

General Rules & Regulations

1. Any person, 18 years or older, may become a member and be entitled to all privileges of this Society for one year following payment of membership:

	\$15 Single Membership
<i>After July 15</i>	\$20 Single Membership

A single Membership entitles you to one vote at the Annual Meeting held in October.

2. There is a **No Vehicle** rule in effect. There will be no vehicles allowed after 10am daily. All transactions with vehicles, such as feeding animals, loading and unloading, deliveries, etc., must be done between the hours of 6am and 10am daily. There will be no parking at the horse barns except during these hours. Emergency vehicles are excluded from this rule.

3. All gambling or immoral shows are forbidden on the grounds of the Saratoga County Agricultural Society, and any renter of privileges who shall violate any of the provisions of this section will be arrested and summarily ejected from the grounds and will forfeit any money which he has paid. **There will be no selling of raffle tickets.** Free giveaways are allowed.

4. No prize money will be paid on articles or animals not listed in this Exhibitor Handbook.

5. The Saratoga County Agricultural Society reserves the right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine matters, questions and differences that may arise in connection with the Fair and reserves the sole right to amend or add to these rules as they see fit.

6. Alcoholic beverages are **not** allowed outside the Beer Pavilion. Those who pass beer to others outside the Beer Pavilion are subject to fine or removal from grounds or both.

7. Farmers who had a payroll of \$1200 or more the previous year must file with entries proof of compensation insurance coverage. Blanks are available at the Entry Office.

8. *Deliveries and solicitors:* Delivery of merchandise, articles of food, soft drinks, or service or the solicitation of business and orders from concessionaires, exhibitors, and others on the fairgrounds are prohibited until such delivery persons, solicitors, or firms they represent have made arrangement for such delivery and solicitation through the General Manager.

9. Any member of this Society who loans or transfers his ticket to any other person not entitled to use it will forfeit the same and all privileges of the Society.

10. Vendors who have rented space by payment or through public service must adhere to the rules provided with their contracts, in addition to the rules above. The Commercial Exhibits Committee and the General Manager have the right to refuse rentals the following year if it is deemed for any reason the vendor did not meet the requirements set forth by the Commercial Exhibits Committee. Vendors who have contracts with the midway through the carnival are not eligible to set up on the independent midway with a second concession.

Entries

1. **Time and Place for making entries:** Entries may be made by mail to The Saratoga County Agricultural Society, Entry Office, 162 Prospect St., Ballston Spa, NY 12020, anytime between June 1 and July 8.

Entries may be made in person at the Entry Office from 11am until 5pm, July 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and from 10am until 6pm on Monday, July 8, only. The Entry Office will be closed Thursday, July 4, and Sunday, July 7.

2. **Closing of entries:** Entries cannot be made after the closing date, July 8, at 6pm except in the case of an emergency and then only by written permission from the Superintendent of the department, whose judgment will be final.

3. **Entries to be made in the owner's name:** Entries are to be made in the name of the actual owner, grower, producer or manufacturer. Exhibits must be owned 30 days before the closing entry date.

4. **Entry requirements:** Each exhibitor must be a resident of Saratoga County unless entered in an open class. Junior exhibitors must be 17 years of age or under. A free pass is available for Junior exhibitors providing they enter and bring a minimum of 2 exhibits and pay the required entry fee(s),

5. **Entries limited to capacity:** All entries will be limited to the capacity of our buildings and will be recorded in the order received. The Fair reserves the right to reject all entries after the capacity has been reached.

Anyone wishing to pick up entry tags prior to bringing in their exhibits may do so at the Entry Office on July 13 between 10am and 6pm.

6. Please check carefully in the Exhibitor Handbook under the departments you are entering for the date and time when you should bring your exhibits to the fairgrounds. Release dates and times for all exhibits are also listed in each department.

7. **Bedding and care of livestock:** No shavings or bedding will be provided for cattle or horses. Exhibitors must bring their own. Bedding will be provided for poultry and rabbits. Attendants must be with and care for their livestock except for poultry and rabbits which are attended by Fair personnel and a 4H representative.

8. **Rabies vaccine:** The Saratoga County Agricultural Society policy is: *All animals who are capable of receiving the rabies vaccine are to be immunized in sufficient time prior to Fair. A certificate of rabies vaccination, signed by an accredited veterinarian, will be required by all departments concerned.*

9. **Liability:** Every possible protection and courtesy will be extended to exhibitors at the Saratoga County Fair; but the Board will not be responsible for any loss of exhibits, animals or equipment in the case of fire, theft, or loss from other causes; and the Society will not assume liability for personal injury sustained either by exhibitors, helpers, visitors or guests.

10. *Any exhibits left after 30 days become the property of the Fair Association.*

Special Award for Townley Building “Agricenter” Participants

The exhibit that best depicts or promotes agriculture in Saratoga County.

\$25	1 st
\$15	2 nd
\$10	3 rd

All exhibits would be eligible except those funded by government agencies.

Farm Service Agency Award

The award will be selected by the current County FSA Committee from non-commercial exhibits on display at the Saratoga County Fair. The Saratoga County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) and USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) will be ineligible to compete.

The theme of the exhibit will be: *The Importance of Agriculture in Saratoga County.*

Judging will be by members of the current FSA County Committee.

Criteria for the award:

Content	Points
Stopping power	30 points
Educational value	25 points
Appearance of the exhibit	25 points
Effort	10 points
Use of Saratoga County Ag Facts	10 points

The successful award winner will have his/her/its name engraved on a plaque. Each successive year's winner to be awarded an engraved plaque. A \$50 cash award will also go to the winner. All competitors for the award will be identified with a Farm Service Agency contest competitor sticker or emblem.

Please note:

New Ag & Markets Rules (p.10)
New Code of Show Ring Ethics (p.5)
Checks must be cashed within 30 days of issue.

Absolutely no sales or transfers of ownership of animals shall occur on the fairgrounds during Fair week. No “For Sale” signs will be allowed on individual exhibits.

A promotional area may be set up at the discretion of the department superintendent in one place in the exhibit area for those exhibitors wishing to advertise animals for sale.