

# GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

Please read carefully as Rules and Regulations will be strictly enforced

1. All animals must be the property of the exhibitor, except as otherwise stated by the prize list.
2. Any person or persons who shall interfere with the judges while discharging their duties, or shall use contemptuous or abusive language within their hearing, may forfeit any prize he/she may win.
3. In the absence of competition in one class the judges are instructed to award only such premiums as they think exhibits are deserving of. They will exercise their judgment whether they will award first, second, third or any other prize.
4. In the event of shortage of funds, the Abbotsford Agrifair reserves the right to pay prize money on a percentage basis.
5. All animals must be shown in such a way to fully protect the public.
6. Protests affecting awards must be made in writing to the secretary before 8:00pm on the day of judging, accompanied by \$25.00, which will be forfeited to Abbotsford Agrifair if the protest is not sustained by a majority of designated Committee members.
7. Abbotsford Agrifair shall not be liable for any loss to any exhibitor occasioned by: fire, accident, condition of structure, or the negligence of any exhibitors or officials or otherwise.
8. No claim of injury to any person or property shall be ever asserted or suit instituted or maintained against Abbotsford Agrifair, its officers or their agents, by or on behalf of any visitor, exhibitor or any person, farm or corporation, or their agents, representatives, servants, or employees, having license of privilege to visit or exhibit on the Abbotsford Agrifair grounds or occupying space thereon.
9. All exhibits shall be under the control and direction of the officials concerned, but SOLELY AT THE RISK OF THE EXHIBITORS. All exhibits or stands MUST be removed by the time specified, or otherwise they become the property of Abbotsford Agrifair for disposal. Building will be open the morning following the close of Abbotsford Agrifair upon request. Arrange with security personnel or the Abbotsford Agrifair office.
10. Once awarded, there will be no replacement of ribbons/rosettes lost or damaged.
11. In the case of space limitations, entries may be accepted on the first come, first served basis.
12. Classes with less than four exhibits per class may be combined by the judge or cancelled based on entries.
13. All prize award cheques must be cashed by December 31, 2010.
14. Entry fees, etc. must accompany all entry forms. Cheques, money orders and bank drafts must be made payable to: ABBOTSFORD AGRIFAIR and mailed to: PO Box 2334, Abbotsford, BC V2T 4X2.
15. REFUNDS: All cancelled entries will be subjected to a 20% administration fee. NO REFUNDS for cancelled entries after Monday July 19, 2010.
16. POST-DATED CHEQUES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
17. A \$50.00 service fee will be applied to all NSF cheques.
18. Special consideration may be given to those requesting IN WRITING at time of registration early release to catch a ferry to Vancouver Island or travel in excess of 300 km.
19. Move in and move out times must be followed by all exhibitors. If this rule is disregarded, prize money will be forfeited as well as additional penalties incurred at Abbotsford Agrifair's discretion.

## GENERAL LIVESTOCK REGULATIONS

**ALL ENTRY FEES WILL BE ALLOCATED TO THE PRIZE MONEY PURSE. (GST NOT APPLICABLE)**

1. Entries must be made on the official entry forms with all information, fees, and signature of exhibitor on or before Friday, **July 2, 2010**. Entries may be faxed to (604) 852-6631 *but only when paying by credit card*. Money must accompany your entry form for exhibitor's passes. Please indicate on your entry form whether your passes will be picked up at the Abbotsford Agrifair office before July 28, 2010 or you want them available at Gate 1A (tunnel) for pick up after July 29.
2. ERRONEOUS ENTRIES: Animals that have been erroneously entered may be transferred to their proper class on application to the Division Chairperson. Any such change must be made prior to the start of breed judging.
3. LATE ENTRIES: Late entries received after July 2, 2010 but before July 19, 2010 will be accepted at double entry fee per entry per class. **NO late entries will be accepted after July 19, 2010.**
4. SUBSTITUTION ENTRIES: Entries will be accepted for alternate animals without a veterinary certificate, provided they are within the original class entered and owned by the exhibitor, on the closing date of entries. Maximum of two substitutions per breed, per exhibitor, with a processing fee equal to the entry fee for each

substitution. Substitutions must be made on separate entry forms with proper fees. CLOSING DATE: July 19, 2010.

5. REFUSING ENTRIES: AGRIFAIR reserves the right to refuse any entry and return any entry fee without being liable for compensation.
6. Exhibitors of livestock must keep the space at rear of their stalls clear and clean. During the day, manure must be taken immediately to the containers provided or buried under the bedding.
7. Exhibitors must wear the number allotted to them when showing in the livestock show ring.
8. No animal may be shown in more than one class of single animals except for championship or special classes.
9. Any inappropriate behavior, as deemed by Abbotsford Agrifair, demonstrated by any livestock showperson will result in removal of person(s) involved and respective entries, at the persons' expense and the forfeit of all prize money and entry fees.

