES:**

- **a**. Trophies will be awarded at the judge's discretion.
- **b**. All trophies awarded must be sanctioned by the St. Clair County Agricultural Society.
- **b**. The Society reserves the right to revoke any/all awards, if deemed necessary.

## **FAIR CODE OF CONDUCT**

**CONDUCT POLICY:** Anyone participating in a 4-H activity caught in the act of theft or vandalism, or caught with illegal drugs, alcohol or under the influence of, who is involved in such act as unsportsmanlike conduct, foul language or animal abuse, may be dismissed from Goodells County Park. Premium monies will be forfeited if exhibiting and if it is determined by the 4-H staff, leaders, or persons in charge of the activity that the offense warrants it, the offender may be turned over to the proper authorities.

Participation in the fair is subject to the observance of the fair rules and regulations. Determination of disciplinary action shall be done with input from the volunteers, fair staff, S.C.C. Agricultural Society Board of Directors, superintendents, etc. overseeing the program or activity. Final decisions about discipline will be made by the St. Clair County Agricultural Society Board of Directors.

### Exhibitors/Parents/Guardians will:

- Show respect for and cooperate with fellow parents, leaders, exhibitors, fair staff and volunteers.
- 2. Follow fair rules and regulations when participating in the St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair.
- 3. Under no circumstances commit or threaten violence towards any individual or group.
- Under no circumstances possess, sell or consume alcohol or possess, sell or use controlled substances at the St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair.
- Under no circumstances bring dangerous or unauthorized materials (such as explosives, weapons or similar items) to the St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair.
- 6. Abstain from harassment or bullying of another participant, parent, volunteer, fair staff member (either face-to-face interactions, through social media or other communication venues), particularly when the behavior is disrespectful as regards a person's gender, race, age, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, disability or appearance.
- Not cheat or falsely represent efforts related to your exhibition at the fair.
- 8. Show the utmost in sportsmanship in a competitive environment, including but not limited to vigorously arguing with exhibitors/parents/guardians/superintendents/judges regarding decisions made during a competition.