



# RULES & REGULATIONS

The Otter Tail County Fair Association Board of Managers reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations, and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the fair.

1. No person, group or organization shall sell merchandise or food, distribute literature, sell raffle tickets, solicit or protest on our Fairgrounds during the County Fair. However, a person, group or organization may rent a commercial space and operate within the confines of space rented. The tacking or posting of any printed material, etc. is prohibited other than within there rented or appointed booth space.
2. The Fair Association wishes to promote a wholesome and educational event for the entire family. All exhibits and displays, including concessionaire products are subject to review by Otter Tail County Fair Officials. Items prohibited for sale/displayed on the grounds include weapons, such as switchblade knives; fireworks; sexually explicit/pornographic; vulgar/profane materials.
3. Gate Admission is \$5.00 per person, ages 10 and under free. Season tickets are \$15.00 each, including parking. Advance season tickets are available at the Fair Office.
4. Daily Gate Hours:  
Wednesday 4pm-11pm  
Thursday 11am-11pm  
Friday 11am-11pm  
Saturday 11am-11pm
5. Exhibit Building hours open to the public: Officially open Wednesday, Entry Day, 4pm. Daily thereafter 11am to 10pm.
6. Accident or injury reporting is required if you are injured at the County Fair. Please report to the First Aid Station located in tent near the Willis Roehl Building with treatment provided by Lake Region Healthcare Corp.
7. **NO PETS ALLOWED ON GROUNDS** except those, which are part of an exhibit, demonstration, or service animal for individuals with disabilities.

The management reserves the right to add to these rules, as they in their judgment may deem advisable.

## Exhibit Entries

8. Entries for premiums may be made by residents of Otter Tail County and residents of townships of Clay, Wilkin, Becker, Grant, and Douglas Counties that border West Otter Tail County.
- 8a. Entry forms for open class exhibits can be printed from [www.wotcountyfair.com](http://www.wotcountyfair.com) and brought to the fair completed.
9. No exhibitor shall be allowed to make more than one entry in any one lot, and nothing except livestock, that has been previously shown at this fair. Exhibitors should come with necessary information including division, lot number, and description of exhibit, which can be obtained from this premium list.
10. Entries for premiums in the individual lots of grain, fruits, and forage shall not be permitted to appear as part of collections.
11. No article or animal shall compete for more than one premium, except livestock competing in teams or groups.
12. Every exhibit must be entered in the name of the bona fide owner. Grain, vegetables, fruits and other exhibits must have been raised or made by the exhibitor during the past year.
13. No exhibits will be accepted for the competition, which are not listed in the official Premium list. Exhibits of a non-competitive nature may be made with the approval of the superintendent or Fair management. These exhibits will be arranged, as far as possible, in conformity with the wishes of the exhibitor and space available.
14. Every article in competition must correspond in number, size of sample and description with the Premium List and be in its proper class in order to obtain premiums. No change or alteration will be permitted after the books are placed in the hands of the judges.
15. Each entry tag shall be securely attached to the entry itself, or the stall, pen or receptacle in which it is shown.
16. Entrees in all open class divisions must be made on or before, and in place, before 6pm on Wednesday.
17. All stalls, pens, or cages must be kept clean and in an orderly manner at all times by the exhibitor.
18. Vet charges. Exhibitors are responsible for all care and all veterinary charges incurred by their animals.
19. Health requirements for exhibition of livestock and poultry in Minnesota is found in the 4-H Premium List, which may be obtained at the West Otter Tail Extension Office, located at 505 South Court St. in Fergus Falls, or by calling 218-998-8760.
20. Exhibit Release Time – ALL EXHIBITS INCLUDING COMMERCIAL BOOTHS MUST REMAIN ON DISPLAY UNTIL 8PM ON SATURDAY. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.
21. Premiums will not be paid on exhibits or animals removed from exhibition prior to the release time specified above.
22. Not responsible for loss or damage. The Association will take every precaution in its power for the preservation of the articles and stock on exhibition, but will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur in the delivery, exhibition or removal of exhibits.
23. Claims: Persons having claims against the Association must present them to the Secretary within fifteen days after the last day of the Fair in writing.

## Awards

24. The awards on open class entries will be designated by ribbons or cards as follows: 1st: Blue, 2nd: Red, 3rd: White
25. All awards shall be made by comparison of the individual merits of the entries.
26. Any interference by exhibitors to influence or dictate the decision of the judges shall be sufficient cause for excluding his or her entry from competition, and should be reported to the Secretary through the Superintendent.
27. No appeal from the decision of the judges shall be allowed. An exhibitor shall make protest to the superintendent of the division at the time of award, who may then require the judges to give reasons for such placing. No judge shall act as judge over any lot in which he has made an entry nor shall award and discretionary premiums.

28. Premiums will not be awarded to articles or animals of inferior merit, although there may be no competition. Where the number of competitors in any lot is less than the number of awards, the judge may, at their discretion, award lower prizes, omitting higher ones.
29. The Superintendent of the division, or other person appointed shall assist the judge as clerk and shall keep a record of the awards made. This record when completed shall be signed by the judges and returned to the Secretary.
30. Premiums not claimed within sixty days after the Fair will be considered forfeited to the Society.
31. Open Class Superintendent reserves the right to reject any open class exhibit(s) they deem to not be of quality standards for the division in which the exhibit(s) to be entered. The Superintendent's decisions are final and may not be appealed.

## Open Class Superintendents:

Dolly Johnson, General  
Mavis Schleske, General

## University of Minnesota Extension - WOTCo Staff:

Tammy Nordick, Troy Schrupp, 4-H Program Coordinators  
Leah Maertens, Office Manager  
Ashley Stevens, 4-H Summer Assistant

## County Fair Admittance Policy

Please note that admission will be charged starting at 4pm on Entry Day and 11am the remainder of the Fair. Fair admittance per day is \$5.00 for everyone age 11 and over. Ten (10) and under are free! However, 4-H members will receive their fair pass on Entry Day. Must enter at least one project at the County Fair in order to receive a free pass.

The Otter Tail County Fair Association is making a special reduced rate "advanced" season pass available. The season pass will cost \$15.00 and will admit one person all 4 days of the fair. Great deal! The passes may be purchased at the Fair Office or at the County Extension Office.

Please have correct change or make checks payable to WOTCo.

4-H SEASON PASSES MUST BE PURCHASED BEFORE THE FAIR IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE REDUCED RATE.