

# GENERAL REGULATIONS AND LIST OF PREMIUMS OF LA CROSSE INTERSTATE FAIR 135<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL EXHIBIT

LA CROSSE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
To Be Held at Fairgrounds  
Highway 16 at CTH "M"  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday,  
Saturday and Sunday  
July 15-19, 2026

(Fair entry dates are Tuesday evening July 14 and Wednesday, July 15, 8 AM until noon.)

## PREMIUMS

No animal or article unworthy of a premium shall receive one, even though there be no competitor, nor shall any animal or article receive a higher premium than its merits demand.

**NOTE: The La Crosse County Agricultural Society, Inc., at their discretion, reserves the right to either adjust premiums to a partial payment or perhaps even eliminate premium payments for the 2026 fair. This being due to the potential reduction or elimination of State Fair Aids in the upcoming state budget as determinations by the Wisconsin Legislature.**

## GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The gates will be open to visitors at 7:00 a.m., and closed at midnight each day.

It is desired that entries be made at an early date, so that the number of stalls and pens required may be known, and also that the same may be catalogued, in order to secure accuracy in the entries and that the superintendent may assign suitable space for a favorable exhibition.

Space will be available on a first come first served basis. When space is full, entries are closed.

## ENTRIES IN EVERY DEPARTMENT DUE MANUAL ENTRIES – FRIDAY, JUNE 12 ONLINE ENTRIES – FRIDAY, JUNE 27

1. Entries can be made at any time by letter, or an application to Marla J Stello, La Crosse Interstate Fair, 4012 Starlite Drive, La Crosse WI 54601-7509 postmarked by June 10. Entries are also accepted online at [www.lacrosseinterstatefair.com](http://www.lacrosseinterstatefair.com). For 2026 the Ag. Society will provide all Junior and Open Class exhibitors with complementary entering (no exhibitor fees) if entries are completed by the established deadlines. This decision was made as a courtesy for utilizing the online entry system. Late fees will still apply in 2026.
2. **After June 27 no new entries, additional items added or changes to tag corrections without authorization will be accepted.** Clerical changes, if originally entered, will be allowed but must be conveyed to the fair secretary.

### Manual Entries

- Accepted until entry close date of June 12
- Late Fee of \$10 applies to entries June 13 to June 26

### Online Entries

- Online Entries Open – June 1
- Online Entries Close – Friday, June 26 at midnight
- Any Changes to Online Entries – Friday, June 27 at midnight (email "Change Form" to [lacrosseinterstatefair@yahoo.com](mailto:lacrosseinterstatefair@yahoo.com))

### Entry Tags

- Entry fees will need to be paid at the time of tag pick up. For 2026 this step is made courtesy to the exhibitor.
- Tags will be available starting the week of Monday, July 6.
- Dates and times for the distribution will be communicated.

- Animal entries will not have individual tags printed. Back tags will be provided on show day.

### Fair Premium Checks

- Fair checks will be ready after Friday, August 21 (noon)
- Distribution dates and times will be communicated by email.
- Checks will not be mailed unless a self addressed stamped envelope is provided to the fair office.
- Checks not picked up by November 30 of the current fair year will be considered a donation to the Ag Society education fund.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police headquarters are located at the Association's office where all complaints should be filed and losses reported. Anyone finding lost articles is required to leave them at the Agricultural Society office. All the members of the Fair Police are appointed by the Agricultural Society and are under their jurisdiction. Members of the Sheriff's Department will be on the grounds day and night.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

Check activity calendar for entry dates and time.

No change or alteration will be permitted after the books are placed in the hands of the judges, and all persons entering animals must be sure that their stock is placed in the appropriate class or it will be the duty of the judges to rule out any animal not answering to the entry.

Exhibitors of stock will be required to keep their stalls open and uncovered from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., during each day of the exhibitions. They must also keep the grounds clean and free from all garbage, fronting within ten feet of their stalls or pens.

The Agricultural Society will take every precaution in their power for the preservation of the articles and stock on exhibition, but will assume no liability for any loss or damage that may occur either during their delivery upon the grounds, their exhibition or their removal, nor will they, in any case, make any provision for their transportation. No article or animal shall compete for more than one premium except as a part of a collection or group.

**No article or animal entered for exhibition shall be removed from the grounds until 5:00 PM on Sunday, except with written permission of the La Crosse County Agricultural Society, Board of Directors.**

If a La Crosse Interstate Fair exhibitor removes any article from the fairgrounds without the permission of the La Crosse County Agricultural Society the exhibitor will forfeit all premiums.

