RULES FOR ALL EXHIBITORS

*****IMPORTANT NOTICE*****
THE FARM SHOW WILL NOT MAIL PREMIUM (PRIZE) CHECKS.
IF YOU CANNOT PICK UP AT THE DESIGNATED TIMES, PLEASE DROP OFF A LONG (#10) SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE IN THE FARM SHOW OFFICE BEFORE OR DURING SHOW WEEK.
CHECKS MUST BE CASHED BY SEPTEMBER 30 OR THEY BECOME NULL AND VOID.

If all goes well, premium checks will be available <u>when announced</u> Saturday of show week at the office and from 1 PM to 2 PM on Sunday near the Arts & Crafts Building. Checks and unclaimed items may be picked up at the Farm Show Office from noon to 6 PM, Tuesday, Aug. 18, or Wed., Aug. 19, or by appointment (call 724-482-4000). Items will only be kept until September 30.

1. The Board of Directors of the Butler Farm Show has the right to accept or refuse any entries.
2. All exhibitors agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of Butler Farm Show. The show management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules and regulations as its judgment may determine.
3. NO alcoholic beverages,firearms, drugs, dogs or pets permitted on the grounds. (Only registered service dogs are admitted.) Persons using alcohol or other controlled substances will be expelled from the grounds. Minors caught drinking will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
4. Exhibitors will comply with all directions given by a Director, Farm Show Official or any police or security officer. Failure to immediately comply with the directions will be cause for the exhibitor to be disqualified and be prohibited from entering any future Butler Farm Show exhibitions or shows.
5. All exhibits will be shown under the direction of the Butler Farm Show Board of Directors and the appointed representative or department superintendents. The Butler Farm Show reserves the right to interpret all rules and regulations governing the show and will make decisions based on interpretation of the rules as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the show. All interpretations and decisions will be final.
6. The exhibitor agrees to and shall assume all risks of injury to people and/or animals and/or damage to any property.
7. Violations of the rules or conduct contrary to the best interest of the Butler Farm Show will not be permitted. Exhibitors or others who persist in such violations or conduct will be asked to remove their exhibits and to leave the grounds. No fees or charges will be refunded and premiums will not be paid in such cases.
8. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to present a plainly-marked entry tab showing the name of the exhibit they are entering. **Any item entered in the wrong category will be disqualified,** but the judges will mark the correct name of the entry on the tag for the benefit of the owner. **If there is a category listed for an entered item, the item may NOT be entered in "Other."** If award ribbons are stolen or destroyed, the exhibitor may receive a duplicate, free of charge, at the close of the show.

9. **Protests for any violation of the rules may be made to the Butler Farm Show Board of Directors by an exhibitor or their designated representative. All protests must be presented, in writing, to the Butler Farm Show Office within 24 hours of the alleged violation. A $100.00 cash deposit must accompany all protests. Following investigation into the alleged violation, the $100.00 deposit will be returned to the exhibitor if the protest is upheld. If the protest is denied, the $100.00 fee is non-refundable. The decision of the Butler Farm Show Board of Directors regarding a protest shall be final and considered accepted by all exhibitors. Video footage, recorded by individuals, will not be reviewed as evidence in a protest situation.**
10. LATE ENTRIES ARE NOT ACCEPTED in any department. NO EXCUSES - NO EXCEPTIONS. Check the entry time for each department you are entering and be on time.
11. Exhibitors must have an exhibitor's number. It starts with the initial of your last name and must be included when you write your number on entries. Call the office by the Friday before the show to obtain a new number or to retrieve your number from previous years. Use the same exhibitor's number for everything you enter in every department. Entries may be disqualified if the exhibitor's number, name and city are not on the tag.
12. All exhibits and exhibitors will be ready at 9:00 AM on the first day of show, except where judging is occurring.
13. Every precaution will be taken to protect the exhibits on display from injury and damage, but the Farm Show cannot, in any way, be held responsible for accidents, damage to or loss of property by water, fire, theft, or whatever may be the cause or extent of the damage or loss.
14. **Exhibits and/or exhibitors leaving the show early without permission will NOT receive premium checks; they will FORFEIT all award money, and next year's participation will be at the discretion of the board.**
15. Premiums as listed may be given for meritorious exhibits. In cases where there is no competition, judges may give an award such as they deem the exhibit is worthy to receive. 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 exhibit deserves. Placement and premium on single entries in a class will be determined by the judge.
16. **Premium cards or ribbons have no value as to the payment of premiums. Premiums are paid only by the records in the judge's book. The office has that information after the show closes.**
17. The show and superintendents reserve the right to determine how many entries they will accept from any exhibitor in the same class and/or in the same livestock species.
18. **Committees reserve the right to refuse any entry.** Furthermore, the committees reserve the right to bar from competition animals, vegetables, flowers, poultry products and farm/home-produced articles of decidedly inferior quality and/or those not possessing sufficient merit to warrant recognition.

