

# **Agriculture-Horticulture-Floriculture**

## **2007 General Rules and Regulations**

1. Entry closing dates are listed in each Division and Section.
2. **NEW - A ten-dollar (\$10.00) processing fee will be required per exhibitor. Payment must accompany the signed official entry form. NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE.**
3. All entries must be made using the 2007 Ohio State Fair – Agriculture/Horticulture/Floriculture Entry Form. This form should be mailed to the Ohio Expositions Commission or other sponsoring organization as indicated in the specific Division and Section.
4. Each exhibitor is offered the opportunity to purchase discount tickets for the Fair. The purchase of these tickets is optional. A 6-day ticket is available for twenty-seven dollars (\$27); a 12-day ticket is forty-five (\$45); and single admission discount tickets are available for five dollars (\$5) each. You may order as many tickets as you wish.
5. Each exhibitor has the option of purchasing a 6-day parking sticker at the cost of forty dollars (\$40) or a 12-day parking permit at a cost of seventy-five dollars (\$75). The parking sticker will permit the exhibitor to enter a specific gate and park in a preferred parking space for exhibitors on a first-come, first served basis.
6. The Ohio Expositions Commission has established the following policy regarding dishonored checks: Exhibitors checks dishonored at any financial institution for any reason will be charged a \$25 service fee. This fee along with the amount of the dishonored check will have to be paid to the Entry Department before an exhibitor receives their credentials for competition.
7. Arrival times, release times, and judging schedules vary by division and class. Specific dates/times are listed in each division/section area.
8. A completed, official entry tag, supplied by the Ohio State Fair or sponsoring entity, must accompany each exhibit. The exhibitor name and other personal information must remain concealed until all Section judging has been completed. Ohio State Fair Management's reserve the right to move any entry to the appropriate class and to divide classes if numbers merit. Entry tags may be mailed or will be available at time of entry.
9. Exhibits are displayed on an honorary basis. It is the Ohio State Fair Management's desire to have all products to be current year's growth, except those not mature at time of the Fair. If the present season's growth is not mature, products of the season immediately prior to current season may be used.
10. All exhibits to have been produced by the exhibitor and the qualities, quantities and/or limitations of the various classes must be compliant with all rules and regulations.
11. An individual item may not be entered in more than one class.
12. ***Do not make entries in Championship Classes, Special Award Classes, Best of Show or Sweepstakes Classes.***

13. Once the entry placement deadline has passed, entries may not be handled, rearranged or changed without permission of the Superintendent.
14. **NEW - Exhibitors may make up to two entries in any class, and receive premiums on both entries. Unless otherwise noted in section rules. Amateur Floral Arts, Division 23, Section 2302, Classes 10 – 38, limit one entry per class.**
15. **Exhibits not removed by the end of the stated release time will become the property of the Ohio State Fair Management. Exhibits removed prior to release time will result in forfeiture of all premiums and cause the exhibitor to be barred from exhibiting at the 2008 Ohio State Fair. The Agriculture Horticulture Building will close promptly at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 12.**
16. All awards must be picked up at the Fair. *NONE WILL BE MAILED.*
17. Unworthy entries will not be placed by the judge.
18. The decision of the judges shall be final, except where a mistake, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award, is apparent. In such cases the Manager may make a decision or, with his approval, the matter may be referred to the Ohio Expositions Commission, from whose decision there can be no appeal. In case of a protest and appeal where an entry is disqualified, all other placing shall move up.
19. Judges will not be permitted to show in classes they are judging.
20. Management may remove any item from any exhibition, if it detracts from the exhibit, appears spoiled, diseased and/or unwholesome.
21. Ohio State Fair Management will exercise due caution in safeguarding exhibits and awards, but management can not assume responsibility for any injury or loss
22. Premiums will be paid at the conclusion of the fair. In paying premiums, no evidence of awards will be recognized except the entry book properly signed by the judge and clerk. Any exhibitor who has not received all monies due them from the Ohio State Fair, by October 15, 2007, should immediately notify the Ohio State Fair, 717 East 17th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43211, or phone 614/644-4052. All Ohio State Fair checks are void ninety (90) days after they are issued. Any checks not cashed or processed by December 31, 2007 are automatic forfeiture of any premiums won at the 2007 Ohio State Fair. All premiums will be paid by the organizations conducting the competition.
23. Protests (accompanied by a protest fee of \$100.00) must be made in writing, signed and sworn to by party or parties making protest, and filed with the Manager by noon of the day following an award. The Ohio Expositions Commission will retain the \$100.00 fee if the protest is not sustained. The Manager shall hear protests with the Superintendent of the department involved. All protests will be considered at a time set by the Manager of the Ohio State Fair and all parties interested will be notified.

24. In the question of a rule violation, the following due process will be used: The exhibitor and/or parties involved will be questioned by the Ohio State Fair officials. If it is felt a violation has occurred, Fair officials will make recommendations to the committee members of the Ohio Expositions Commission that are appointed to that particular department. After the committee hears the case and recommendations are presented by the Fair officials they will decide if the case should be brought before the full Commission. In the decision of a case being brought before the Commission, all parties involved will be notified of a hearing date with all parties having the right to present their case. Upon hearing the case, the Ohio Expositions Commission will make a ruling. When satisfactory evidence has been obtained by the Ohio State Fair Management that any of the rules have been violated, the exhibitor and/or exhibitor's family may be barred from showing in any future Ohio State Fair. The minimum number of years for a barment is three (3) years before the right to a review. The Ohio State Fair Management will require the exhibitor to refund all premiums, trophies, awards and ribbons under such violation. Unless fraud and/or deception are involved, all championship placings stand.

*Questions regarding entry fees, entry tags, and admission tickets*  
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