



**RULES & REGULATIONS OF THE
ONE HUNDRED FORTIETH
NEBRASKA STATE FAIR**

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WELCOME!

The Nebraska State Fair Board welcomes you to your 140th Nebraska State Fair and encourages your participation in the 2009 competitions.

The State Fair management team looks forward to hosting you and your exhibits at your Nebraska State Fair Park while you enjoy your stay in Lincoln.

AUXILIARY VEHICLES

Auxiliary vehicles, such as golf carts, service carts, and other four wheelers, will require a permit for operation in State Fair Park, including parking areas and perimeter streets. This permit is available from the State Fair Ticket Office before the Fair, or at the Grandstand Ticket Office during move-in and during the Fair, for a fee of \$100 for the term; \$125 for a four-wheeler for the term. Any person who purchases a permit will be required to sign and abide by the Nebraska State Fair Auxiliary Vehicle Rules and Regulations and **must provide proof of insurance for the vehicle**. Auxiliary vehicles without a permit will not be allowed in the Park at any time during the Fair. Carts will **NOT** be allowed in the Core Area after 9:30 a.m. any day. A map showing the route for auxiliary vehicles will be provided upon payment and signature for a permit. Some carts may be denied a permit based on size (no auxiliary vehicles over 52" will be allowed).

AWARDS

Where there are fewer entries in a class than the number of premiums offered, the judges may, at their discretion, award a prize or prizes of such grade as the exhibit merits. Unworthy exhibit: judges shall not award a prize to an unworthy exhibit. It is the intention of Fair management that no premium or distinction of any kind shall be given to any exhibit that is not deserving.

An individual exhibitor may enter unlimited animals in any individual class but shall not be awarded more than two premiums from the individual class. Where there is but one exhibitor in a class, there will be only one premium awarded. Provided there are competing exhibitors (two or more) in a class, all placings and premiums may be awarded, except as noted in special department policies.

Payment of awards will be made within sixty (60) days after the last day of the Fair. **NO AWARD CHECK WILL BE ISSUED BY THE NEBRASKA STATE FAIR FOR LESS THAN \$2.00.**

The Nebraska State Fair will not be held liable for any award or premium offered by an individual or company, separate from the Nebraska State Fair, should that individual or company fail to provide the offered award or premium.

Not all departments will award all ribbon places.

CAMPGROUND

All campers are required to stop at the Campground office, pay the camping charges in advance, and receive a lot location assignment. Upon payment of camping charges, campground stickers will be furnished for cars. All vehicles without a sticker will be required to pay \$3 per night for camping. The Campground area is fenced with a permanent fence, and a Campground Manager is on duty at all times. The Manager will assign camping locations and will maintain a Campground directory.

CAMPGROUND FEES (PER DAY)

Campers & Trailers (full hook-up – all services & pad parking).....	\$20
Electric & water service only	\$18
Tent Space or Self-contained (no services).....	\$15
Autos (without trailers/campers)	\$ 3
Additional persons over 12 years of age (2 persons included with one night camping fee).....	\$ 1

All campers must leave the camping area by 3 p.m., or they will be charged an additional day at the regular daily rate.

Gate admission tickets to State Fair Park must be purchased each day at the Campground Office (see "Ticket Policy" for admission prices). Advance sale tickets are exchangeable.

Free bus service will be available to and from the Campground. The bus will begin the route at 7:30 a.m. each day and will run every ½-hour until 10 p.m. The only boarding place for returning to the Campground is at the west side of the State Fair Cafe.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All entries must be filed with the Superintendent no later than the date and time specified in the Entry Information & Award Book. All entries must be made on Nebraska State Fair entry forms (photo copies are acceptable), which may be obtained free from this website or the Entries Office, or made online.

Anything that has been erroneously entered may, at the discretion of the Superintendent of the department, be transferred to the proper class. If such classes have been judged, they shall not be re-judged.

No person, other than those in authority, will be allowed to see the entries or have access to the entry forms until such time as the entries shall have closed.

Should any individual enter an animal or article in a name other than that of a bona fide owner or attempt to perpetuate a fraud by misrepresenting any fact, the entry thus made shall not be allowed to compete for or receive any award, and the owner shall be barred from this show until reinstated.

