

RULES FOR ALL EXHIBITORS

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Farm Show will NOT mail premium (prize) checks. If your item earned a ribbon, you probably earned a cash award. If you cannot pick up your check Saturday night or Sunday from 1 PM to 2 PM, please drop off a long (#10) self-addressed stamped envelope in the Farm Show office before or during show week.

CHECKS NOT CASHED WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE SHOW BECOME NULL AND VOID.

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, 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. **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.**

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9. 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.
10. 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 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.
11. All exhibits and exhibitors will be ready at 9:00 AM on the first day of show, except where judging is occurring.
12. Reasonable care will be taken to protect all exhibits on display from injury and damage, but the show cannot, in any way, be held responsible for accidents, loss or damage by water, fire, theft, or otherwise, whatever may be the cause or extent of the damage or loss.
13. **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.**
14. 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.
15. The show reserves the right to determine how many entries they will accept from any exhibitor in the same class or in the same livestock species.
16. 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 improperly will be disqualified to receive a prize, but the judges will mark the correct name of the entry on the tag for the benefit of the owner. If award ribbons are stolen or destroyed, the exhibitor may receive a duplicate, free of charge, at the close of the show.
17. Committees reserve the right to refuse any entry. Furthermore, the committees reserve the right to bar from competition animals, vegetables, flowers, poultry products and home-produced articles of decidedly inferior quality and/or those not possessing sufficient merit to warrant recognition.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. The show management may, at any time, order the removal of any exhibit or part of exhibit in bad condition, and

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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.

- 21. 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 4:00 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.



**AND ON THE 9TH DAY,
AFTER GOD MADE A FARMER,
He looked down on His planned
paradise and decided He needed
someone to show off His prized
creations,
SO GOD MADE A FARM SHOW KID.**

He needed someone also who would get up before school, feed, exercise and groom his show animals and then do it all over again after school, in the heat, the cold, the driving rain or blowing snow.

SO GOD MADE A FARM SHOW KID.

God said, "I need someone who'll set an example for other young people, someone who'd be on the honor roll, play sports, play music, and be involved in their church."

SO GOD MADE A FARM SHOW KID.

God said, "I need someone who will set a standard, who will teach a lesson about being a humble winner and a gracious loser. Someone who will travel all night, stay up all day, and be ready for the show ring in five minutes."

SO GOD MADE A FARM SHOW KID.

God said, "I need somebody who, when asked, would shear a lamb, fit a steer, show a pig or a goat for a friend; who knows how to change a flat or back a trailer, but ask for nothing in return."

SO GOD MADE A FARM SHOW KID.

He needed somebody who'd bond a family together as parents gaze across the show ring with a laugh, a sigh and sometimes a cry. But with a smile in their eye, say, "You're just like me, doing what Mom and Dad did..."

An heir of those from whom we learned and a teacher to those yet to come." **SO GOD EXTENDED HIS GRACE TO THOSE IN 4-H AND FFA AND MADE A TRUE FARM SHOW KID.**

**DEPT. 22 SECT. 304 FIDDLING, BANJO,
MANDOLIN, FLAT TOP GUITAR CONTEST
SHOWTIME - SATURDAY AT 5:00 PM
PENNSYLVANIA LOTTERY PAVILION
CONTACT: KIM THOMAS
PHONE: 814-752-2959**

PA STATE GENERAL FIDDLE CONTEST RULES

1. Contestants must sign in 15 minutes prior to the contest. Emergency situations will be considered by the contest chairman.
2. All contestants will draw for their order of appearance. The number one fiddler in the junior division only will be permitted to replay at the end of the division if they choose. Their best score will be considered as their final score. Appearance numbers are to be kept confidential. Fiddlers are not permitted near the judging area before, during or following their performance.
3. Contestants may play without an accompanist or with not more than one.
4. If a string breaks, the FIDDLER will have the option to continue or stop at that point. If the tune is completed, it will be judged as played. If the fiddler stops, he will be allowed to begin with that tune and complete the program.
5. Contestants must first play a hoedown; second, a waltz; and third, a tune of their choice **other than a hoedown or waltz**. A five minute time limit will be in effect. Ten points will be deducted from the total score for each 30 minute interval or portion thereof.
 - A. A hoedown will be considered as a reel, hornpipe or any tune in 4/4 time that is not a march, two step or rag.
 - B. A waltz will be considered as any tune that is in 3/4 time. Waltz time is considered as a danceable speed that is appropriate in the waltz time style.
 - C. A Tune of Choice can not be another waltz or hoedown.
6. Any danceable folk tunes played in oldtime fiddle fashion are acceptable. Show tunes such as "Listen to the Mockingbird," "Black Mountain Rag" and "The Orange Blossom Special" will not be permitted.
7. Contact microphones/amplified instruments are not permitted.
8. No trick or fancy fiddling allowed during the contesting appearances. No cross tuning on stage. Fiddles shall not be cross tuned for the performance.
9. Judging will be scored for intonation, rhythmic accuracy, creativity and tone quality.
10. No sheet music shall be displayed in the contesting area.
11. Any contestant winning three consecutive years in the PA State Championship contest division must either judge next year's contest or sit out the next year's contest.
12. Any contestant winning three consecutive years in the PA State Teen or Senior division automatically moves up to the Championship division. Any Junior winning three consecutive years may move up to the Teen division. (Local contests will follow these rules except the Championship winners do not need to sit out of the local contests.)
13. All fiddlers will be judged blindly and must play in the order of the draw. Audience applause will not influence the judges.
14. Contestants must appear on stage to accept their trophy and or prize money.