



2022 NEBRASKA STATE FAIR GENERAL EQUINE INFORMATION & REGULATIONS

GENERAL INFORMATION

WELCOME: The Nebraska State Fair Board welcomes you to the 153rd Nebraska State Fair, held at the Nebraska State Fairgrounds on Fonner Park. We encourage your participation in the 2022 competitions. The State Fair Management Team is pleased to host you and your exhibits at the Fair while you enjoy your stay in Grand Island.

COMPETITION: Competition is open to the world except where otherwise specified.

AGREEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY: At no time will the Nebraska State Fair assume care, custody, or control of any animals and/or personal property of any exhibitor. Exhibitors will have full custody and control, and will care for, feed and keep safe their animals, livestock and personal property, all in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Nebraska State Fair and Show Management.

NEBRASKA STATE FAIR COURTESY STATEMENT: In any barn where different shows are present at the same time, the Nebraska State Fair expects that all exhibitors will extend courtesy to other exhibitors and their animal exhibits. This includes respect for designated areas, informational signage, and division barriers. Any questions regarding this should be referred to the Superintendent of your show.

PARKING: Purchasing a parking permit is optional, however exhibitors wishing to park in designated equine parking areas will require a permit to enter. This permit may be purchased at time of entry (\$10 per day or \$25 for 5 days for exhibitors) or at the Equine Check-In Trailer and is for the sole use of the exhibitor. **PARKING PERMITS MUST BE SECURELY ATTACHED TO THE REARVIEW MIRROR.** It is recommended that equine exhibitor vehicles 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.

FIRE REGULATIONS: No smoking/vaping in any buildings or barns. No flammable liquids are allowed in any buildings.

ALCOHOL ABUSE: To safeguard exhibitors, livestock and the public, the State of Nebraska Rules on Alcohol Use and Abuse will be enforced. Excessive use of alcohol will not be tolerated. No one under the age of 21 is permitted to drink alcoholic beverages. Security and the State Patrol may be called if necessary.

AUXILIARY VEHICLES: Auxiliary vehicles (AV's) such as golf carts, service carts, utility vehicles, and other four wheelers will require a permit for operation on the Nebraska State Fairgrounds, including parking areas, the campground and other perimeter streets. This permit is available from the Fonner Park Box Office, located in the Heartland Event Center, for a fee of \$200 for the term. This permit is required during move-in and during the Fair, No AV's will be allowed in any Nebraska State Fair buildings at any time prior to or during the Fair. In order to obtain a permit, the owner and driver of the vehicle must be a minimum of 16 years of age, have a valid driver's license and provide proof of insurance for the vehicle; naming the Nebraska State Fair; Fonner Park Exposition and Events Center, Inc., dba The Heartland Events Center; the Hall County Livestock Improvement Association dba Fonner Park; and the City of Grand Island as additional insureds. In addition, any person purchasing a permit, will be required to sign and abide by the Nebraska State Fair Auxiliary Rules and Regulations and attend a 3-minute safety video at the Double Locked Security Office or the

Heartland Event Center Ticket Office; both are located on the fairgrounds. **NO Person may drive an AV without a valid driver's license (No Exceptions)!** In accordance with Nebraska motor vehicle traffic laws, the consumption of, or driving under the influence of any alcohol, narcotic drug or any illegal substance while operating an AV on the fairgrounds is illegal. Any violations will result in the automatic revocation of your AV permit. AV's without a permit will not be allowed on the grounds at any time during the Fair. AV's will not be allowed in the Core Area after 9:30 a.m. any day. NO motorized vehicles resembling any high-powered motorized sports vehicle are allowed on the Nebraska State Fairgrounds. A map showing the route for auxiliary vehicles will be provided upon payment and signature for a permit. Some AV's may be denied a permit based on size (no AV's over 52" will be allowed).

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE REQUIRED: All parties utilizing their own golf carts or ATV's must provide a "Certificate of Insurance" evidencing liability insurance on the golf cart or ATV with a liability limit of no less than \$300,000 for injuries to others or damage to the property of others. See Auxiliary Vehicle policy above.