**If a La Crosse Interstate Fair exhibitor removes any animal exhibit from the fairgrounds without the written permission of a La Crosse County Agricultural Society, Board of Directors member and a licensed veterinarian, the exhibitor will forfeit all premiums and trophies and is banned from exhibiting for one (1) year from that species.**

Exhibitors should keep in mind that the La Crosse Interstate Fair is a family oriented event. The department Superintendents will have the authority to bring any item of questionable nature to the attention of the La Crosse County Agricultural Society. Items found to be inappropriate will not be allowed to exhibit.

Exhibitors are expected to obey the Superintendent promptly in showing their exhibits when instructed to do so. Exhibits must be in the show ring promptly after being called. Superintendents or assistants must not express or offer an opinion as to the merit of an animal or article while the same is being judged, nor allow anyone present to do so unless such information is requested by the official judge.

Any exhibitor attempting by word or act to interfere with the judges before or during the judging will be promptly excluded from competition.

When an award has been agreed upon, the Superintendent or Assistant, when requested to do so by the judge, shall make the proper entry of award in the book furnished, and the Superintendent or Assistant shall issue the premium ribbons to the judges, who will attach them to the successful exhibits or delegate such responsibility.

## LIABILITY

The Agricultural Society is not liable for injuries sustained by any exhibitor.

The Agricultural Society will take reasonable precaution to protect the safety of the exhibits at the fair, but owners themselves take the risk of exhibiting them, and should any exhibit or portion thereof be injured, damaged, lost or stolen, the Agricultural Society will give assistance toward recovery of the same, but not be liable to make any payment for the value thereof.

Exhibitors or owners of animals and/or machinery, while stationary or in motion, and any other exhibits or equipment which may cause accidents, injury or damage to persons or animals or property coming in contact with or in proximity to them, shall guard their exhibits or machinery and protect the public from coming in contact therewith at all times while on the fairgrounds.

## ETHICS

Tampering, and/or inhumane treatment, and/or misrepresentation as to breeding, age, ownership and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception.

To maintain a high degree of confidence and integrity in the livestock shows, the La Crosse County Agricultural Society reserves the right to disqualify any animal fitted in an unethical manner and disqualify the exhibitor. Unethical fitting shall include any injection of gas, solid or liquid to alter the normal confirmation. In addition, it shall include any cutting or tearing of the hide, cutting or tearing underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the shape or appearance. It shall also include attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development, dyeing or coloring hair, adding artificial tailheads, switches, polls, hair and heels, as well as any attempt to change the confirmation and degree of firmness by administration of fluids internally or externally in a liquid or solid state. The use of clenbuterol is prohibited.

In all departments, all exhibitors, their immediate family and any other parties involved in inappropriate behavior or the unethical fitting and showing of an animal will not be tolerated. The Ag Society reserves the right to address each instance on a case-by-case basis. Each review is subject to consideration of award(s) and premium(s) forfeiture, and may include the forfeiture of auction proceeds; and/or dismissal from the fairgrounds; and/or being barred from competition immediately in the department in which the violation occurred and/or from all departments entered; and/or in future competition in the La Crosse Interstate Fair.

## IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels. All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age

of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.

2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of drugs. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event, which culminates with the animal entering the food chain, shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested (by the approved laboratory to which it is sent) is the one taken from the animal in question. Its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise at any hearing in regard to the matter conducted by the fair or livestock show.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair, or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show against such individuals published in any publication of

the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.

11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

The Agricultural Society shall have power to discharge any judge or superintendent in any division if regarded by them incompetent, and the awards made by the discharged judge shall be null and void.

All awards shall be deemed final, unless fraud can be proven to the satisfaction of the Agricultural Society. If, in the opinion of the judges, an entry is not consistent with requirements of the premium list, they must call on the Agricultural Society for information.

## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND DEFINITIONS

### ATCP 160.01 DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Breed class" and "breeding class" mean a specific breed within a class such as holstein in the dairy class.
- (2) "Class" means a grouping in which exhibits may be entered, including an animal breed or age group for animal exhibits; a type of produce, crop or food; or a specific age, age group or educational grade level of exhibitor.
- (2m) "Conference judging" means a judging system using a discussion about each exhibit with the entire group.
- (3) "Danish judging system" means a judging system that allows for multiple first, second, third and fourth class selections as provided in s. ATCP 160.91 (4) (b).
- (4) "Department" as it relates to the organizational structure of a fair, means an animal species, production group, or other principal classification of exhibits. As used in any other context, "department" means the state of Wisconsin department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection.
- (5) "Division" means one of 3 exhibitor group classifications for a fair and is limited to junior division, open division and senior citizens division.
- (6) "Entry class" means a class in which the fair allows exhibitors to submit entries.
- (7) "Exotic domestic animal" means an animal that is not a common farm animal.
- (7e) "Face-to-face judging" means a judging system using a semiprivate discussion between the judge and the exhibitor with the following phases:
  - (a) Get acquainted.
  - (b) Learn the background of the exhibit.
  - (c) Self-evaluation.
  - (d) Evaluator comment.
  - (e) Parting.
- (7m) "Fair" means a county or district fair eligible to receive state aid under s. 93.23 (1) (b) or (c), Stats.
- (7s) "Fair board" means the governing entity of a fair.
- (8) "Lot" or "lot number" means the numerical designation assigned by a fair for a specific category of exhibits within a class.
- (9) "Market class" means a class that includes animals of a certain weight for the species that can be sold for slaughter.
- (10) "Premium" means a monetary prize that a fair awards to an exhibitor after judging all competing exhibits in the class to which the premium pertains.
- (11) "Regular judging system" means a judging system that allows for one first, second, third and fourth class selection as provided in s. ATCP 160.91 (4) (c).
- (12) "Self determined project" means a project that meets all of the following criteria:
  - (a) It is approved by the fair board.
  - (b) Its subject matter is related to any of the junior fair departments 9, 10, 13 to 16, 18, or 20 to 29.

- (c) It does not fall into a defined entry class within any department.

- (d) It is carried out by a member of a youth organization.

(13) "Youth organization" means an organization under adult leadership that has educational programming.

History: Cr. Register, November, 1990, No. 419, eff. 12-1-90; cr. (5), Register, July, 1995, No. 475, eff. 8-1-95; CR 11-037: renum. (1) to (5) to be (2), (4), (5), (8), (10), cr. (1), (3), (6), (7), (9), (11), (12) Register April 2012 No. 676, eff. 5-1-12; CR 21-093: cr. (2m), (7e), (7m), (7s), am. (8) to (10), (12) (d), cr. (13) Register September 2022 No. 801, eff. 10-1-22.

## ATCP 160.02 Premium requirements.

### (1) GENERAL.

- (a) The state aid authorized by s. 93.23 (1), Stats., may be paid on net premiums paid by a fair. The department may withhold state premium aid from any fair that does not enforce animal health provisions under ch. ATCP 10 that are applicable to animals exhibited at the fair. State aid will be paid only on premiums actually paid by bank check or draft.
- (b) No deductions may be made from premium money won by an exhibitor. Premiums may, however, be withheld where exhibition rules established by the fair association are violated. A written statement of violation shall be submitted to the department to justify actions taken by a fair.
- (c) Premiums offered shall be definite in amount. No decrease or increase in published premiums may be made because of the financial condition or the organization or for any other reason.
- (e) No fair may receive state aid for a premium awarded to any exhibitor in the open division if that exhibitor entered the same exhibit in the junior division at the same fair. This paragraph does not apply if the exhibit was entered in the junior division only as part of a herd group, carcass class or performance class.
- (f) No state aid will be paid on the cost of ribbons, cups, trophy prizes or entertainment contests.

### (2) PREMIUM LISTS.

- (a) Premiums for which state aid is requested by county and district fairs shall conform with the uniform premium list and other requirements set forth in these rules. Fairs requesting state aid for net premiums shall submit to the department a printed copy of the premium list used at the fair, as required under s. ATCP 160.92 (3) (c).
- (b) The officers of each fair shall mail a copy of the premium list to other associations, societies, or boards conducting a fair in Wisconsin upon request.
- (c) Sections ATCP 160.01 through 160.07 and 160.91 shall be published in premium books used by a fair for which state aid is requested.

### (3) ENTRY FEES.

- (a) A fair may charge an exhibitor an entry fee or charge stall rents for animals, or both.
- (b) Exhibitors in department 35 shall not be required to purchase an exhibitor's ticket. Any other exhibitor may be required, if no entry fee is charged, to purchase an exhibitor's season ticket at a price not to exceed that charged for a non-exhibitor's season ticket.