When not otherwise stipulated, entries and competition are open to the public. No animal or article will be considered unless provided for in the Entry Information & Award Book.

All entries shown shall be the property of the exhibitor, and in the livestock classes, the animals shown shall have been the property of the exhibitor at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the Fair and must show the same on the records of the breed association in which they are recorded.

GENERAL RULES

The Nebraska State Fair management reserves to its Board of Directors the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Fair.

While the greatest possible care will be exercised by the management to provide a safe environment, we are not responsible for any personal injury.

The Nebraska State Fair management assumes no liability for loss or damage to any property of the concessionaire, exhibitor, or patron due to theft, fire, tornado, weather conditions, or other causes.

To safeguard exhibitors and livestock it is necessary to prohibit smoking in the barns. We ask all exhibitors and guests to cooperate with us in enforcing this rule.

All exhibitors are bound by the most current edition of Nebraska State Fair Park's Space Rental Rules and Regulations. A copy may be obtained in the Administration Office at State Fair Park. For purposes of these rules and regulations, all exhibitors are considered to be lessees.

To remove stock or other articles on exhibit before the time of release, written permission must be obtained from the department Superintendent. In the event of conflict of general and special rules, the latter will govern.

JUDGES & JUDGING

No person shall be permitted to judge a class in which he/she may be competing for an award or have an ownership of any animal or article entered in such class.

If any exhibitor interferes with the judges in the performance of their duties by letter, act, or otherwise, he/she shall be excused from competition and exhibition for such period of time as Management may determine and shall forfeit any awards received at this Fair. Any person, not an exhibitor, who interferes with the judges in any manner during the performance of their duties, shall be asked to leave the judging area.

When there are three (3) judges making an award, the decision of two (2) shall be conclusive.

LOTTERY

No lottery or raffle shall be conducted at Nebraska State Fair Park without the written authority of the Nebraska State Fair Board.

MAILING ADDRESS

Those in attendance at the Nebraska State Fair for the duration of the Fair should have mail addressed: c/o Nebraska State Fair Park, P.O. Box 81223, Lincoln, NE 68501. A full service post office is located in Heritage Village at the south end of Main Street, 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

PARKING

All vehicles are required to park in places designated by the Fair Management. The Fair Management assumes no obligation and no liability for any theft or damage that may occur to the vehicle or its contents. No vehicles will be allowed to park for the sole purpose of advertising.

All trucks 1/2 ton or larger and livestock trailers will be required, immediately after unloading, to park in designated areas.

PROTESTS

All formal protests must be submitted in writing to the State Fair Director, be signed by the protestor(s), and be accompanied by a monetary fee of \$100.00, cash or certified check. Such written protests must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be filed with the State Fair Director immediately upon the occasion for the protest. No complaint or appeal based solely upon the statement that a judge is incompetent will be considered by Management.

Where a protest is to be made against the competition of an animal or article in any class, notice of same must be filed with the department Superintendent before the class is judged or immediately after the conclusion of class judging. Once an animal/exhibit reaches championship judging, NO protests will be accepted.

SOLICITATION

All advertising and/or distribution of advertising materials, tracts, pamphlets, etc. must be confined to a leased location.

TICKET POLICY

Discount admission tickets are available, **ONLY to exhibitors**, if purchased on the entry form, at a cost of \$3.25 per person/per day. Exhibitor tickets (a maximum of 5 days per household) must be purchased on the entry form and **are for the sole use of the exhibitor**. No additional exhibitor tickets may be purchased after this entry form has been submitted. No tickets will be mailed after Friday, August 21, but may be called for at the Ticket Office.

Non-exhibitor ticket prices:

Adults – Saturdays, Sundays, Labor Day, and after 5pm, Mon.-Fri. (Aug. 28 & Aug. 31-Sept. 4)	\$8
Reduced-price gate admission – Mon.-Fri. (Aug. 31-Sept. 4) before 5pm	\$5
Advance-sale adult gate tickets (available until August 27).....	\$6
Children, 6 to 12 years of age	\$2
Children, 5 years of age and under.....	Free

Re-admission to the Park on the same calendar day is offered via a hand stamp at all exit gates. NO REFUNDS will be given on any admission ticket.

