

General Rules and Regulations

The following General Rules and Regulations of The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair are applicable and must be adhered to. Where there is an exception to any rule or regulation, it is duly noted in the appropriate section and must be adhered to.

INTERPRETATION

1. Throughout the Competition Book, The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Association of Canada and The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair shall be referred to as the "RAWF" or "The Royal".
 - a. "Directors" means the Board of Directors of the RAWF.
 - b. "Chief Executive Officer" or "CEO" means the Chief Executive Officer of the RAWF.
 - c. "Judge" means the person(s) contracted by the RAWF to decide events/competitions/shows at such RAWF.
 - d. "Exhibitor" means any owner signing an Entry Form and /or the lessee, manager, agent nominator, driver, rider or employee of such owner.
2. The RAWF Management has the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to determine all matters, questions or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, or in connection with, or incident to the RAWF.
3. The Management has the right to amend or add to these Rules and Regulations from time to time.
4. Any exhibitor who violates any of the rules and regulations printed in the Competition Book will forfeit all privileges and premiums upon decision of the management. This may include any or all of the following:
 - a. Prizes, awards, diplomas, certificates
 - b. Prize money
 - c. Forfeiture of any or all passes, entry fees and stall rental feesThis exhibitor may also be subject to such penalty as the Executive Committee may determine.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

5. An entry will be considered valid only when the RAWF receives a properly completed and signed Entry Form including payment in full by no later than the entry closing date. The RAWF reserves the right to refuse any entry, at its sole discretion, and to return any entry fee without further liability. Closing dates are stated in each competition section.
6. If an Entry Form is sent by FAX machine:
 - a. Please indicate that you have faxed your entry, on the entry form.
 - b. Entries will only be accepted if payment is made by credit card and the credit card information is completed on the form.
 - c. Do not FAX Entry Form more than once unless instructed to do so by the RAWF.
7. Payment of entry fees will be accepted by MasterCard/Visa or cheque. HST should be added to all fees quoted unless otherwise stated, and must be paid in Canadian funds. (US exhibitors please refer to the U.S. and Foreign Exhibitors page).
8. Exhibits that have been erroneously entered, may, at the discretion of the Agriculture Manager, be transferred to their proper classes prior to judging.
9. No Substitution will be accepted after the entry closing date, except as referred to in the appropriate section.
10. Firms and co-partnerships entering exhibits for competition must be in existence at the time of making the entry and in all cases must be bona fide. Affidavits of the particulars of firms may be required by the Executive Committee.
11. Unless otherwise specified, no entry is required for championships or specials, provided the animal or article is entered in the appropriate regular class. First and second prize winners are automatically eligible for championships.

EXHIBITS

12. All exhibits shall be under the control and direction of the RAWF but solely at the risk of the exhibitor. The RAWF will not be responsible for damage, injury, loss or theft of any exhibit, irrespective of the cause of such damage, injury, loss or theft. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any damage, injury, loss or theft occasioned by or arising from any article exhibited by him/her and shall indemnify the RAWF against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto.
13. No exhibit shall be temporarily removed during the RAWF without the written authority of the Chief Executive Officer and this written permission shall be given only on leaving such deposit as the Chief Executive Officer shall specify, and the written authority shall state the departure time and return time of the exhibit. If the exhibit is not returned in accordance with the terms of the authority, the deposit will be forfeited to the RAWF.
14. Under no circumstances will articles which are offensive by reason of their odour or appearance or which are dangerous by reason of their combustible or explosive character, be accepted or admitted, and if any such be allowed admission, through misrepresentation or otherwise, they must be removed by order of the Chief Executive Officer.
15. No pets will be allowed in the facilities, the exception being service dogs.
16. If required by the RAWF Management, an exhibitor shall make a statutory declaration that the article exhibited by him/her are exhibited in accordance with and in all respects comply with the rules and regulations of the RAWF. In case any exhibitor refuses to make such declaration, all premiums awarded to him/her shall be forfeited and all such articles shall be removed forthwith if so ordered by the Executive Committee.