RULES FOR ALL EXHIBITORS (CONT.)

19. If the show management believes that any exhibits were made in previous years or not made by the exhibitor, those exhibits may be refused or disqualified.
20. The decision of the judges will be final in all cases except where mistakes, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at the time of judging, is proven. In that case, such person(s) as the Board of Directors may appoint will make the decision.
21. **The show management may, at any time, order the removal of any exhibit or part of exhibit in bad condition, and any article unfit to show may be excluded.** Exhibits may NOT be removed at any time before the close of the show except by consent of the management. Removal of an exhibit without consent of the department superintendent will forfeit all premiums and next year's participation will be at the discretion of the board.
22. **During the judging, buildings, except livestock arenas, are closed to everyone except fair officials, judges, and necessary attendants.** An exhibitor or his/her agent shall NOT communicate with the judge during time of determining the awards, except to answer questions proposed by the judges. Any exhibitor interfering with the judge while making awards shall forfeit any premiums to which he/she would otherwise be entitled. **Buildings for Departments 11 - 23 will be opened by approximately 4:30 on Monday.**

The Premium Book serves as a guide and is subject to change. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy, the Board of Directors reserves the right to add, alter or change this information as necessary.

AUCTIONS

Have you ever attended a real, live auction? Here are 4 chances to enjoy the experience and fun of a bidding sale.

4-H & ADULT BAKED GOODS AUCTION

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, AT 7:00 PM
in the Dairy Pavilion
Buy the Best that Butler County Brings!

CHEESE AUCTION

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12,
AT 8:00 PM
in the Dairy Pavilion
Choice Cheese
from Contented Cows!

ANNUAL JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13,
AT 6:00 PM
(Opening Ceremonies start at 5:30)
in the Livestock Barn
Feed your Family;
Fill your Freezer!
Sale Order: Benefit Shawl, Charity Animal, Goats, Lambs, Rabbits, Beef, Poultry, & Hogs

ANNUAL 4-H BENEFIT AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, AT 6:00 PM
at the East Butler Fire Hall.

DEPARTMENT 17
FLORAL EXHIBITS

CO-SUPERINTENDENTS – BETH WERNER & DAN RISTITY in Honor of Laura Kriley Ristity

ENTRY DROP OFF: SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 - 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
at the Farm/Home Products Building.
Late entries NOT accepted.
Use the Pit Gate (Buttercup Rd.) for drop off / pick up.

ENTRY PICK UP: SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 - 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Premium checks will be available at pick up on Sunday.
(Checks are not mailed unless you previously dropped off a self-addressed stamped envelope.)
Anyone removing their exhibits before Sunday will forfeit their premiums (cash awards), and participation in next year's show is at the discretion of the Board.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Open Only to Amateur Home Gardeners of ALL Ages.