Attention Competitive Exhibitors (non-livestock):

In 2010, the Nebraska State Fair will establish collection points across the state for the convenience of our competitive exhibitors (non-livestock). Exhibitors may drop off their exhibits at these locations where they will be picked up and transported to the Fair.

Once the Fair is over, the exhibit will be boxed and delivered back to the collection point, where the exhibitor may pick up the exhibit. It will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to securely package the exhibit and insure the item if desired.

Watch for more details coming to our website in the spring of 2010.

Web Entry Information for Domestic Books

The following are the basic requirements for On-Line Entry on the WEB:

- You can enter multiple family members. (See info below)
- Any field title that is in **bold print**, is a *required field*.
- When Description (Title of Item) is requested, ie, photographs, etc. Limit length to **30 Characters**.
- Some entries require Exhibitors birth date, be sure to enter the birth date under Exhibitor Information
- If Ranch or Business name is used, enter in the **First Name Field** only, leave the **Last Name Field** BLANK. If person's name is also being supplied, type full name in **Address 2 Field**. (*This is a change from previous years*)
- If last name starts with "Mc" or "Mac", be sure to leave a space between the "c" and the next letter.
- DO NOT Use "Periods" any place in the name and address, just spaces
- Use PO Box or Street Address, **Do Not Use BOTH**
- Put Apt number on same line as Street Address when used.
- Only use a 5-Digit Zip Code
- There is a limit of **5 Exhibitor Tickets per Exhibitor** (Orders in excess of 5 will not be provided, please order appropriate gate tickets for any quantity over 5 thru the Ticket Section of the Web site).
- Any money due for exhibitor tickets must be paid for by VISA / Mastercharge
- Tickets for *Advance Sale Gate, Child, Grandstand, Carnival Wristbands* may be found under the **"Purchase Tickets tab"** of the **Nebraska State Fair Web site**.

Entry of Multiple Family Members

You can initially sign on as a "Quick Group" which will allow you to enter family members more easily. Just give yourself a group name (this is only used on the internet, no place else) and just follow the instructions. After entering one exhibitor, you will be given the opportunity to enter another exhibitor. When finished entering, at check out you will pay for all members that you added and a receipt for each member will be emailed to you.

Completion of Entries

After you have entered you credit card information, you will be asked to confirm the order by entering "YES" in a box and then click on the Submit button. Do Not click *Submit* again. Additional *Submits* may result in duplicate charges to your credit card. Response to the submission may take a few seconds (Up to 30 Seconds). You will receive a confirmation via the email address you entered at the beginning of the session.

WINE

Superintendent:
Frank Sobetski, Jr.
Omaha, Ne
(402) 593-9171

Entry Fee: \$5.00 Per Entry

ENTRY PROCEDURE

Make check payable to Nebraska State Fair and mail with completed entry form to:
Nebraska State Fair, PO Box 81223, Lincoln, NE 68501

Entry Forms received without entry fee will be returned. **Checks only, no cash please!**

Entry Forms must be postmarked no later than Thursday, August 6, 2009.

Upon receipt of entry form and fee, a pressure sensitive Official Entry Label for each bottle entered will be sent to each exhibitor. Please affix to bottle before arrival at Nebraska State Fair Park for competition.

Delivery: All Entries must be delivered to the Administration Building, at Nebraska State Fair, 1800 State Fair Park Dr, Lincoln, NE 68508, by Thursday, August 20, 2009, 4:30 pm.

Judging: Saturday, August 22, 2009. Judging will take place in the café, next to the Exposition Building.

Exhibit on display: Exposition Building

Premiums and Awarding of Ribbons: Premiums will be awarded for all Blue ribbon winners all other placings will receive a ribbon.

RULES

1. All wines must be made by amateur wine maker, at their homes, not at commercial facilities. If made as a group/team, all brewers must be listed.
2. PLEASE NOTE. Classes 521, 522, 523 and 524 require **YOU** to specify Sweet or Dry.
3. Entries must be submitted in a 23-27 fl. oz. wine bottle. Only one bottle per entry is needed in all classes, except where noted. Still wines should be in cork finished bottles.
4. Entries shall bear no labels, markings, or bottle decorations, other than Official Entry Label. **Entry labels should be applied to the upper 1/3 of the bottles. Please do not put labels over the top of the bottles.**
5. There is no limit to the number of entries per exhibitor. All entries in the same class by an individual exhibitor must be different. An exhibitor may enter different types of the same fruit; e.g. Raspberry Red or Raspberry Black; but not two entries just called Raspberry in the same class. Different vintages of the same type will be an adequate difference.

