GENERAL INFORMATION
RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING TULSA STATE FAIR

Please read all general rules and regulations and all Special Rules carefully.
All exhibitors are responsible for compliance with all rules.
The following rules and regulations will be strictly enforced.

Interpretations, Amendments and Violations

1. Interpretation of Rules: The Tulsa State Fair reserves to its management the final and absolute right to interpret all rules and regulations in this exhibitor handbook, and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard there to or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Fair. The Management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules as they, in their judgment, may deem advisable.

2. Violation of Rules: Any person who violates any of the following or special rules shall forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the Tulsa State Fair Management may order. Any probation, disqualification, expulsion, or other disciplinary action of the Tulsa State Fair Management for violation of any of the rules in this Exhibitor Handbook shall be final and not subject to dispute. All participants, exhibitors, and others shall be strictly liable for any violation of the rules and regulations of the Tulsa State Fair contained in this Exhibitor Handbook. All participants, exhibitors, and others expressly waive any and all rights to notice, protest or hearing regarding enforcement of the rules and regulations contained in this Exhibitor Handbook. Should any participant, exhibitor, or concessionaire violate this agreement by contesting the decision or finding of the Management of the Tulsa State Fair by initiating suit, litigation, or legal process, then such participant, exhibitor, or other shall be responsible for the costs and attorney's fees incurred by the Tulsa State Fair in said action.

3. Responsibility of Exhibitor: The following rules and regulations will apply to each and every division of the Fair. Participants, exhibitors, and others are required to familiarize themselves with them. All animals and property entered for competition, display or for any other purpose brought upon the Tulsa State Fairgrounds by any person shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the Tulsa State Fair.

Entry Procedure and Entry Fees

4. Eligibility: Competition is open to the world, with the exception of the Junior Shows, which are limited to Oklahoma 4-H and FFA Members, (See Junior General Rules and Regulations). This is an invitational Livestock Show; The Tulsa State Fair reserves the right to extend or withhold an invitation to any Exhibitor or Contestant.

5. Entry Deadlines: Entry deadline dates are strictly enforced. Entry deadline dates are as follows:
September 1, 2017: Open and Junior Livestock Entry Deadline
September 13, 2017: Contest and Late Entry Deadline

6. Submission of Entries: Open and Junior Show entries and payment must be submitted online. Entries submitted online will be accepted until 12:00 midnight on September 1, 2017. To submit entries online go to the Tulsa State Fair's website, www.tulsastatefair.com. (Junior show exhibitors, please see Junior General Rules and Regulations for details.)

7. Submission of Online Late Entry: Entries saved in the exhibitors cart before September 1 but submitted after September 1 will be charged a $50.00 processing fee.

8. Acceptance of Entries: Show Management reserves the right to reject, accept or conditionally accept any entry and/or late entry. Entry does not guarantee stall, pen or coop space in the barns. Entries received after all stalls, pens or coops have been reserved will be returned to the exhibitor. Omission of fees, invalid or incorrect information will disqualify the entry. ***No entries will be accepted via fax or email.**

9. Late Entry Deadline: Animals not entered by September 1, 2017 can be entered online until September 13, 2017. Late livestock entry cost is the animal entry fee plus $50.00 per animal. Late poultry and rabbit cost is the animal entry fee plus $10.00 per animal.

10. Open Show Animal Substitutions: Substitutions of Open Livestock and Horse Show animals will be accepted until 12:00 noon the day preceding the specific show for $10.00. A Substitution Form must be filled out completely. Substitutions must be same breed and/or sex. Change in ownership is not a substitution.

11. Junior Show Animal Substitutions: Substitutions of Junior Prospect Steers, Junior Breeding Heifers, Junior Dairy Cattle and Junior Breeding Ewes will be accepted for a $10.00 fee. A substitution form must be filled out completely. Substitutions must be same species and sex. Change in ownership is not a substitution.

12. Erroneous Entries: At the discretion of Show Management, exhibits that have been erroneously entered may be transferred to their proper classes prior to judging. If such classes have been judged they shall not be reopened.

13. Group Classes: Individual animals shown in group or herd classes must have been entered and shown in one of the classes for single animals in open class competition.