FEED AND BEDDING: All Feed and Bedding needs will be handled by Aurora Cooperative. Hay, bedding and feed will be available. Exhibitors will be permitted to bring onto the grounds a limited amount of feed, hay and bedding. You can **pre-order** feed and bedding by **contacting Aurora Cooperative at 308-750-6653. You can also visit their feed store during the State Fair.**

CHECK-IN TRAILER HOURS: Will be posted on the State Fair website. Please check prior to your arrival.

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

CAMPGROUND: Campground reservations are handled by the Nebraska State Fair Sales Department. For more information call

NALS&RMA: The Nebraska State Fair is a member of the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers' Association, whose membership has approved the adoption of The IAFE National Show Ring Code of Ethics. Exhibitors are bound to abide by this Code. See Section #35 of General Livestock Rules & Regulations.

DOGS: Due to requirements of the liability insurance carrier and policy of all major livestock shows, NO dogs are allowed on the Nebraska State Fairgrounds, in parking lots or in buildings other than those for direct competition or service animals. All dogs must be on a leash. There shall be no loose or unattended dogs on the fairgrounds. No dogs will be permitted in the animal barns, in tie outs or on the Midway, except during authorized events and sanctioned dog shows. Dogs entered in Nebraska State Fair special performances or competitive events will be allowed on grounds or in buildings during performance or competition only. 4-H competition dogs will be allowed on the grounds during and following their competition. They must stay in the presence of the owner and will be issued a permit for that day only to be allowed on the grounds.

SOLICITATION: All advertising and/or distribution of advertising materials, tracts, pamphlets, etc. must be confined to a leased location. No roving solicitation is allowed on the Nebraska State Fairgrounds.

WRISTBAND/TICKET POLICY: A wristband or ticket will be required for entry onto the grounds at the 2022 Nebraska State Fair. Wristbands will allow entrance to the fairgrounds for the duration of the Fair. The wristband may be purchased for \$25.00 with entries. If wristband is lost, you will be required to purchase a replacement. This wristband is for the sole use of the exhibitor. Additional \$25.00 wristbands may be purchased at the Check-In Trailer.

Discounted daily admission tickets are available **ONLY to exhibitors** for \$5.00 per person per day on the entry form. All wristbands, discount tickets, parking passes, etc., can be picked up at the Check-In Trailer. **Check the State Fair website for additional deals and discounts.**

Re-admission to the grounds on the same day for those purchasing daily admission tickets is offered via a hand stamp at all exit gates. NO REFUNDS will be given on admission tickets. Those with wristbands will not need a hand stamp.

THE PRESS: News media services for obtaining reports of judges, awards, daily programs, special orders and announcements, official decisions and all Nebraska State Fair matters of interest or value to the public are available through the Nebraska State Fair website: www.statefair.org.