EXHIBITOR CONDUCT

17. Any false representation, interference or unacceptable conduct on the part of an Exhibitor will be dealt with by the RAWF according to the equities of the case.
18. Upon the discovery of any fraud, deception or dishonest practice, either in the preparation or ownership or of any misrepresentation concerning any article exhibited, which may have affected or have been intended to affect the decision of the judges, the Executive Committee has the power to withhold the payment of any prize awarded and may prohibit any such party or parties from exhibiting at the RAWF for one or more years and may also publish the names of such persons as may be deemed expedient.
19. Consumption of alcoholic beverages outside of designated licensed areas of the RAWF will not be tolerated. Violators of this rule will be dealt with accordingly

ADVERTISING

20. Exhibitors will not be permitted to call attention to their exhibits in a noisy or disorderly manner. Only such signs and placards may be used throughout the buildings as the Chief Executive Officer shall approve and allow. The Executive Committee reserves the right to prescribe the dimensions and regulate the position of all signs, and generally to direct the arrangement of the exhibits, so far as the same may be necessary to secure harmony and an attractive appearance. Except with permission of the CEO, no person(s) will be permitted to distribute advertising matter in the RAWF Coliseum except from his/her exhibit, nor tack up or post any advertisement, bill, card, etc., except in the space occupied by the exhibitor.

JUDGES AND JUDGING

21. Judges are expected to familiarize themselves with all the rules and regulations of the RAWF and to particularly note those bearing on the classes to be judged by them.
22. In the absence of competition in any class, the judge will award such premium as he/she determines the exhibit deserves. He/she will exercise his/her discretion as to

whether first, second or any premium will be awarded. Judges may not award prizes to unworthy exhibits.

23. If there is any question regarding the regularity of an entry, or the right of an article to compete in any section or class, the judge shall report this to the superintendent in charge.
24. All judging documentation, (each page initialed) must be signed with the judge's regular signature and returned to the Agriculture Show Office as soon as the awards are completed. Judges should not leave the RAWF until they have ascertained that there are no protests against any of the awards in the classes they have judged.
25. The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases. However, should an exhibitor have a protest, the following procedure must be followed:
 - a. All protests must be in writing and must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the CEO within two (2) hours of judging (for livestock). For all other competitions, complaints must be delivered to the CEO within 48 hours.
 - b. The protest must be accompanied by a deposit which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained.
 - c. Deposit amounts are as follows:
 - \$100 Livestock (this includes livestock youth shows)
 - \$50 Agriculture Product and Dance Competitions
 - d. No appeal from an award based upon a statement that the judge has overlooked an exhibit will be considered by the Executive Committee.
26. Any exhibitor who by himself/herself, his/her agent or employee interferes or shows disrespect to any judge during the performance of his/her duties on the premises occupied by the RAWF or is guilty of conduct calculated to bring the RAWF into disrepute shall be subject to any or all the forfeitures and/or penalties provided for in rule #4 of these rules.

PROTESTS

27. All other protests must be made out to the RAWF in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$50 cash. Such protests must plainly state the cause of complaint, concern or appeal and must be delivered to the CEO within 48 hours of the event or visit.

SUPERINTENDENTS AND ASSISTANTS

28. Subject to the direction of the RAWF Agriculture Manager, each superintendent and/or assistant is responsible for the section to which he/she is assigned. Consequently, exhibitors are required to follow his/her instructions in matters pertaining to the placing and showing of exhibits.

AWARDS

29. Prize money will be mailed as soon as possible after the close of the RAWF and will be paid in Canadian funds. Exhibitors who do not receive their prize money by January 5 of the year following the RAWF, must apply to the Agriculture department for payment thereof, in writing, before January 10, quoting specifics of the competition, class and placing.
30. **The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair reserves the right to not process cheques in the amount of or less than \$25.00 for all shows where prizes are being offered.**

31. Ribbons and trophies will be awarded as follows:

a. Ribbons

First.....	Red
Second.....	Blue
Third.....	White
Fourth.....	Yellow
Fifth.....	Green
Sixth.....	Pink
Seventh.....	Purple
Eighth.....	Brown
Ninth.....	Orange
Tenth.....	Pale Blue
Championship.....	Red, White & Blue
Reserve Championship.....	Royal Purple

b. Trophies – Trophies offered for perpetual competition will remain in the custody of the RAWF. The name of each winner will be engraved thereon or on the plate attached thereto.

32. Each exhibitor shall agree that photographs taken of the exhibitor and/or exhibits by any photographer approved by the RAWF may be used for purposes of promotion by the RAWF or its official sponsors.