#### **GROUP CLASSES**

10. Entries in the group classes must be made by entry deadline. An exhibitor is required to list the individual animals in the group before the animals are shown in the ring. Animals comprising a group entry must have been entered and shown in the respective classes for single animal.
11. Only one entry per exhibitor is permitted in the group classes.

#### **OWNERSHIP**

12. All exhibits must be registered in the name of the exhibitor in accordance with the bylaws of their respective association. The certificate of registration must state if the animal is purebred. All exhibits must be clearly tattooed. Exhibitors must present original registration papers at time of check-in.
13. All purebred registered animals, whether owned by one person or by more than one person (individually or jointly) which are maintained on one farm or breeding unit, are considered to be the production of one farm or breeding unit. In each classification where the same or common interests are involved in more than one breeding operation such operations are considered as one breeding unit. ALL CASES WHERE THERE IS ANY DOUBT THAT MULTIPLE BREEDING UNITS EXISTS, THE INTERPRETATION SHALL BE THAT ONLY ONE BREEDING UNIT EXISTS. The responsibility of proof of separation of breeding units shall rest with the exhibitor(s). The final decision lies with a majority of designated Livestock Committee Members.
14. Where tattooing is a requirement of registration, the animals must be identifiable with legal tattoo markings, made prior to Abbotsford Agrifair and prior to date of registration.

#### **PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS**

15. NURSE COWS: the presence or use of nurse cows at Abbotsford Agrifair is prohibited. A nurse cow is applicable to the standard approved classification and elsewhere, shall be defined as follows:
  - a. A female which is not the mother of the animal which is nursing; and/or
  - b. A female, which is nursing a calf, not born within said female's last lactation.
16. No raw milk may be sold on premises.
17. Cattle on the show circuit carry health status achieved for entry to first exhibition provided they are not returned to premises of lesser health status between shows.
18. Since there will not be any on-farm inspections by federal veterinarians, livestock health problems will be handled by Abbotsford Agrifair and its officials.

**ALL LIVESTOCK MAY BE INSPECTED FOR DISEASE AND OTHER HARMFUL CONTAGIOUS CONDITIONS. THE INSPECTION WOULD BE BY AGRIFAIR'S VETERINARIAN (WITH THE BREED REPRESENTATIVE).**

The Livestock Committee, upon recommendation from the Veterinarian on duty, has authority to disqualify any infected animal, and demand the immediate removal of such from the Abbotsford Agrifair grounds. This also applies to unsightly ringworms or warts. In the event of a dispute, any veterinary expenses incurred shall be at the expense of the party in error.

- a. Tuberculosis: Tests are not required for cattle originating from:
    - i. Accredited herds
    - ii. Herds from accredited areas in good standing
  - b. Brucellosis: Cattle from brucellosis-free regions may enter without a blood test. British Columbia is currently a brucellosis-free region. Exhibitors from outside the province should consult their local district Health of Animals veterinarian to determine the appropriate qualifying certification. A health certificate must accompany cattle from out-of-province.
19. TAMPERING WITH LIVESTOCK: Unethical fitting of livestock entered for competition is prohibited. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of any treatment or operation materially altering the structure or the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body, such as:
    - a. The addition of hair or hair substitute, with the exception of artificial switches.
    - b. The injection of gas, air, liquid or other substances subcutaneously in any part of the body.

- c. Surgical operation to correct defects or the performance of any act of operation to exaggerate the natural conformation of the animal. The cutting, tearing or gluing of the hide or under the hide to alter the natural conformation.
- d. Artificial colouring of hair is prohibited.
- e. Any attempt to disrupt or change the dental development of the animal.
- f. Any products, solutions, and/or liquids, administered internally or externally to alter the conformation of the animal. This includes the use of steroids, growth promotants, and the act of artificially filling animals internally, which includes stomach pumping; drench tubes and any other method by esophagus.

IN THE CASE OF ANY TAMPERING WITH THE LIVESTOCK AS MENTIONED ABOVE, THE EXHIBITOR WILL FORFEIT THE RIGHT TO SHOW THE ANIMAL, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER ANIMALS HE/SHE HAS ENTERED IN THE BREED. ALL DECISIONS MADE BY THE DESIGNATED MEMBERS OF THE LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE ARE FINAL. THE EXHIBITOR WILL ALSO FORFEIT ANY AWARDS FORTHCOMING.

**Please check with district veterinarian in plenty of time to ensure you have the proper papers in place.**

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- 20. FIRE PRECAUTIONS: As necessary precaution against fire and in compliance with city ordinances, exhibitors shall not use coal oil stove, heating, or cooking equipment or fire of any kind in any of the Abbotsford Agrifair buildings.
- 21. Management reserves the right to decide any point not covered by the rules, to correct any error, or make any necessary alterations in the Prize List or Catalogue.  
All livestock exhibits must be out of the barn before 10:00pm on Monday, August 2, 2010