1. **Refer to *Rules for All Exhibitors* (page 25).**
2. **ONE ENTRY PER CLASS PER EXHIBITOR.**
3. **Farm Products entries must be checked in by a committee volunteer. Unchecked, "dropped off," or improperly classified items will be rejected and discarded.**
4. **Size requirements for any entries: No larger than 10 inches in any direction and no heavier than 10 pounds.**
5. **PERSONS PICKING UP ITEMS MUST HAVE THE CLAIM CHECKS. NO EXCEPTIONS. Unclaimed items may be picked up at the Farm Show Office from noon to 6 PM, Tuesday, Aug. 18, or Wed., Aug. 19,** or by appointment (call 724-482-4000). Those not claimed by September 1 will be disposed of at the discretion of the committee. **Butler Farm Show cannot be held responsible for damage or loss of items not claimed at pick up time.**
6. Exhibitors must have an exhibitor's number. Call the office by Friday before the show to obtain a new number or retrieve your number from previous years. It starts with the initial of your last name. Use the same name on all your entries. **Do not use initials, nicknames, or shorten your name (i.e. Danny instead of Dan or Daniel: Jess or Jessie = Jessica; Liz = Elizabeth.) Entries may be disqualified if the exhibiEntries may be disqualified if the exhibitor's number, name and city are not on the tag.**
7. All flowers are judged on quality and perfection of growth. They should be of one color and size with no addition of fern or other greens, unless otherwise specified. They must consist of the specified number of blooms, spikes or stems in good condition when judged.
8. **Exhibitors must supply their own containers. UNBREAKABLE, standard, vase-like containers or baskets which will hold the specimens securely and will NOT tip or fall easily are strongly recommended. Glass containers may be required to hold up heavy specimens; however, we cannot be responsible for broken vases.** Containers may be weighted as necessary. Do not use over- or under-sized containers. **Entries in unsuitable containers (i.e. recycled water bottles weighted with gravel) will be rejected.** Recycled water bottles are NOT acceptable.
9. Plants will not be accepted for exhibition unless they have been growing in containers for two months. **Pots and planters are not to exceed 10" in diameter, and pot and plant**

not to exceed 2-1/2 feet in height and weigh no more than 10 pounds.

10. **All products must have been grown by the exhibitor. No commercial products accepted.**
11. **The use or display of artificial flowers is prohibited.**
12. **DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES ARE FINAL.** Judges may refuse to make any award if, in their judgement, the exhibit is unworthy, or they may make an award according to the merit of the exhibit. Placement and premium on a single entry in a class will be determined by the judge.
13. **The Farm/Home Products Building is closed during judging & set-up on Monday. It will open about 4:30 PM.**

DEPT. 17 SECT. 1 FLOWERING HOUSE PLANT

PREMIUMS: ..... 1st – $6. 2nd – $5. 3rd – $4.

CLASS – One plant per pot

1. **AFRICAN VIOLET** (Any color)
2. **BEGONIA** – Rooted in Bloom
3. **GERANIUMS**
4. **IMPATIENS**
5. **ANY OTHER** meritorious flowering house plant not listed above.
6. **FLOWERING HANGING BASKET**

The BEST OF SHOW rosette winner for Sections 1 & 2 will be selected by the judge from the blue ribbon winners.

THIS DEPARTMENT IS OPEN ONLY TO AMATEUR HOME GARDENERS OF ALL AGES.

DEPT. 17 SECT. 2 FOLIAGE PLANTS

PREMIUMS: ..... 1st – $6. 2nd – $5. 3rd – $4.

CLASS - Only one plant per pot except in collection classes.

1. **CACTI**
2. **COLEUS**
3. **FERNS**
4. **POTTED IVY**
5. **PHILODENDRON**
6. **DISH GARDEN OR FOLIAGE PLANTS** – three or more specimens in a container
7. **SUCCULENT**
8. **TERRARIUM** or Arrangement in a closed container
9. **ANY OTHER HOUSE PLANT** not listed above
10. **FLOWER BOX OR PLANTER**
11. **HANGING BASKET**

DEPT. 17 SECT. 3 SPECIMEN FLOWERS/ANNUALS

The BEST OF SHOW rosette winner will be selected by the judge from the blue ribbon winners.