6. Red wine in classes 501 and 503 will be permitted to breathe for one hour prior to the judging.
7. The judging will be held Saturday, August 22, 2009 and will continue until finished.
8. The Best of Show judging will be held immediately following the completion of the individual class judging. There will be three Best of Show categories: Vinifera, Hybrid and Country.
9. The judge's decision will be final.
10. All dry wines must be less than 2% R. S. or have a final S.G. of 1.002 or less.
11. The Grape Wine classes must contain only grapes. They may not be blended with any other fruit. At their discretion, the judges may disqualify any wine they feel violates this rule. Their decision is final.
12. Only the Superintendent, Judges, Helpers, and Scorekeeper will be allowed in the judging area.
13. Exhibitors are not allowed to converse with judges during the competition. Violators will be disqualified and asked to leave the building.
14. Judges will not be allowed to enter wines for competition in any class that they are judging.
15. All entries must be homemade. Commercial wines and wine makers may not enter.
16. All entries must list primary ingredient as noted below:

Apple	Zinfandel
Chenin Blanc	Rhubarb
Elderberry, etc.	
- It would be helpful to the judges to list any secondary ingredients also.
17. **All wines and bottles will be disposed of after the Fair.**
18. PLEASE NOTE that all Wild and Labrusca (i.e. **Concord**) grapes are to be entered in Classes **504 and 514**.
19. NEBRASKA BEST WINEMAKER AWARD POINTS will be awarded as follows:

1st	4pts
2nd	2pts
3rd	1pt

The winemaker with the most points wins the award. No group/team winemakers are eligible for the Nebraska Best Brewer Award.
20. **Most Unusual Wine** rosette will be awarded to the highest scoring, ribbon winning entry made from unusual ingredients, as determined by the judges and superintendent.

All exhibitors are encouraged to attend the judging and observe the competition. If you would like to help with the competition, please write or call:

Frank Sobetski, Jr.
8410 K Plaza, Suite #10
Omaha, NE 68127
(402) 593-9171
Or
State Fair Park Office
(402) 473-4109

**DIVISION 6405
CLASSES OFFERED**

501 DRY RED VINIFERA GRAPE WINES - to include all dry red wines from vinifera grapes, not concentrates. e.g. ZINFANDEL, CABERNET SAUVIGNON, ALICANTE, PETITE SIRAH, etc. Concord goes in class 503.

502 DRY WHITE VINIFERA GRAPE WINES - to include all dry white wines from vinifera grapes, not concentrates. e.g. CHARDONNAY, REISLING, GEWURTZTRAMINER, SAUVIGNON BLANC, etc.

503 DRY RED HYBRID & NATIVE AMERICAN GRAPE WINES - to include all dry red wines from French hybrid and native American grapes. e.g. FOCH, BACO NOIR, LEON MILLOT, WILD GRAPE & CONCORD.

504 DRY WHITE HYBRID & NATIVE AMERICAN GRAPE WINES - to include all dry white wines from French hybrid and native American grapes. e.g. SEYVAL BLANC, VIGNOLES, RAVAT, DELAWARE, NIAGRA, etc.

505 DRY GRAPE CONCENTRATE WINES - to include all dry grape wines produced from concentrates, both red and white.

506 DRY FRUIT WINES - to include all dry fruit wines excluding wild native fruits in fruit and berry wines. e.g. APPLE, PEACH, CHERRY, MELON, CITRUS, etc.

507 DRY BERRY WINES - to include all dry berry wines e.g. RASPBERRY, BLACKBERRY, CRANBERRY, BOYSENBERRY, etc.
Wild berries go to #508.

508 DRY WILD NATIVE FRUIT WINES - to include all dry wines produced from ELDERBERRY, WILD PLUM, GOOSEBERRY, WILD CHERRY, MULBERRY, etc. NOT CONCORD AND WILD GRAPE.

509 DRY ROSE GRAPE WINES - to include all grape wines made in a rose style/color. The variety can be vinifera, labrusca or hybrid.