EQUINE RULES & REGULATIONS

1. **GENERAL INFORMATION:** The following General Rules & Regulations apply to all departments and shows. Please refer to each department for specific rules and requirements. Exhibitors are required to read ALL rules and regulations which pertain to the division they are entering. In the event of conflict of general and specific rules, the latter will govern. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to be familiar with all applicable Rules & Regulations.
2. **INTERPRETATION OF RULES AND DISPUTES:** The Nebraska State Fair Management (Ag Director, Executive Director, Chair of the Ag Committee, Livestock & Equine Manager and Equine Superintendent) reserves to its Board the final and absolute right to interpret, amend or add to these Rules & Regulations as its judgment may determine, and to settle all disputes and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard hereto or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Fair.
3. **FAIR LIABILITY:** The Nebraska State Fair Management under no circumstances, will be responsible for personal injury, and assumes no liability for loss or damage of any nature to any property of the concessionaire, exhibitor or patron while on the grounds or at any time or place due to theft, fire, tornado, weather conditions, or other causes, nor be liable for or make any payment for the value thereof.
4. **VIOLATION:** All exhibitors are bound by the most current editions of Nebraska State Fair's Space Rental Rules & Regulations. Any violation of these Rules & Regulations will subject exhibitor to any penalties as Nebraska State Fair may order and/or penalties prescribed by law.
5. **EXHIBITOR COMPLIANCE:** Exhibitors and their associates must cooperate with all Nebraska State Fair officials including office clerks, grounds, admission, security and parking personnel and volunteers in all matters of policy. The Nebraska State Fair General Equine Information, Rules & Regulations, Health Requirements, National Show Ring Code of Ethics, and the North American Livestock Show & Rodeo Managers Association (NALSARMA) Rule Infraction Database (RID) will govern. By submitting an application for entry, exhibitors agree to comply with all Rules & Regulations governing the Nebraska State Fair as referenced in these Rules and available on the State Fair website.
6. **VOLUNTARY WAIVER:** The exhibitor agrees that the interpretation and enforcement of the Rules & Regulations by the Nebraska State Fair shall be final, without further complaint, appeal, claim, lawsuit or other recourse against the State Fair. By submitting application for entry, all exhibitors waive any right to challenge the State Fair's determinations in that regard.
7. **SMOKING/VAPING:** To safeguard exhibitors and livestock, smoking and vaping is prohibited in all barns. Smoking/vaping is only allowed outside the buildings and barns. All exhibitors and guests are asked to cooperate with us in enforcing this rule.
8. **ALCOHOL ABUSE:** To safeguard exhibitors, livestock and the public, the State of Nebraska Rules on Alcohol Use and Abuse will be enforced. Excessive use of alcohol will not be tolerated. No one under the age of 21 is permitted to drink alcoholic beverages. Security and the State Patrol may be called if necessary.
9. **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:** The Nebraska State Fair reserves the right to cancel events or change scheduling if deemed necessary.
10. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:** The Nebraska State Fair management provides to all persons the opportunity to exhibit at the Fair without regard to race, creed, color, sex, age or other non-merit factors. Any discrimination will be prohibited.
11. **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** For 2022, the Nebraska State Fair will be accepting online entries for all horse shows. For information on entering go to:

<https://www.statefair.org/competitions/equine-exhibitors>. A late fee of \$50.00 per horse will apply to all entries postmarked after August 15, 2022.

- a. All entries must be filed with the Horse Show Office no later than the date and time specified in the Premium Books.
 - b. Anything that has been erroneously entered may, at the discretion of the Manager and the Superintendent of the Department, be transferred to the proper class. If such classes have been judged, they shall not be re-judged.
 - c. 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.
 - d. When not otherwise stipulated, entries and competition are open to the public.
 - e. In case of dispute as to the age of an animal exhibited, its certificate of registry shall be required for evidence of its age, and its owner shall be required to file an affidavit that it is the identical animal therein described.
 - f. Animals owned in partnership may be entered in all classes of the Fair in one owner's name. A separate entry form must be completed for each breed or department, and all entries and entry fees shall be according to Open Class rules and regulations.
 - g. After the closing date of entries, all post entries may be made until one hour prior to the scheduled start of the session with a late fee of \$50.00 per horse.
 - h. Unless otherwise noted in the Premium Book, no entries will be accepted if the entry has not met the above deadlines.
 - i. Youth age refers to age as of January 1 of the current year.
 - j. The age of each animal shall be computed by the calendar year, starting on January 1 of the year foaled.
 - k. Substitution of animals is not allowed, except when the original entered animal is sick or injured. A veterinarian's certification (on veterinarian's letterhead) must accompany the request for substitution. In lieu of substitution, upon receipt of a veterinarian's certification that an animal is ill or injured, entry fees, but not stall fees will be refunded. The substitution regulation may be waived at the discretion of the Horse Show Manager.
 - l. If an exhibitor is incapacitated as a result of illness or injury, entry fees, but not stall fees, will be refunded. A medical doctor's certification (on doctor's letterhead) of the illness/injury must accompany the refund request
- 12. RETURNED CHECKS:** Any exhibitor issuing a check for payment, which is returned as non-sufficient funds or for any other reason not clearing their account, will be charged a \$40.00 service charge. No exhibitor will be permitted to show until the non-sufficient check has been paid. The exhibitor will have five (5) working days within which to make payment, by cash, cashier's check or money order, in the amount of the outstanding check plus the service charge. If any check is returned after exhibitor has shown, all premiums will be held until the amount of the check plus the service charge is paid.
- 13. CHECK IN PROCEDURES:** All equine will be checked and health certificates examined by a representative of the State Veterinary Office at the Check-In Trailer prior to any animals entering the Nebraska State Fairgrounds. All necessary paperwork must be in order to complete the check-in process.
- 14. CREDENTIALS:** Please refer to your specific breed premium book that can be found online concerning the requirements list of documentation per your specific breed. If you have any questions concerning required breed or exhibitor documentation, please contact your breed superintendent directly.
- 15. SUBSTITUTIONS:** Substitution of animals is not allowed, except when the original entered animal is sick or injured. A veterinarian's certification (on veterinarian's letterhead) must accompany the request for substitution. In lieu of substitution, upon receipt of a veterinarian's

certification that an animal is ill or injured, entry fees, but not stall fees will be refunded. The substitution regulation may be waived at the discretion of the Horse Show Manager.