14. Refunds: No refunds will be made on incorrect entries or after the closing entry deadline date.

15. Returned Check: A $35 returned check fee will be charged for checks returned by the bank for any reason.

16. Social Security Number Requirement: All exhibitors and contestants must have a personal Social Security Number to be eligible to participate in the Tulsa State Fair. International Exhibitors and Contestants may be approved on an individual basis.

17. Entry Fees: No entry will be accepted unless the proper entry fees accompany the entry.

Open Breeding Beef Cattle (unless specified otherwise in rules)	$30.00 per head
Open Dairy Cattle	$30.00 per head
Open Breeding Sheep	$20.00 per head
Open Boer Goats	$20.00 per head
Poultry	$3.00 per head
Rabbits	$3.00 per head
Cattle Dog Trials	see division rules
Horse Fees	see division rules
Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest	$125.00 per team, $25.00 per individual
Junior Market Steers	$25.00 per head
Junior Prospect Steers	$35.00 per head
Junior Breeding Heifers	$30.00 per head
Junior Dairy Cattle	$30.00 per head
Junior Breeding Sheep	$20.00 per head
Junior Market Barrows	$15.00 per head
Junior Market Wether Lambs	$15.00 per head
Junior Meat Goats	$15.00 per head
Junior Breeding Gilts	$15.00 per head
Junior Breeding Does	$15.00 per head
Junior Market Broilers (does not including order fees)	$15.00 per pen
Junior Showmanship Contests	$5.00 per individual
Lamb Lead Contest	$15.00 per individual
Cattle Fitting Contest	$15.00 per team
4-H & FFA Judging Contest	$20.00 per team, $5.00 per individual
Commercial Cattle Grading Contest	$3.00 per individual

Optional Fees:

Grooming Chute/Scale Permit	$30.00
5 Day Exhibitor Gate Pass	$25.00
Livestock Exhibitor Parking Pass	$25.00
VIP Exhibitor Parking Pass Weekend 1	$50.00
VIP Exhibitor Parking Pass Week 2	$100.00

18. 5 Day Exhibitor Gate Passes: Livestock and Horse Exhibitors will receive two, (2), complementary exhibitor passes. Poultry, Rabbit, and Pigeon exhibitors will receive one, (1), pass for every four, (4) animals entered with a maximum of two, (2), complementary passes given to each exhibitor. Exhibitor Gate Passes are good for 5 days. Exhibitor will be responsible for picking up and signing for his/her passes at Gate 7 in the McDonald's Credential Station.

19. Livestock Exhibitor Parking Passes: Livestock Exhibitor Parking Passes are good for Lot 6 & 7, September 28 – October 8 upon available space. Passes must be firmly affixed to the left side of the windshield. Partially applied, laminated, wrapped, or taped stickers are not valid. Failure to comply will result in confiscation of Parking Pass and loss of parking privileges.

20. VIP Livestock Exhibitor Parking Passes: VIP Livestock Exhibitor Parking Passes are good for the Horse Shoe Lot, (north of OFD Barn), for the time period purchased; either Weekend 1 or Week 2, upon available space. Passes must be firmly affixed to the left side of the windshield. Partially applied, laminated, wrapped, or taped stickers are not valid. Failure to comply will result in confiscation of Parking Pass and loss of parking privileges.

21. Reissued Passes: No passes will be reissued after sold.

22. RV Reservations: R.V. Park reservations will be accepted for a minimum of 11 days only. Deposits on no-shows will be forfeited. Each deposit must accompany the reservation form. This deposit is good from September 28 - October 8, 2017. All Utilities - (Electric, Water & Sewer) $385.00 for entire fair must deposit $160.00. *Price Subject to change. Additional days will be charged - $40.00 per day. If you have not arrived by 4:00 p.m. Thursday, September 28 your space will be released. Persons wishing to rent space in the R.V. parking area, but not planning to be at the Fairgrounds the full 11 days of the Fair, will be handled on a first come, first served basis with regards to available space at the time of arrival. For reservation information, contact the R.V. Park at (918) 744-1113 ext. 2154.