### (4) SPLIT FAIR DATES.

- (a) For purposes of this subsection, "split fair dates" occur when a fair organization judges exhibits or contests and pays premiums at more than one time or at more than one location during the calendar year.
- (b) Except as provided under par. (c), the department may not pay state aid for a fair having split dates unless the department gives advance written approval for a split fair. The department may approve split dates based on hardship.
- (c) The department may pay state aid for the following exhibits or contests in a fair having split dates with advance notification to the department:
  1. Clothing revue.

2. Demonstrations.
3. Favorite foods revue.
4. Dogs.
- 4m. Cats.
5. Small animals.
6. Rocketry.
7. Shooting sports.
- 7m. Mechanical projects.
8. Other exhibits and contests that are similar to those identified in subds. 1. to 7.

(d) If there are split dates under par. (b) or (c), all blue ribbon winners shall repeat their demonstrations or exhibits at the regular fair dates unless the department grants a hardship exemption. An exhibitor may use audio-visual media, still photography or an educational display to repeat a demonstration or exhibit.

History: Cr. Register, November, 1990, No. 419, eff. 12-1-90; r. and recr. (1) (e) and am. (3) (a), Register, July, 1995, No. 475, eff. 8-1-95; r. and recr. (4), Register, November, 2000, No. 539, eff. 12-1-00; correction in (2) (a) made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., Register, November, 2000, No. 539; CR 08-075: am. (1) (a) Register April 2009 No. 640, eff. 5-1-09; CR 11-037: am. (1) (a), (3) (a), (b), cr. (4) (c) 8. Register April 2012 No. 676, eff. 5-1-12; CR 21-093: am. (1) (a), (b), renum. (1) (d) to ATCP 160.05 (3), am. (1) (e), (3) (a), (4) (b), (c) (intro.), cr. (4) (c) 4m., 7m., (4) (d) Register September 2022 No. 801, eff. 10-1-22.

**ATCP 160.03 EXHIBITION REQUIREMENTS.** A fair shall meet all of the exhibition requirements of this section to be eligible for state premium aid.

- (1) No fair society or other organization sponsoring a fair may require an exhibitor to become a member of the organization in order to enter an exhibit at the fair, nor may the sponsoring organization make any deduction from an exhibitor's premium as a donation to the fair society, or require an exhibitor in any other way to make a donation to the society.
- (2) State aid may not be approved for out-of-state exhibits or for separate classes of local and non-local exhibitors. Aid may not be approved for payment of premiums to an exhibitor having an out-of-state address but claiming Wisconsin residency unless the fair secretary provides the department with an affidavit that the exhibitor's residence is geographically located within the state.
- (3) State aid may be paid only on articles or animals actually on display in an exhibit building or actually shown in the show ring on regular fair dates unless approval for split fair dates is obtained under s. ATCP 160.02 (4). State aid may not be paid on Dairy Herd Improvement Association records, transportation aid, production contests or other special educational exhibits unless prior approval is obtained under s. ATCP 160.49 (7).
- (4) State aid may not be paid on exhibits removed from the fairgrounds before 4 p.m. on the last day of the fair, or such other later time as may be specified by the fair, without prior approval of the department. Authority for earlier removal may be granted by the department in case of meat animal sales or other special classes, if requested before the beginning of the fair. In other hardship cases, approval may be granted by the fair. Exhibits in dog obedience and small animal pet classes may be judged during the regular fair but are not required to remain present during the entire fair. The fair may prescribe the length of time junior fair exhibitors of horses shall keep their animal on the ground.

History: Cr. Register, November, 1990, No. 419, eff. 12-1-90; CR 21-093: am. (intro.), (1), (4) Register September 2022 No. 801, eff. 10-1-22; correction in (3) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register September 2022 No. 801.

**ATCP 160.05 OPEN DIVISION; GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.**

- (1) The total maximum premiums set forth for all places in any open division livestock class, excluding poultry and rabbits, may be divided into multiple premiums for a greater number of places, but the maximum premium offered for

any additional place shall not be higher than the maximum for the last place in the class.

- (2) All animals in any open division class shall be owned by the exhibitor, except as provided in s. ATCP 160.09.
- (3) State aid may be paid on no more than 2 premiums awarded an exhibitor under one premium or lot number in open division individual livestock classes, except poultry and rabbits, and no more than one premium in all other classes, including poultry and rabbits.
- (4) State aid may not be used to award a premium to an exhibitor who exhibits an item or animal that has been exhibited in open class division previously in a state aid funded fair in that calendar year and resulted in a premium being awarded for that item or animal.
- (5) The fair board may establish specific classes by professional and amateur level groupings within classes for open class departments 14 to 28.

