General Rules for the Harford Fair

Please read all Rules and Regulations before making entries

ENTRY DEADLINE – AUGUST 1, 2026

The General Rules will apply to all areas of the Harford Fair, including the fairgrounds, parking lots, and all camping areas.

1. All exhibitors, vendors, or any person entering the fairgrounds agree to be bound by the Rules and Regulations of the Harford Agricultural Society.
2. Entries will be made according to classification by the deadline of August 1st. Please use the Department, Section, and Class symbols as printed in the Premium Book to ensure proper entry.
3. It shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor to make known the proper name of the article or breed of livestock being entered. Any item entered improperly will be subject to disqualification from receiving a prize. The registration name and number of all purebred stock must be included on the entry blank.
4. Refer to specific department and section for information regarding entry drop-off times and pick-up times.
5. Superintendents of a Department reserve the right to refuse to accept any entry of decidedly inferior quality or not possessing sufficient merit to warrant recognition. Any exhibit found to be plagiarized will be removed, stripped of awards, and no premiums will be awarded.
6. The Harford Agricultural Society may at any time order the removal of any exhibit or part of the exhibit in bad taste, bad conditions or unfit to show. The Harford Agricultural Society reserves the right to eject any person from the Fairgrounds who does not comply with fair rules or is creating a disturbance of any kind. Such persons may be denied the privilege of entering in the future.
7. Any entry made with no intention of actually bringing the said entry to the Harford Fair will be denied all of the passes associated with that type of entry in the Harford Fair. Failure to present your animals at the required time of check-in will result in forfeiture of any passes associated with that type of entry.
8. No literature may be distributed, or placards carried around the grounds. Advertising must be confined to commercial space rented.
9. No unauthorized people will be allowed in the Main Arena at any time.
10. All entries must be owned, grown, produced, or made by the exhibitor since last year's fair, except where noted. Exhibitors who are residents of Susquehanna County or adjoining counties will be given priority, if space is a problem.
11. No animal or article will be judged unless there is a regular entry tag attached to the exhibit and/or cataloged.
12. Except for poultry buildings and livestock arenas, all buildings are to be closed during judging. Only Fair officials, judges, and necessary attendants will be allowed in the buildings. Buildings will be open to the public at 10am each day of the fair.
13. The judges may withhold or award second place premiums when the animals or articles are not worthy, even though there is no competition.
14. All exhibits, including livestock, MUST remain in place until 11pm Saturday, August 22nd, unless given special permission by the Superintendent of the Department. Failure to abide by this rule will result in the forfeiture of all premiums awarded by the judges and may prevent future entries by the exhibitor. Exhibits may be picked up on Sunday, August 23rd from 8:00am to 2:00pm.
15. A sufficient security force will be present during the entire Fair to protect all exhibits and displays from injury or damage. However, the Harford Agricultural Society is not in any way to be held responsible for accidents, loss, or damage by water, fire, theft, or otherwise.
16. The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases except where mistakes, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion is proved. In such cases, the superintendent would take it to the board and with their collaboration, would make a decision.
17. All exhibitors must have admission passes before entering the grounds during the fair.
18. Premiums will be paid by October 1 by the Treasurer. All awards are made from the Judge's books. Premium checks must be cashed before October 31. No checks will be honored after this date and will be considered a donation. The Society here inserts a proviso that if the proceeds of the fair are not sufficient to pay the premiums in full, they will be paid pro rata.
19. **Pass System -** to be picked up at the Secretary's Office. Tickets are allocated as follows:
    1. Building exhibitors who <u>display</u> three (3) or more entries will receive a complimentary one-day, non-rider gate admission pass that does not include the rides. Livestock Exhibitors that receive a week-long wristband do not qualify for additional tickets.

2. **Cattle, sheep, swine, beef, horse, goat, and 4-H meat pen rabbit exhibitors who show one (1) or more head will receive one week long wristband that is to be used for gate admission and may be used to upgrade. ***review rule 19, section a.*
3. Rabbits (not 4-H meat pen rabbits), pigeons, and poultry exhibitors who display one (1) to ten (10) entries will receive one complimentary non-rider gate admission pass and one (1) voucher that can be used to upgrade.
4. Rabbits (not 4-H meat pen rabbits), pigeons, and poultry exhibitors who display eleven (11) or more entries will receive two (2) complimentary non-rider gate passes and two (2) vouchers that can be used to upgrade.

20. **Parent Passes** – Parent passes will be available for horse, dairy, swine, goat, sheep, and 4-H meat rabbit pen exhibitors. Each exhibitor in the horse, dairy, swine, goat, sheep, and 4-H meat pen rabbit departments will be allowed to get a Parent Pass wristband for their mother, father, and any siblings under 18 for $10.00 each. Horse, dairy, swine, goat, sheep, and 4-H meat rabbit pen exhibitors will receive their Exhibitor Pass in their Exhibitor Packet, and will be allowed to purchase the specified amount of Parent Passes for $10.00 each when the packet is picked up. Exhibitors are only able to purchase Parent Passes until they reach age 18, as of January 1 of the current year.
    *a) **Special note: Horse Exhibitors showing the same horse must submit requests for extra non-rider complimentary day passes prior to August 1.*
21. **Refund Policy** – all requests for a refund of a vendor fee, exhibit entry fee, camping fee, or any other fee will be refunded in full, if requested prior to August 1 *(Excludes non-refundable vendor deposit).* Any request submitted after August 1 will not be refunded.
22. Entrant hereby grants the right to use his/her photograph or likeness and photos of his/her entered items to the Harford Agricultural Society for promotional purposes, waives any and ALL claims for compensation for said use and releases the Society for any and all claims whatsoever arising out of the use of his/her photographs or likeness.
23. The following is a list of prohibited items and actions:
    a. No smoking in any buildings or tents on the grounds
    b. No intoxicating drinks except that which is part of an exhibit.
    c. No illegal drugs or substances
    d. No objectionable, obscene, or dangerous objects or weapons (i.e. Laser pointers, switchblades, etc.)
    e. No dogs or pets of any kind unless part of an exhibit, scheduled entertainment, or a service animal (as defined in the online Premium Book.)
    f. No firearms unless part of a prior authorized commercial space exhibit. This excludes security personnel.
    g. No knives, unless part of a prior authorized commercial space exhibit. Please see commercial space rules for further definition.
    h. No drones except that which is prior authorized for advertising or video production for the Harford Fair.
    i. No fireworks except as part of a prior authorized display.

    The Harford Fair retains the right to refuse entry or escort from the premises any person or persons in possession of the above listed items or any other item(s) deemed to be a threat, dangerous, or cause alarm to patrons. The above list is not meant to be all inclusive.
24. The Harford Agricultural Society reserves the right to amend or add to these rules and regulations at any time.
25. Entrant also agrees to hold harmless the Harford Agricultural Society, its directors, members, volunteers, contractors, and agents for any damage or loss which might occur to him/her or any entry, vehicle, or equipment which he/she chooses to bring to the fairgrounds.