16. **REFUNDS:** If an exhibitor is incapacitated as a result of illness or injury, entry fees, but not stall fees, gate admission, or parking passes, will be refunded. A medical doctor's certification (on doctor's letterhead) of the illness/injury must accompany the refund request. All letters must be submitted to the Equine Office. No other Entry Fees will be refunded. No refunds will be given on tickets, badges or vehicle permits. Any refunds are at the discretion of the Nebraska State Fair Show Management and will be processed after the Fair. No refunds will be made on accounts of less than \$5.00. Requests for refunds of any kind will not be considered if received after November 1.
17. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** All exhibitors must comply with the Health Requirements (see Health Requirements Section). All equine are subject to examination, upon arrival, for evidence of infectious or contagious diseases and if such is found, they will not be allowed entrance onto the grounds. They will be held in quarantine and treated at owner's expense or sent home. Diseased or injured animals may be removed from the grounds upon recommendation of attending veterinarian and release signed by the Department Superintendent and the Ag Director. Any decision by the State Fair inspectors is final.
18. **PREMIUMS:** Premiums for Equine will be paid in accordance with the premium schedule listed in each individual division. Some premiums may be paid according to a sliding scale. There is no limit to the number of animals an exhibitor may enter in a show or in any one class, however, no more than two (2) premiums will be awarded per class. 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 the 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 (2) 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.
 - a. Payment of awards will be made as soon as possible after the last day of the Fair and within sixty (60) days. **NO AWARD CHECK WILL BE ISSUED BY THE NEBRASKA STATE FAIR FOR LESS THAN \$2.00.** Any discrepancies in the amounts of premium checks must be called to our attention before November 1.
 - b. Special premiums or prizes may be listed in the Premium Book. 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.
19. **JUDGES / JUDGING:** All judges' decisions are final. 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. Judges are earnestly requested to familiarize themselves with the Rules & Regulations of this show. 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 arena. When there are three (3) judges making a placing, the decision of two (2) shall be conclusive.
20. **INHUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS:** The Nebraska State Fair is committed to the humane treatment of all animals exhibited at the Fair. Every possible precaution is taken to ensure the animals' safety and well-being. The production practices in the livestock industry are based on good principles of animal husbandry. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to

provide proper care and treatment to animals. Abuse of animals in any form will not be tolerated. No electric prods will be allowed to be used on any animal at any time. Nebraska State Fair Management reserves the right to disqualify and remove any exhibitor deemed in violation of the basic principles of animal husbandry, with no recourse. Animal care procedures are outlined in our "Animal Welfare Policy".

21. INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS (IAFE)

NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS: As a member of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE), the Nebraska State Fair follows the National Code of Show Ring Ethics and uses that code as a governing philosophy for all shows hosted during the fair. For more information, please refer to the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics document on the Nebraska State Fair website.

22. PROTESTS: The Nebraska State Fair will handle ALL protests. Verbal protests will be directed to the overall equine superintendent and if necessary, brought to the State Fair Livestock & Equine Manager. All formal protests must be submitted in writing to the State Livestock & Equine Manager. All forms must be signed and be accompanied by a monetary fee of \$300.00, cash or certified check. Such written protests must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be filed with the State Fair Livestock & Equine Manager immediately upon the occasion of the protest. No complaint or appeal based solely upon the statement that a judge is incompetent will be considered. This complaint, along with supporting documents, will be submitted to the Ag Director and Executive Director. The report of wrongdoing will then be presented to the Nebraska State Fair Agriculture Committee for review. The panel shall review the form, the allegations, and the supporting documents or evidence and report its findings and proposed decision to the Ag Director and the Executive Director. At no time will any exhibition, judging event, or any other ongoing event be delayed, stopped, or interrupted as a result of any allegation of wrongdoing. Any decision rendered by the Ag Director and Executive Director based upon the review and proposed decision of the Agriculture Committee shall be the final decision.

