

## GENERAL RULES

**ENTRY GUIDELINES** – Please Note: This catalog is planned to follow the State Premium Book as amended as closely as possible. The Board of Directors has attempted to make this book comply with State Fair Fund Rules.

- All entries **MUST** be made in advance. Late entry forms and fees will be returned to the exhibitor.
- **All Entry Forms and Entry Fees must be postmarked on or before August 1, 2023.** The entry office will be open Monday – Friday 9am – 3pm, and on Monday, August 1, from 9am – 7pm.
- **Checks should be made payable to Westmoreland Fair**
- Use appropriate entry forms (Livestock, Inside, Poultry, Dairy Cattle, Wine, or Beer) and mail with fees to:

**Westmoreland Ag Fair  
C/O Entry Office  
PO Box 501  
Pleasant Unity, PA 15676**

### ENTRY ARRIVAL AND RELEASE

- All Inside Agricultural and Family Living Exhibits are to arrive at the Fairgrounds on **Thursday, August 17, 2023**, between **4:00pm – 8:00pm** *except Beer and Wine Exhibits, which are to arrive by August 1 at 7:00 pm.*
- All Inside Agricultural and Home Economic Exhibits will be released on **Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am – NOON**
- Antique Farm Machinery may arrive between **Monday August 14, 2023**, thru **Friday August 18, 2023**
- **Breeding animals may arrive on Saturday if accompanied by market animals. In which case, the Superintendents must be notified in advance, except for hogs.**
- **Following are the Livestock Arrival and Release Dates:**

| Livestock   | Arrival Dates                                    | Release Dates<br><b>**All animals must be off the grounds by 12:30pm on Sunday, August 27th</b> |
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| *Light Horses   | Fri, August 18, 9am-4pm                          | Tues, Aug. 22, 10pm through<br>Wed, Aug 23, 8am   |
| *Draft, Mini, and Long Ears Horses  | Wed, August 23, 10am-4pm                         | Sat, August 26, Midnight  |
| Dairy Cattle (Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Ayrshire, and Milking Shorthorns)      | Fri, August 18, 9am-4pm                          | Tues, August 22, 10pm-11pm  |
| Dairy Cattle (Holstein, Red & Whites, Jersey and Other Pure Bred)           | Wed, August 23, noon-4pm                         | Sat, August 26, Midnight  |
| Breeding Sheep, Breeding Beef, Breeding Meat Goats, Dairy Goats, and Llamas | Fri, August 18, 9am-4pm                          | Sat, August 26, Midnight  |
| Breeding Swine  | Sat., August 19, 8am-Noon                        | Mon. Aug. 21, 10 pm<br>No later than Tues. Aug 22, 6AM  |
| Market Lambs, Goats, Rabbits, & Poultry                                     | Sat, August 19, 8am-noon<br><i>No exceptions</i> | Sun, August 27, 8am   |
| Prospect Steer, Non-Market Poultry and Rabbits                              | Sat, August 19, 8am-noon                         | Sat, August 26, Midnight  |
| Market Hogs-Following State Guidelines                                      | Tues., Aug. 22, 9:30am-11:30 am                  | Sun, August 27, 8am   |

**\*Horse arrival and release times may vary depending on stalling.**

- **No animals will be released from their stalls until midnight, no exceptions.**
- The owner of any animal coming from another fair should notify the entry secretary prior to the fair. The animals will be accepted until 4pm on Saturday, August 19, 2023.

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Please review yearly for any new rules or changes

1. All exhibitors agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of the Westmoreland Agricultural Fair Association.
2. Fair management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules and regulations as its judgment may determine.
3. Reasonable care will be taken to protect all exhibits on display from injury and damage. The fair is not, in any way, to be held responsible for damage or loss due to accidents, water, fire, theft, natural disaster, or any other occurrence.
4. The fair staff and any volunteer representing the fair are not responsible for injury to any livestock entry while on the grounds for exhibition or competition.
5. Entries will be made according to classification.
6. Premiums as listed may be given for meritorious exhibits. IN CASES WHERE THERE IS ONLY ONE EXHIBITOR, JUDGES MAY GIVE AN AWARD SUCH AS THEY DEEM THE EXHIBIT IS WORTHY TO RECEIVE. The same rule applies where there are fewer entries in any class than the number of premiums offered. The judges may, at their discretion, award a prize or prizes of such grade, as the exhibitor deserves.
7. The space for competitive exhibits is limited. The fair reserves the right to limit the number of entries in any department.
8. All livestock exhibitors are responsible for their own bedding. Any unnatural bedding, ie rugs, rubber mats and the like, must be removed at the end of the fair. A surcharge will be assessed of the exhibitor if not removed. When disposing of manure – please remove all trash.
9. Exhibitors may not remove tack, equipment or displays during release of market animals on Sunday morning between 8:00 AM and noon.
10. For pedestrian safety and traffic flow, livestock exhibitors are not to hang decorations, tack boxes etc., on the outside of pens. Exhibitors will be asked to remove such items.
11. The fair reserves the right to determine the number and type of entries shown by any one exhibitor.
12. No exhibitor may enter more than 2 animals in any one class, limited to one entry per group class per exhibitor, except for rabbits.
13. The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases except where mistakes, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of award, is proven. In such cases, the Superintendent, Manager, or Secretary of the fair or show, or such referee as he may appoint, may make the decision. The case may be appealed to the Fair Management, from whose decision there can be no appeal. All protests regarding the judging must be made in writing and must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal. Such protests must be filed at the fair office within 24 hours of the occurrence.
14. It shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor to make known the proper name of the article or breed of livestock he is entering. Any item entered improperly will be disqualified to receive a prize, but the judges will mark the correct name on the entry tag for the benefit of the owner so the same mistake in entering need not be made the second time.
15. **All entries must be grown, produced, or made since the last fair.**
16. All livestock offered for premiums must be the property of the owners thirty days or longer.
17. Superintendents of a Department reserve the right to bar from competition any entry of inferior quality and those not possessing sufficient merit to warrant recognition. The fair reserves the right to remove any exhibit not worthy of viewing by the public.
18. **No exhibit may be removed at any time before the closing of the fair except by consent of the management.**
19. During the judging, buildings, except livestock arenas, are to be closed to everyone except for officials, judges and necessary attendants. No exhibitor or his agent shall communicate with the judge during the time of determining the awards, except to answer questions proposed by the judges. Any exhibitor or his agent interfering with the judges while making awards shall forfeit any premium to which he would otherwise be entitled.
20. No one is permitted in the ring while stock is being judged except the judge, superintendents, and necessary attendants.
21. Should any animal awarded a prize be disqualified, the animals gaining the lower prizes shall move into the next higher position, if in the opinion of the judges the animals are worthy of such prizes.
22. When exhibitors and animals are in the ring, each animal must be under halter and under the owner's control.
23. Joint ownership is considered to be as one owner in accordance with registration papers.
24. If earned premiums exceed the total budget the Fair Association reserves the right to pro-rate the difference between the winners.
25. All premium checks will be mailed within a week of the final fair day. Correct mailing addresses must be given on the entry forms or premiums will be forfeited. All checks must be cashed within 60 days of the check issue date. No checks will be reissued. All requests for premium check corrections must be made by September 15<sup>th</sup>.
26. Entry fees must accompany entry forms. See entry forms for fees.
27. NSF (Non-sufficient funds) checks will result in a \$30 extra charge. Premiums will be withheld until this is resolved.

