

# The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair

## Agriculture Showring Photography Policy

Access to the RAWF Agriculture Showrings is a privilege that is only extended to those who behave in a professional and courteous manner. The cooperation of photographers while in the Showrings is expected. The Showrings are defined as “all areas that are fenced off from the public for the competitive showing of livestock”. All photography outside of the Showrings (from the seats or behind the fencing) that does not diminish the attendee’s experience or viewing is permitted.

### RAWF’s Photography Policy is as follows:

1. **Photographer Registration**-All photographers interested in obtaining access to the Showring must register with RAWF’s Media Relations staff in the Media Centre, Salon 101B, Hall A. Photographers must agree to the Showring Photography Policy and sign the registration/consent form prior to being issued a media badge.
2. **Badges**-All registered photographers will be given a “media” badge which will be required for all Showring access. It must be prominently displayed at all times and permits only that person issued the badge access to the Showring. Please note: One badge will be issued per publication. Photographers must be shooting for a specific print or electronic medium. **Badges are NOT to be shared with anyone who is not a registered photographer. Photographers without badge will be asked to leave the Showring.**
3. **Showring Etiquette**-Photographers with RAWF issued credentials should only be in the ring when actively taking photographs. While waiting for the next class or after taking photos, the photographer should move to the edge of the showring or exit the showring. At all times, the photographer must not interfere with the exhibitors’ presentation of the animals or the judges’ viewing of the animals. **Photographers must not position themselves between the animal and the judge and must be respectful of barriers in and around the Showring.**
4. **Dress Code** – RAWF is an internationally recognized show, all cattle exhibitors observe a showring dress code to enhance this image. Showring photographers must also dress in a manner that reflects the caliber of the cattle in the showring. **No jeans are allowed to be worn for admittance into the show ring.**
5. **RAWF Official Photographer** – the RAWF hires official photographers for all programs. All other photographers will respect the official photographer’s space and access to shots. All questions about ring conduct should be directed to the official photographer.
6. **Electronic Silence**-Please switch all electronic communication devices (i.e. cell phones and radios) on to “Silent” mode when in the Showring. Again, we do not want anything interfering with the cattle judging. Use of cell phones/texting while in the Showring is prohibited...please exit the area to do so.

**You must agree at all times to respect show management, including security personnel, breed superintendents, RAWF staff and volunteers. Any photographers asked to move or leave the ring must be respectful of the request and act on it immediately. Failure to comply will result in dismissal from the ring, loss of your publication’s Showring credentials and possible future event suspension.**

We appreciate your cooperation and welcome your coverage of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair programs.

# Official RAWF Showring Photographer Registration Form 2011

Please provide the following information for your photographer (one badge will be issued per publication). Providing this information and requesting a "media" badge signifies understanding and acceptance of RAWF's Official Showring Photographer's Policy.

A "media" badge must be picked up on-grounds in the Media Room, located in Hall A. Your badge must be prominently displayed while in the Showring(s). You will not be permitted beyond the fence surrounding the show ring without it. Failure to respect the rules set forth in the RAWF Showring Photography Policy will result in dismissal from the Showring and the loss of your show credentials.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Publication \_\_\_\_\_

**I have read and will comply with the rules in the RAWF Showring Photography Policy.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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**Fax this form back to 416-263-3488 or mail to  
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