PREMIUMS: ..... 1st – $6. 2nd – $5. 3rd – $4.

CLASS

1. **AGERATUM** – 3 stems
2. **ASTERS** – 3 blooms
3. **CALENDULA** – 3 blooms
4. **CELOSIA** – 3 stems
5. **CLEOME** (spider flower) – 3 stems
6. **CORNFLOWER** – 3 blooms
7. **COSMOS** – 3 blooms
8. **DAHLIAS**, CACTUS – 3 blooms
9. DAHLIAS, POM POM – 3 blooms
10. DAHLIAS, ANY OTHER – 3 blooms
11. **GLADIOLUS** – 3 spikes/ one color
12. GLADIOLUS – 3 spikes/ different colors

DEPT. 17 SECTION 3 ANNUALS (CONT.)

13. **LARKSPUR** – 3 spikes
14. **MARIGOLDS**, SMALL – 3 blooms/ one color; under 1”
15. MARIGOLDS, MEDIUM – 3 blooms/ one color; over 1”, under 3”
16. MARIGOLDS, LARGE – 3 blooms/one color;over 3”
17. MARIGOLDS, SMALL – 3 blms/varigated;under 1”
18. MARIGOLDS, MEDIUM – 3 blooms/ varigated; over 1”, under 3”
19. MARIGOLDS, LARGE – 3 blms/ varigated; over 3”
20. **NASTURTIUMS** – 3 stems
21. **PANSY** – 3 blooms
22. **PETUNIAS**, SINGLE – 3 blooms
23. PETUNIAS, DOUBLE – 3 blooms
24. **PINKS** – 3 blooms
25. **POPPY**, All – 3 blooms
26. **RUDBECKIA** (Gloriosa Daisy) – 3 blooms
27. **SALVIA** – 3 stems
28. **SNAPDRAGONS** – 3 stems
29. **STRAWFLOWERS** – 3 stems
30. **SUNFLOWERS**, MINIATURE – 3 blooms; up to 5”
31. SUNFLOWERS, DAISY TYPE – 3 heads; over 5”, under 12”
32. SUNFLOWERS, SEED TYPE – 1 in bucket; 12”+
33. **SWEET PEAS** – 3 stems
34. **VERBENA** – 3 stems
35. **ZINNIAS**, CACTUS – 3 blooms/ all same color/style
36. ZINNIAS, GIANT – 3 blooms/ all same color/style
37. ZINNIAS, POM POM – 3 blms/all same color/style
38. ZINNIAS, NOVELTY – 3 blms/ all same color/style
39. **ANY OTHER ANNUAL** – 3 blooms, stems or spikes

THIS DEPARTMENT IS OPEN ONLY TO AMATEUR HOME GARDENERS OF ALL AGES.

DEPT. 17 SECT. 4 PERENNIALS

PREMIUMS:..... 1st – $6. 2nd – $5. 3rd – $4.

CLASS

1. **ASIATIC LILY** – 1 spike
2. **BLACK-EYED SUSANS** – 3 stems
3. **CHRYSANTHEMUMS** – 3 stems
4. **CONEFLOWERS** – 3 stems
5. **DAISIES** – 3 blooms
6. **DAYLILY** – 1 spike
7. **DELPHINIUM** – 1 spike
8. **DIANTHUS** – 3 blooms
9. **LILY** – 1 spike
10. **PHLOX** – 3 stems
11. **ROSES**, FLORIBUNDA – 3 blooms
12. ROSES, HYBRID TEA – 3 blooms
13. ROSES, GRANDIFLORA – 3 blooms
14. ROSES, MINIATURE – 3 blooms
15. **ANY OTHER PERENNIAL** – 3 blooms, spikes or stems

****The BEST OF SHOW rosette winner for Sections 4 & 5 will be selected by the judge from the blue ribbon winners.***

DEPT. 17 SECT. 5 FLOWERS FROM A BUSH/VINE

One branch in an unbreakable container - NOT a plastic bottle.