History: Cr. Register, November, 1990, No. 419, eff. 12-1-90; CR 11-037: r. (2), renum. (3) to be (2) Register April 2012 No. 676, eff. 5-1-12; CR 21-093: am. (1), renum. (3) from ATCP 160.02 (1) (d), cr. (4), (5) Register September 2022 No. 801, eff. 10-1-22.

**ATCP 160.07 CLASSES; GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.**

- (1) Classes may be combined if the number of entries in several single classes is insufficient. If any classes are combined, state aid shall be limited to the maximum total premiums listed for a single class of animals, items or articles in that department.
- (2) (a) Except as provided under par. (b), no fair may receive state aid for premiums awarded for sexually intact male dairy cattle, beef cattle, sheep, goats, swine or horses unless those animals are registered. Registered status shall be documented by a certificate of registry from the appropriate breed association or society, or by a copy of the application for registration.
- (2) (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to dairy cattle exhibited at a fair if a national breed association certifies that those dairy cattle are recorded in that breed association's qualified herd book which records the genealogy of that breed.
- (3) Any animal entered as part of a group class may also be exhibited in a class for individual animals.
- (4) Boars may not be entered as an exhibit in the swine department unless their tusks have been removed.
- (5) The age of an animal, for purposes of determining its entry class under this chapter, shall be determined as of the opening day of the fair.

History: Cr. Register, November, 1990, No. 419, eff. 12-1-90; renum. and am. (2) to be (2) (a) and cr. (2) (b), Register, July, 1995, No. 475, eff. 8-1-95; CR 11-037: cr. (5) Register April 2012 No. 676, eff. 5-1-12; CR 21-093: am. (2) Register September 2022 No. 801, eff. 10-1-22.

**ATCP 160.39 SENIOR CITIZENS DIVISION; GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.**

- (1) The age of exhibitors in the senior citizens division is limited to persons 62 years of age or over.
- (2) Exhibitors in the senior citizens division may not enter identical items or articles in both the senior citizens division and the corresponding classes of the regular open division.
- (3) State aid may not be used to award more than one premium to an exhibitor in a premium or lot number in the senior citizens division.
- (4) State aid may not be used to award a premium to an exhibitor who exhibits an item that has been exhibited in the senior citizens division previously in a state aid funded fair in that calendar year and resulted in a premium being awarded for that item.

History: CR 21-093: (title), (1), (2) renum. from ATCP 160.06 (title), (1), (2), cr. (3), (4) Register September 2022 No. 801, eff. 10-1-22.

## ATCP 160.49 JUNIOR FAIR DIVISION; GENERAL.

- (1) In the junior fair division, the department may pay state aid on prizes offered to exhibitors who are ages 8 to 20 years of age on January 1 of the current fair year and exhibitors who are 5 to 9 years of age on January 1 of the current fair year who are exhibiting under s. ATCP 160.65. A fair board may establish specific entry classes within each department. A fair board may establish subgroups within a junior fair entry class based on the exhibitor's age or grade in school. The department may not pay state aid on prizes for club parades, club floats, song contests, or a project which is not an exhibit or demonstration at the fair.
- (2) All exhibitors in the junior fair division shall be members of a youth organization approved by the fair board.
- (3) Exhibits in the junior fair shall be the product of the exhibitor's own labor. An exhibit may include a study project, merit project or other special project, a skill area, or a supervised occupational experience in which the exhibitor is regularly enrolled, provided that the fair board approves the project, skill area, or supervised occupational experience as an exhibit.
- (4) State aid may not be used to award more than one premium to an exhibitor in a premium or lot number in the junior fair division, except for any of the following:
  - (a) A premium may be awarded to each member of a group that collectively owns and enters a livestock exhibit in departments one to 5 of subch. IV.
  - (b) An exhibitor may receive a separate premium for showmanship where authorized under subch. IV.
  - (c) An exhibitor may receive more than one premium in a department for which additional premiums are specifically authorized under subch. IV.
- (5) State aid may not be used to award a premium to an exhibitor who exhibits an item or animal that has been exhibited in the junior division previously in a state aid funded fair in that calendar year and resulted in a premium being awarded for that item or animal.

