

OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL DIVISIONS

1. The exhibitor, his or her guardian, or the person who enters the exhibit on the exhibitor's behalf, expressly assumes any and all liability or responsibility for any accident, loss or damage to any person, or property of the exhibitor, as a result of exhibitor's participation, or arising out of the display of his or her exhibit, whether such loss, damage, or injury is caused by the negligence of unknown or known third parties, or the Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition, Inc. (MDCFE), its officers, directors, employees, volunteers or agents. By entering an exhibit, the exhibitor, his or her guardian, or the person who enters the exhibit on the exhibitor's behalf, agrees to waive any and all claims, damages, demands, or costs against the MDCFE, its officers, directors, employees, volunteers or agents as a result and arising out of exhibitor's participation in The Fair™, including but not limited to the transportation, judging, display, storage and disposal of the exhibit.
2. No smoking or lighted candles, lamps, matches, etc., will be allowed in any stalls or booths on the grounds or in the buildings and/or tents.
3. Advertising by means of posters, prints, handbills, etc., will not be permitted on the Fairgrounds except upon written agreement of the management.
4. Sale of any article or service is prohibited except where approved by The Fair™ management through written contractual arrangement.
5. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, offer for sale, barter or give away baby chicks or ducklings under 4 weeks of age, or rabbits under 2 months of age as pets, toys, premiums or novelties. (Miami-Dade Animal Services Division Code Ordinance: Article One; Sec.5-2.1)
6. All exhibits must have been raised, trained, or grown by the student exhibitor. A veterinarian's certificate stating the health of an entered animal is required by some divisions under Florida law, check division listing.
7. All exhibits must be checked in by the division superintendent(s).
8. The management of the MDCFE and/or their designee reserve the right to remove and disqualify any exhibit which is not in the best interest of The Fair™; or endangers the public; or is objectionable in any way; or has been entered in violation of these official rules and regulations; or to reject, limit or disqualify the acceptance of, or the display of, any exhibit brought to the fairgrounds.
9. Exhibits will be judged on *BOTH* the American and Danish Judging Systems. Exhibitor Performance classes (e.g. Showmanship, Fitting & Grooming, etc.) will be judged on a Modified American System; there will *ONLY* be 1 first place, second place and third place in each class all others will receive a premium. Plant and animal exhibits are judged on the Modified Danish System. Every exhibitor entering will receive a ribbon representing, in the opinion of the judges, the quality level of his/her exhibit. Quality is The Fair's primary consideration.
10. ***An exhibitor in 4H or FFA, may only enter under one organization, not both.***
11. Any exhibitors from a family with an outstanding balance owed to The Fair™ will not be eligible to show at the Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition.
12. ***NEW*** - Faxed copies of entry forms will not be accepted.

A Reminder:

The Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition, Inc. assumes no responsibility for exhibits not claimed during the official release date period. All exhibits not claimed at the announced release date period will cause all premium ribbons and/or cash awards to be forfeited and exhibitor agrees and consents that ownership of any premium ribbons and/or cash awards shall revert back to the Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition, Inc.

NOTICE:

In addition to the *Official Rules and Regulations* for all student divisions listed in Table of Contents, there are specific rules and regulations governing participation in each individual division. These rules are printed within each individual student division.

Photographs:

From time to time photographs are taken during The Fair™. These photographs may be used for publicity purposes. By signing your entry form, you are giving the Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition, Inc. permission to use such photographs at their discretion without compensation to or prior approval from you.

When and Where to Check In an Agricultural Exhibit:

All Entries except Dog Park Design & Construction and Landscape Design & Construction.

Check-In at The World of Agriculture Tent:

Cavies - March 13, 2012 (1:00pm - 6:00pm)

Horticulture - March 13, 2012 (4:00pm - 8:00pm)

Poultry - March 13, 2012 (11:00am - 6:00pm)

Rabbits - March 13, 2012 (1:00pm - 6:00pm)

Market Lamb, Steer, and Swine - March 14, 2012 (9:00am - 12:00 Noon)

Commercial Goats - March 20, 2012 (2:00pm - 5:00pm)

Registered Dairy Goats - March 22, 2012 (10:00am - 2:00pm)

Horticulture:

An Exhibit ID & Entry Tag will be mailed to the exhibitor for each exhibit entered. At Check-In, each one is separated with the Exhibit ID Tag being attached to the exhibit and the Claim Tag given back to the exhibitor.