510 DRY NOVELTY WINES - to include all dry wines produced from vegetables, herbs and flowers. This includes RHUBARB.

511 SWEET RED VINIFERA GRAPE WINES - to include all sweet red wines from vinifera grapes, not concentrates. e.g. ZINFANDEL, CABERNET SAUVIGNON, ALICANTE, PETITE SIRAH, etc. Concord goes in class 513.

512 SWEET WHITE VINIFERA GRAPE WINES - to include all sweet white wines from vinifera grapes, not concentrates. e.g. CHARDONNAY, REISLING, GEWURTZTRAMINER, SAUVIGNON BLANC, etc.

513 SWEET RED HYBRID & NATIVE AMERICAN GRAPE WINES - to include all sweet red wines from French hybrid and native American grapes. e.g. FOCH, BACO NOIR, LEON MILLOT, WILD GRAPE and CONCORD.

514 SWEET WHITE HYBRID & NATIVE AMERICAN GRAPE WINES - to include all sweet white wines from French hybrid and native American grapes. e.g. SEYVAL BLANC, VIGNOLES, RAVAT, DELAWARE, NIAGRA, etc.

515 SWEET GRAPE CONCENTRATE WINES - to include all sweet grape wines produced from concentrates, both red and white.

516 SWEET FRUIT WINES - to include all sweet fruit wines excluding wild native fruit in fruit and berry wines. e.g. APPLE, PEACH, CHERRY, MELON, CITRUS, etc.

517 SWEET BERRY WINES - to include all sweet berry wines e.g. RASPBERRY, BLACKBERRY, CRANBERRY, BOYSENBERRY, etc. Wild berries go to #518.

518 SWEET WILD NATIVE FRUIT WINES - to include all sweet wines produced from ELDERBERRY, WILD PLUM, GOOSEBERRY, WILD CHERRY, MULBERRY, etc. NOT CONCORD AND WILD GRAPE.

519 SWEET ROSE GRAPE WINES - to include all sweet grape wines made in a rose style/color. The variety can be vinifera, labrusca or hybrid.

520 SWEET NOVELTY WINES - to include all sweet wines produced from vegetables, herbs and flowers. This includes RHUBARB.

521 CHAMPAGNE, SPARKLING WINE and MEAD, SWEET & DRY - to include ALL carbonated wines. Exhibitor must list major ingredient, and **WHETHER THE ENTRY IS SWEET OR DRY**. You MUST submit one bottle of 25 oz or 2 bottles of 12 oz.

522 SPECIALTY WINES - to include all wines made with special processes such as fortifying with alcohol, carbonic maceration, etc. e.g. PORT, SHERRY, CORDIAL and NOUVEAU. **Exhibitor must list major ingredient, special process and whether entry is sweet or dry.**

523 STILL MEAD - All Honey with original gravities of 1.050 to 1.140. **Please list whether entry is sweet or dry.** You MUST submit one bottle of 25 oz or 2 bottles of 12 oz.

524 STILL MELOMEL, CYSER ETC with original gravities of 1.050 to 1.140. Please list whether entry is sweet or dry. You MUST submit one bottle of 25 oz or 2 bottles of 12 oz.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Please show your appreciation to the following companies and merchants who have offered Special Awards. They deserve a special "Thank You".

CALIFORNIA CONCENTRATE CO. will offer 1 case of concentrate to the Highest Scoring Concentrate Wine.

LD CARLSON will offer a \$50 gift certificate, redeemable at Fermenter's Supply, to the Nebraska's Best Winemaker.

WHITE LABS will offer a variety of premiums in various categories.

WYEAST LABS will offer a variety of premiums in various categories.

NEBRASKA BEEKEEPERS ASSOC. will offer one gallon of honey to the highest scoring, ribbon winning Mead entry.

MOST UNUSUAL WINE Any entry may be designated for this category, but must first be entered and judged in one of the listed classes. Do not enter this contest directly. The exhibitor may note on the entry form, which entries should be considered for this class

NOTE - Entries for the most unusual wine must first win a ribbon in their respective classes before they will be considered candidates for these special awards.

NEBRASKA STATE FAIR will award a plaque and \$75 to each Best of Show winning entry (Vinifera, Hybrid, and Country), and the Most Unusual Wine winning entry. Each Blue ribbon winning entry will receive a \$10 cash award.