28. Where an award ribbon is lost, stolen, or destroyed, the exhibitor may, **if available**, receive a duplicate at the close of the fair which shall be supplied by the fair free of charge.
29. Exhibitors of horses, dairy and beef animals are entitled to one tie space for each animal entered and exhibited. No displays are permitted to be set up until stalls are assigned. Space will be provided for tack, *if available*.
30. For Champion Awards – where there are less than 3 exhibitors in competition, will be at the judge's discretion.
31. No vehicles will be permitted entry through any gate between the hours of 4-11pm. All vehicles must be removed from the area around the barn and other designated areas from 4 to 11pm. The rule will be strictly enforced in order to maintain fire safety access.
32. The livestock gate will be closed from 11pm – 6am nightly.
33. No entry fee will be refunded unless the application is withdrawn before the closing date of entries.
34. All exhibits will be limited to one entry per person, per class, unless otherwise noted under department rules.
35. Only exhibits listed in the exhibitor guide will be accepted for judging.
36. Animals may be housed *only* in the barns or designated tie out areas.
37. No animals from one building are permitted in any other buildings.
38. Over fitting of **ALL LIVESTOCK** is discouraged. Any artificial means used to change the form or shape of an animal will disqualify it from competition.
39. Fitting areas will be designated by the department superintendent for the safety of both animals and the spectators.
40. Food products cannot be treated with any substance that causes them to become poisonous and/or unfit for consumption. Any such incidents must be reported to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Fair Program for further review.
41. Department Superintendents may enter exhibits in their own departments, but neither they nor any other exhibitor may communicate with the judges during award determination time, except to answer questions proposed by judges.
42. Any exhibitor not abiding by the rules may be asked to remove their exhibits and will forfeit any premiums awarded.
43. **NOTICE: Prior authorization from the office IS REQUIRED for queens from other fairs to participate in Westmoreland Fair festivities, such as presenting awards, etc.**
44. **No bikes, skateboards, scooters, or any wheeled vehicles besides wheelchairs and medically approved scooters are permitted.**
45. **Livestock group classes cannot be entered by anyone who does not have at least one of the group animals entered in their name.**

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PROHIBITED-** Pennsylvania Criminal Law Section 6308 Purchase, consumption, possession, or transportation of intoxicating beverages. OFFENSE DEFINED-A person being less than 21 years of age, attempts to purchase, purchases, consumes, possesses, or transports any alcoholic, liquor, malt, or brewed beverages.

#### **LIABILITY: Personal and Property Damage**

All persons who enter the Fairgrounds and use the facilities on said grounds for purpose of exhibiting, displaying, competing or in any manner participating in the Fair, do so at their own risk. The Westmoreland Agricultural Fair Association will not be liable for any personal injury or property damage suffered by any person visiting the Fair irrespective of how such injury or damage occurs.

The Westmoreland Agricultural Fair Association will not intentionally show or permit to be shown, any dangerous attractions on the grounds. However, the showing of certain attractions require that spectators be reasonably watchful of the conduct of children and though the Wafa will take every precaution, it will not be responsible for any personal injury or property damage suffered by reason of any attraction shown or exhibited during the fair.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT DUTIES**

1. Assign stalls and pens for all livestock entries. Pen assignments are final.
2. Each superintendent is responsible for the preparation of their department for receiving and releasing of exhibits. They must be present on opening day to receive exhibits, also on judging day to oversee the judging and display. The remainder of fair week each superintendent is to be sure that someone is available to answer questions and solve problems in each department. They are to act as the intermediary between the judge and the exhibitor.
3. Attest to the accuracy of the judging results.