Youth Market Lamb, Steer, Swine, Rabbits, Cavies, and Poultry:

No Exhibit ID Tag/Claim Tag is practical in these divisions. The registered ID/tattoo (poultry leg band) on each animal insures its return during release. Ear tags will be distributed and mailed to market lamb, steer and swine exhibitors. Rabbits and cavies must be ear tagged or tattooed prior to arrival on check in day. Poultry exhibitors must use their own leg bands, the MDCFE will no longer provide exhibitors with poultry leg bands. Leg bands are required in order to show at the Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition.

When the check in procedure has been completed, each student exhibitor will be issued two Main Gate passes to The Fair™.

Animal Care & Feeding:

All rabbits, cavies and birds on the fairgrounds are fed and maintained for the duration of The Fair™ by division personnel, animals in the Market Lamb, Steer, Swine, or Commercial Goat, and Registered Goat Divisions must be maintained by the exhibitor. The veterinarian on call is Richard Templeton, D.V.M. Any fees resulting from medical attention needed during Fair time for an exhibited animal/bird must be paid by its owner.

Release Dates for an Agricultural Exhibit in The World of Agriculture

Market Lamb, Steer, and Swine - March 19, 2012 (10:00am)

Registered Dairy Goats - March 22, 2012 (after completion of show)

Cavies - April 2, 2012 (10:00am - 6:00pm)

Commercial Goats - March 21, 2012 (after completion of show)

Horticulture - April 2, 2012 (10:00am - 6:00pm)

Poultry - April 2, 2012 (10:00am - 6:00pm)

Rabbits - April 2, 2012 (10:00am - 6:00pm)

All exhibits must be removed from the fairgrounds at this time - not before and not after. There is no security following the release date to protect any exhibit(s). All exhibits not claimed at the announced release date period will cause all premiums, ribbons and/or cash awards to be forfeited and exhibitor agrees and consents that ownership of animals and any premiums, ribbons and/or cash awards shall revert back to the Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition, Inc.

How to Receive Award Money:

A Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition, Inc. check is issued in the name of the person found on the entry form. These cash premium award checks are mailed after release date of each division entered. Some schools/clubs may require their premium checks to be picked up by Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Agriscience & Natural Resources Education Instructional Supervisor. **However, no check cashing service is provided on The Fairgrounds.**

NOTE:

All checks for premium monies awarded in connection with The Fair™, shall be negotiated by the recipient/payee within ninety days from the date of the check, time being of the essence. If the recipient/payee fails to timely negotiate said check, all monies due the recipient/payee shall be deemed to have made an unconditional and irrevocable gift of said monies to The Fair™.

Important:

Errors in premium checks, awards, or lost checks will be corrected by the Exhibits Department until May 31, 2012 after which time the books of The Fair™ are closed. Any checks not cashed or deposited by June 30, 2012 will be considered as void and will not be replaced.

Entry Form Deadline:

Market Lamb, Steer and Swine - October 22, 2012

Horticulture, Landscape Design & Construction, - December 12, 2012

Dog Park Designs, Cavies, Commercial and Dairy Goats, Poultry, Rabbits - January 12, 2012

Protests and Complaints:

All protests and/or complaints against any show, exhibitor, animal, and/or any show/fair affiliates must be submitted in writing after The Fair™ has ended. Protests and/or complaints will not be acknowledged during The Fair™ by any superintendent and/or fair official. You may mail your protest and/or complaint after the conclusion of The Fair™ to:

Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition, Inc.
c/o Carol Douglass, Competitive Exhibits Director
10901 Coral Way
Miami, FL 33165

Chapter/Club Exhibits:

The chapter/club must designate 1 student that will compete in all events. This student will be the representative for the animal seminar, the show, record book, showmanship, fitting and grooming and all other competitions. The age of the student will determine the division of their competition (i.e., jr., int., or sr.). Chapters must designate their exhibitor by March 1, 2012. If a designee has not been selected and their name is not received by March 1, 2012 the project will be allowed to show and compete for animal premiums ONLY. All chapters/clubs must have a Federal ID number to enter.

Exhibitor Attire:

- All exhibitors are to be clean and neat.
- Black jeans and white collar shirts.
- No caps or hats.
- Closed toe shoes or boots.
- If an exhibitor is a member of 4H or FFA, Official Dress is required.

Seminars:

The MDCFE will host 2 seminars. Attendance is optional, exhibitors who wish to attend the seminars must register by registration deadline. Same day walk ins will not be accepted.

Livestock Seminar - October 15, 2012 begins at 8:30 am held at William H. Turner Technical Arts School, please register with the Competitive Exhibits Department by October 1, 2011.

General Seminar - January 7, 2012 begins at 8:30 am held at the fairgrounds, please register with the Competitive Exhibits Department by December 30, 2011.

Registration form may be downloaded from our website: www.thefairexhibits.com