PREMIUMS:..... 1st – $6. 2nd – $5. 3rd – $4.

1. **BUTTERFLY BUSH**
2. **CLEMATIS**
3. **HIBISCUS**
4. **HYDRANGEA**
5. **ROSE OF SHARON**
6. **ANY OTHER FLOWER FROM A BUSH**

DEPT. 17 SECT. 6 ARTISTIC ARRANGEMENTS

The BEST OF SHOW rosette winner will be selected by the judge from the blue ribbon winners.

Arrangements may use fresh and/or dried flowers unless specified. **Potted plants, artificial flowers, artificial fruits, or artificial vegetables are NOT permitted in these arrangements.**

PREMIUMS: ..... 1st – $6. 2nd – $5. 3rd – $4.

1. **WILD FLOWER** ARRANGEMENT (Conservation rules must be followed.)
2. **WEATHERED WOOD** ARRANGEMENT with bird / animal
3. **DRIED MATERIALS** ARRANGEMENT
4. **BUTTERFLY GARDEN** ARRANGEMENT
5. **FRUIT &/OR VEGETABLES** ARRANGEMENT with flowers &/or foliage
6. **FRESH FLOWERS & FOLIAGE** ARRANGEMENT
7. **FRESH & DRIED FLOWERS** ARRANGEMENT
8. **TEA POT** ARRANGEMENT
9. **CUP & SAUCER** ARRANGEMENT
10. **CUP & SAUCER MINIATURE ARRANGEMENT**
11. **ANY OTHER MINIATURE** ARRANGEMENT - less than 5”
12. **CANDLE** ARRANGEMENT
13. **HOLIDAY** ARRANGEMENT
14. **ONE-COLOR** ARRANGEMENT using tints, shades of one color of flowers
15. **TEACHER’S DESK** ARRANGEMENT

TAG EXAMPLES FOR DEPTS. 10 (4-H Projects) & 11 - 17, 21, 23

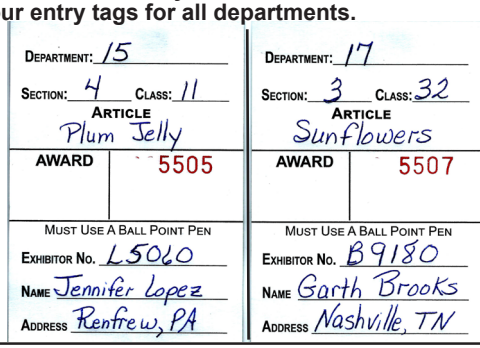
DEPTS. 18 & 19 Fill out ONLY the bottom part of the tag unless you are sure of the class you are entering.

Exhibitors may pick up a premium book and tags in the Farm Show office during office hours.

Use the same name on all entries. Do not use initials, nicknames, or shorten your name (i.e., Danny or Daniel instead of Dan, Jess or Jessie = Jessica, Liz = Elizabeth). Entries may be disqualified if the exhibitor’s number, name and city are not on the tag.

Print clearly using a ball point pen and press hard so the information goes thru all 3 copies of tag. (Do not use a felt-tip pen or Flair.) Do NOT separate the 3 parts.

The clerks will tear out and give you the claim check when they take in your entry. You must present the claim check the next week to pick up your item.

The top sheet will go to the office for judging results and the third one stays on the item. You want it to be easy to read so visitors will be able to identify your entry.

Call the office by Friday before the show to obtain a new number or retrieve your number from previous years. It starts with the initial of your last name. Be sure to include it on your entry tags for all departments.