## ATCP 160.91 JUDGING REGULATIONS.

- (1) Judging shall be done at fairs by individuals who are registered with the department. In no case shall any person who is an officer or director of a fair be eligible to judge exhibits at such fair; nor shall any person interested directly or indirectly in exhibits shown in any department of a fair be eligible to judge articles or animals in that department.
  - (1m)
    - (a) An individual shall register by submitting to the department an application. The department shall register all individuals who qualify to be judges, including having the knowledge, training, or experience in the specific classes to be judged and adhering to ethical judging practices. The registration is valid for five years.
    - (b) An individual submitting an application after July 1 may not judge for the current fair year.
    - (c) A fair representative may request the department waive par. (b) in cases of unanticipated emergency situations.
  - (2) Each judge at a fair shall be provided with a copy of the fair's premium book or list of entry classes at least 7 days prior to the opening date of the fair.
  - (3) No animal or article, irrespective of the number of entries in the class in which it is entered, shall be awarded a higher rating than its merit would entitle it to in comparison to the standard of perfection in the class.
  - (4)
    - (a) Danish system judging may be used in the junior fair division. State aid may not be paid on premiums awarded under the Danish system in any other division.
    - (b) When classes in the junior fair division are judged according to the Danish system, 4 group placings shall

be awarded in any class. When there are less than 8 exhibitors in the class, there shall not be more than 2 in the first group, not more than 4 in the first 2 groups and not more than 6 in the first 3 groups. If there are 8 or more entries in the class, there shall not be more than 25% in the first group, not more than 50% in the first 2 groups, and not more than 75% in the first 3 groups.

(c) The number of awards in the last group placing may be increased to the extent necessary to give awards to all exhibitors.

(4g) When classes in the junior fair division are judged using the conference judging system, the judge shall use sub. (4) (b) and (c) to award placements in a class.

(5) If any class of exhibits at a fair is judged according to the regular system, the judges for that class may give only one first-place, one second-place, one third-place and one fourth-place award in that class.

History: Cr. Register, April, 1976, No. 244, eff. 5-1-76; am. (1), Register, March, 1980, No. 291, eff. 4-1-80; renum. from Ag 5.07, Register, November, 1990, No. 419, eff. 12-1-90; am. (2), and cr. (5), Register, July, 1995, No. 475, eff. 8-1-95; CR 21-093: am. (1), cr. (1m), am. (2), (4) (a), (b), cr. (4g), (am) (5) Register September 2022 No. 801, eff. 10-1-22.

(6) Special educational exhibits may be established if the proposal is presented to the department before October 1 of the year preceding its proposed establishment and the exhibit is approved by the department.

(7) Within any junior fair department, a fair may establish special classes where none are specified under this subchapter. Special classes may include classes for grade and crossbred females in the beef, swine, sheep and horse departments. Premiums for special classes created under this subsection shall be equal to premiums for comparable classes established in the same department under this subchapter.

(8) The fair board may establish specific classes are age or grade level groupings within classes for each of the junior fair departments 14 to 16, 18, 20 to 29, 31, 33, and 34.

(9) Judging in the junior fair division may be done using the regular, face-to-face, conference or Danish judging system.

History: CR 21-093: renum. (title), (1) to (4) from ATCP 160.04 (title), (1) to (4) and, as renumbered, am. (1), (2), (4) (intro.), cr. (5), renum. (6), (7) from ATCP 160.04 (7), (8) and am., cr. c(8), (9) Register September 2022 No. 801, eff. 10-1-22.

## FAIR PARKING POLICY ATTENTION EXHIBITORS Your Help is Needed!

Please observe the "No Parking on the Grounds" policy. This includes parking in front of all buildings and in areas where signs are posted.

All vehicles must be removed from the grounds by 9:30 a.m.

- If your vehicle is given notice to be moved, please do so. After a second notice to move your vehicle, it will be moved for you at your expense.
- All hauling trailers will be asked to return home until Sunday afternoon.
- Horse trailers with dressing rooms will be coordinated by the Executive Committee of the La Crosse County Horse Project.
- A designated parking area on the north side of the fence line will be available for out of county or long-distance exhibitors. Please see an Ag. Society Board member in the Exhibition Office for help in parking in the designated parking area.

This policy is issued for safety reasons and for delivering customer service to our fair guests. If you have a question regarding this policy, please visit the fair office in the Exhibition Building during the fair.

**Thank you for your cooperation.  
The La Crosse County Agricultural Society**