23. VIOLATIONS AND SANCTIONS: Exhibitor compliance with all applicable rules and regulations is essential to the integrity of the State Fair and its shows, programs and exhibitions. Violation of any applicable rule or regulation may result in exhibitor sanctions. Sanctions may include, but not be limited to disqualification, withholding of premium money, and exclusion from future participation at the Nebraska State Fair. Additionally, rule violations may be referred to law enforcement authorities when appropriate. The exhibitor will be notified of any sanction by the State Fair within 60 days of the end of the Fair. An exhibitor may appeal the findings to the Nebraska State Fair Management Team. The determination of the State Fair as to any sanction shall be final, without recourse against the State Fair.

If deemed necessary by the Nebraska State Fair, an exhibitor found in violation of any show rules may be subject to have his/her name and the result of the violation submitted to the Rule Infraction Database (RID) administered by the NALSRMA. The exhibitor acknowledges that this information will be available to the membership of the NALSRMA.

The State Fair reserves the right to refuse the entry of any exhibitor who has been barred from any other show on the basis of rule violation or unethical practices. Any exhibitor who has been disqualified from competition in any major show, or has had sanctions or disciplinary action taken against him or her, may not be eligible to make entry or compete, or having competed, may not be eligible to win a premium.

24. STALLS & TACK STALLS: Except as otherwise noted, each animal must have a stall.

Stalls are \$15/day or \$50 for 5 days. If available, a box stall for tack may be rented for the stall fee, or exhibitors may rent an enclosed tack stall. (NOTICE - R Barn is the only barn with enclosed tack stalls). All stalls have doors.

- a. Entries and stall reservations must be completed by August 1, 2022 for all breeds of horses. Stall assignments will be completed upon receipt of Entry Forms. Late Entry stalling will be assigned by management based on available space.

- b. There will be no refund of stall fees, unless authorized by Horse Show Manager. Except for a mare and her unweaned foal(s), all animals occupying stalls must be entered for competition and shown in the arena in their respective class(es). In the case of a mare and her unweaned foal(s), either the mare or the foal must be entered for competition and shown in the arena in their respective class(es).
- 25. ARENAS:** US Foods Outdoor Arena and Thompson Foods Indoor 4-H Arena will be open one hour prior to start of show.
- 26. CONCESSIONS AND ADVERTISING PRIVILEGES:** All exhibits, concessions and/or commercial privileges are at the sole discretion of Fair Management. Under no circumstances will any advertising material be allowed to be placed upon buildings, trees or other places on the grounds or otherwise distributed without Management permission.
- 27. EXHIBITOR LIABILITY:** Exhibitors of equine must exercise due discretion in regard to the animals they are exhibiting, whether in the ring or stall and exhibitor must assume responsibility for any damages caused by or to their animals. The exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article exhibited by him/her and for its description as given in the Premium Book. Exhibitor shall indemnify the Nebraska State Fair against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as any damage or injury to any other person or property, caused by the exhibitor or any of the animals exhibited with the Fair.
- 28. PHOTOGRAPHS:** The Nebraska State Fair will hire a photographer who will take the official photographs for the Fair. Exhibitor must agree to present themselves and their animal(s) at the request of show officials for official photographs. Official photographs are those that will be used for promotional purposes or used in any official publications. Unofficial (i.e. personal) photographs MAY NOT be published without written approval of the Nebraska State Fair Staff. Exhibitors wishing to purchase photographs must contact the Official Photographer.
- As a Nebraska State Fair exhibitor, you acknowledge that your photograph may be taken by the official Nebraska State Fair Photographer for use by the Nebraska State Fair and agree to release and hold harmless the Nebraska State Fair Board, their officers, employees and agents and any and all parties to whom this or any photograph may be released. This photograph will be taken for artistic reasons or newsworthiness and you agree that it may be released to any medium and may be used in any manner for any purpose whatsoever without compensation.
- 29. SHOW RESULTS:** Please check show results online at: <https://www.statefair.org/competitions/equine-exhibitors>. No results will be given over the phone.

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