Exhibitor's Duties and Privileges

23. Conduct of Exhibitor: Show Management may prohibit an exhibitor, exhibitor's employee or family member from competing or exhibiting for rude conduct toward any committee, judge, superintendent or any official of the Tulsa State Fair. Such persons may be reinstated after making proper apologies.

24. Disqualified Exhibitor: Any exhibitor who has been disqualified from participation or who has forfeited a premium or award or who has faced other disciplinary action at any livestock show is not eligible to participate in any competition or event at the Tulsa State Fair and the Tulsa State Fair reserves the right to decline entry, disqualify, or expel any such Exhibitor from competition at the Tulsa State Fair.

25. No Adherence to Rules: Any person found guilty of misrepresentation or not abiding by the rules will be disqualified and denied the privilege of showing at Tulsa State Fair.

26. Special Rules: To be eligible to enter, exhibitors and their livestock must meet the special rules of the animal or breed of animal to be exhibited. These requirements are listed in the Special Rules section in the Open Show, Horse Show, and Junior Show divisions.

27. Show Ring Code of Ethics: All exhibitors and contestants competing in the Tulsa State Fair must adhere to the Show Ring Code of Ethics.

28. Animal Welfare: The Tulsa State Fair is committed to the humane treatment of all animals exhibited. Every possible precaution is taken to insure the animals' safety and well-being. The production practices in the livestock industry are based on good principals of animal husbandry. No one has a greater economic stake in the welfare of animals than the livestock producers and organizations involved in the promotion of agriculture. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to provide proper and humane care and treatment to animals. Show Management reserves the right to disqualify and remove any exhibitor deemed to be in violation of this basic principle of animal husbandry.

29. Animal Care: All owners or persons in charge of property or livestock shall care for, guard, protect, and preserve same, as the Tulsa State Fair does not undertake to do so, and it shall not be held responsible for any loss, shrinkage, or damage to said property or livestock or the owners or exhibitors thereof. The Tulsa State Fair is not responsible for the acts of third parties.

30. Diseased Animals: No animals carrying a disease of any kind will be admitted onto the Fairgrounds at any time. Show Management has authority to refuse unloading privileges to any livestock showing signs or symptoms of disease.

31. Animal Health Regulations: All livestock must enter through Gate 7. The Tulsa State Fair requires all animals entering the grounds to be accompanied by proper health papers which shall be presented at the time of arrival. Exhibitors agree to read and comply with all the current Oklahoma Health Rules and Regulations. Current Oklahoma Animal Health Rules and Regulations take precedent over this rule, no exceptions.

32. Unauthorized Animals: Only animals officially entered will be allowed on the show grounds. Any animal(s) brought onto the grounds which is/are NOT entered for competition or exhibition will be removed from the Fairgrounds.

33. Ownership Requirements: Animals, whether entered singular or in groups, must be the legal property of the exhibitor. Open Show breeding livestock or poultry entries, except where otherwise specified, must be entered in the name of the owner or exhibitor must have permission of owner to enter and/or exhibit animals. All Junior Show entries must be owned by the exhibitor by the specified dates listed in the special rules for each specie.

34. Certificates of Registry: Animals in the breeding classes must be recorded in the recognized books of record for their respective breeds. Exhibitors must produce original certificates of registry at the request of the Superintendent in charge. Tattoo, ear tags or other identification marks must match registration certificates.

35. Arrivals: All vehicles hauling livestock must use Gate 7 on 15th Street. Health papers will be checked before unloading. **Gate 7 is open from 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. NO LIVESTOCK WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE GROUNDS WHILE GATE 7 IS CLOSED.**

36. Releases: Each exhibitor must obtain a written release authorized by Show Management before leaving the property with any animals or trailers. Any exhibitor removing an animal or exhibits before designated release time will be barred from future competition in the Tulsa State Fair, and will forfeit any premiums or awards earned.

37. Trailers: All livestock trailers must be parked in the off-site, secured parking area designated for trailers. No trailers will be allowed to park on the grounds. Exhibitors must have a release to retrieve livestock trailers from the trailer parking area. No animals are permitted to be housed in trailers at the trailer lot.

38. Stalls/Pens: Stalls/pens will be assigned by the superintendent or their representative. Exhibitors making entries and not exhibiting shall forfeit all fees paid for stalls/pens, entry fees, and admission tickets. No stalls will be used for any purpose other than to stall/pen competing livestock. Management reserves the right to return entries when the stall/pen numbers are full. Show Management reserves the right to assign any space not occupied by the exhibitor on opening day of the Fair. No exhibitor will be allowed to sublet or sell any space.

39. Care of Stalls/Pens: Exhibitors will be required to keep stalls/pens and space clean. All trash must be disposed of in trash barrels and animal waste must be placed in the designated animal waste receptacles outside of the barn. No bedding, feed or equipment will be allowed in the center aisle, barn aisles, or in front of barn entrances.

40. Feed and Bedding: For your convenience in obtaining feed and bedding, except where animals are bedded on wood chips, a supplier is located on the north end of the Explorer Barn. It is permissible for exhibitors to bring their own feed and/or bedding but absolutely no deliveries, bulk or otherwise, from any other supplier may be made on the grounds during the Tulsa State Fair.

41. Sales: No exhibitor or other shall sell or give away any merchandise or product unless he has purchased space to conduct such sales.

42. Generators/Fuel: Generators and flammable fuels are prohibited on show grounds.

43. Fans: All fans used in the livestock area must conform to manufacturer's specifications. Show Management strongly urges the use of fans with a three-wire ground plug. All fans used in the livestock barns are to be attached in the following manner: Swine, Sheep, and Goats: Fans must be attached to the pens or on pedestals in the pen. They will not be allowed to operate from any position in the center aisle or in the side aisle alley. There will be no cords across the center aisle and any cords used in the alley must be taped down by the user. Beef, Dairy, and Horses: All fans must be hung securely above the tie area or on the stall. No fans will be allowed to operate in the aisles at any time.

44. Grooming Chutes: Grooming chute passes may be purchased for $30.00 at the time of entry or in the Livestock Office. For safety purposes, grooming chutes will ONLY be permitted in the stall area. Grooming chutes will not be allowed in any walking area, aisles or bay ends. Absolutely no grooming chutes outside of the Oklahoma Ford Dealers or Expedition Barns. All grooming chutes will be issued an official identification tag, which must be displayed on the upper right corner of the grooming chute.

45. Scales: Scale permits may be purchased for $30 at the time of entry or in the Livestock Office. All scales must be used at the end of the aisles. Scale stickers must be placed on the upper, right hand corner at the back of the scale.

46. Schedule: Show Management reserves the right to cancel or change scheduling when necessary due to unforeseen circumstances.

47. Addition/Cancelation of Shows: Show Management reserves the right to add or cancel a show at their discretion.

48. Arena Promptness: Exhibitors are responsible for knowing the times at which their animals will be judged. Any animal not presented promptly will be ruled ineligible and barred from competition in the class. No complaint or protest on the grounds that the judge overlooked animals will be considered.

49. Public Address System: It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be sure that their animal is at the gate at the appropriate time. Every effort will be made to maintain a working public address system to make class calls. No protest will be upheld, nor will any class be changed on the basis of public address malfunction.

50. Show Equipment: Livestock Shows provide an opportunity for the general public to be exposed to agriculture. Exhibitors should be mindful of the show equipment being use and the manner in which it is being used at all times. Cable halters and pronged chains are prohibited.

51. Unmanageable Animals: The safety of exhibitors and patrons are top priority. Therefore, Show Management may disqualify any animal deemed unmanageable.

52. Disqualification of Animal: Should any animal/entry awarded a prize be disqualified, the lower placing animals/entries will NOT move into the higher position.

53. Interfering with Judges: Any exhibitor or exhibitor's representative who attempts to interfere with a judge or displays disrespect to a judge shall be excluded from competing or exhibiting and forfeit any premiums or awards.

54. Judges Decision: The decisions of a judge shall be final and no appeal will be considered.

55. Premiums: Premiums offered by the Tulsa State Fair will be paid as soon as they can be properly processed after the conclusion of the Tulsa State Fair. Premiums will be mailed to the address submitted with entry.

56. Payment of Premiums: In paying premiums no evidence of award will be recognized unless the judging results have been properly recorded by the superintendent and signed by the judge. Premiums will be paid by check after the fair. Premium checks will not be issued to exhibitors that did not provide their SSN at the time of entry. All premium checks will be void after 60 days from issue date. Lost premium checks must be reported within 90 days following the fair. No premium checks will be rewritten after 90 days following the fair.

57. Objectionable Exhibits: Show Management reserves the right to remove from the grounds any exhibit, animal, concession or show that may be falsely entered or may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable, or to remove any sign, banner or advertising matter of any kind which may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable by them, without assigning a reason therefore, and if necessary to return any money already paid for space or stalls, which shall exonerate them from any claim whatsoever on the part of the exhibitor or purchaser.

58. Transportation Methods on Grounds: The use of golf carts, bikes, skateboards, and any other wheeled or motorized mode of transportation is prohibited by exhibitors on the grounds. Pedestrians always have the right of way.

59. Pets or Dogs: No dogs or pets shall be permitted on the Fairgrounds or in exhibit buildings during the Fair except when confined within the campgrounds unless they are part of an authorized act, exhibit or entered in the Cattle Dog Trials or 4-H Dog Show.

60. Smoking: A "no smoking" policy in exhibit buildings will be in effect at the Tulsa State Fair.

61. Liability: In no case shall the Tulsa State Fair, or any of its officers or employees, be held responsible for any loss, damage, tampering, administration of any drug or substance, misuse, sabotage, alteration, injury, death or disability by disease, or from theft, or from any other cause to any such animal or other property, or to any person coming upon said Fairgrounds while said person or property are on the Fairgrounds. The Tulsa State Fair hereby refuses to assume any responsibility for animals or other property brought upon said Fairgrounds, same being brought upon and kept upon said grounds at owner's sole risk. If the property owners or others interested in the property desire protection against loss, damage or injury from fire or any other cause, they must arrange for and pay for such insurance. Each exhibitor is solely responsible for the care, protection and security of their own animals while at the Tulsa State Fair.

62. Claim for Injury: The Tulsa State Fair expressly refuses to assume any liability for injuries to the persons of any of the exhibitors or their officers and employees or to any patrons or other persons coming upon the grounds of the Tulsa State Fair and no claims for injury to any person or property shall ever be asserted or suit instituted or maintained against the Tulsa State Fair, its officers, agents, representatives, or employees for said cause by any person having license or privilege to exhibit on the Fairgrounds or occupying space thereon, and it is a part of the consideration for such license or privilege that such claims for damages are specifically waived. If any damage, loss or injury to person or property shall be proximately caused by reason of negligence or willful act of any person, firm or corporation, or their agents, representatives, servants or employees having license or privilege to exhibit on said Fairgrounds or occupying space thereon, the Tulsa State Fair shall in no manner be liable. All persons causing same or liable therefore shall indemnify the said Tulsa State Fair at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

63. Protests: "Notwithstanding the other rules in this Exhibitor Handbook, contestants and exhibitors may protest the actions of other contestants and exhibitors." All protest must be made in writing and accompanied by a deposit of $500.00, which deposit will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Said protest must be filed with the Show Management within five hours after the award was made, it being considered that award was made when ribbon or premium card is placed. Appeals must contain at least one specific charge stating at length the facts or the rule violated, and naming witnesses and their addresses to substantiate the charge. In addition to the right of protest therein guaranteed to exhibitors, the Management reserves the right to take cognizance of fraud consummated or attempted in connection with an animal and take such action as may be deemed just and proper. All questions or disputes or differences not provided for under these rules shall be referred to the Management, whose decision shall be final.

64. Appeals: No complaint or appeal based upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent or have overlooked an animal or article will be considered by the Management. The right of an exhibitor to appeal from the decisions of a judge to the Management will lie only when it is charged that the award has been made in violation of the rules governing the exhibit; or when it is charged that the decision of the judges has been influenced or interfered with by another. All questions or disputes or differences not provided for under these rules shall be referred to the Management, whose decision shall be final.