

## **Mission Statement:**

Oklahoma State Fair, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation that serves the people of Oklahoma and is dedicated to continuing the organization's heritage of education, entertainment and economic development through the operation of State Fair Park and the annual Oklahoma State Fair.



**September 17-27**

# **2009 OKLAHOMA STATE FAIR<sup>®</sup> COMPETITIVE EVENTS GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

## **SECTION 1 – ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

*Rule 1* – Oklahoma State Fair, Inc., through its authorized officials, reserves to itself the final and absolute right to interpret and enforce its own rules and regulations and to settle and determine all matters, questions and differences connected with or incidental to the Oklahoma State Fair (OSF).

*Rule 2* – The Management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules, as they, in their judgment, may deem necessary. In the event of conflict of general or special rules, the latter will govern.

*Rule 3* – Every exhibit/animal must remain until the specified release time. Gatekeepers and other Fair employees are instructed to report any person attempting to remove exhibits or livestock before the release time and date specified for that particular contest or event unless the Manager gives special written permission.

*Rule 4* – No dogs or other pets are permitted on State Fair Park property, whether on a leash or not. Only bona fide assistance dogs, trained animals in scheduled acts or Oklahoma State Fair competitions or police dogs are allowed. Violations could result in a \$50 fine, impounding of the animal and/or expulsion from the Fair.

*Rule 5* – The use of balloon displays, inflatable decorations, public address systems, electronic amplifiers, gongs, bells and other noisy instruments are not permitted without prior approval of Oklahoma State Fair, Inc. Distribution of helium-filled Mylar balloons is not allowed under any circumstances.

*Rule 6* – No person will be permitted to distribute advertising matter, handbills, fliers, or heralds upon the grounds of State Fair Park without prior written approval from the Oklahoma State Fair. In the form of a contract, and then only from within the contracted space. The Oklahoma State Fair, Inc. can demand and effect removal of any advertising matter which it considers objectionable.

*Rule 7* – All space is owned and designated by Oklahoma State Fair, Inc. The management reserves the right to reassign any space, stall or pen not occupied by the exhibitor, by the specified date. No exhibitor will be allowed to sublet or sell any space, privilege, stall, or pen without written permission from the Management. No exhibitor will be allowed to sell/trade entries with exhibitors not entered in the show.

*Rule 8* – Ticket books must remain intact in order to be valid. Re-entry requires a hand stamp and ticket book. If entering gate with a single day ticket, re-entry requires a hand stamp and ticket stub.

*Rule 9* – Failure to comply with these rules and regulations will cause forfeiture of premiums and privileges and will be considered sufficient cause to bar said exhibitor from future participation in the Fair.

## **SECTION 2 – NONLIABILITY TO EXHIBITORS AND PATRONS**

*Rule 1* – All property of every character entered for competition, display or any other purpose, or brought upon the grounds of State Fair Park by any person shall be subject to the rules and regulations prescribed by the Oklahoma State Fair, Inc.

*Rule 2* – In no case, shall the Oklahoma State Fair, Inc., its Board of Directors, officers, agents, representatives, servants, or employees be held responsible to any person coming upon said State Fair Park, for damage, injury, death or disability by disease or from theft or from any other cause.

*Rule 3* – Oklahoma State Fair, Inc. hereby refuses to assume any responsibility for the safety, as bailee or otherwise, of any property brought upon said grounds.

*Rule 4* – 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 make their own arrangements and pay for such insurance.

### **SECTION 3 – CLAIMS FOR INJURY**

*Rule 1* – Oklahoma State Fair, Inc. expressly refuses to assume any liability for injuries to the person of any patron or other persons coming upon the grounds of State Fair Park, and no claims for injury to any person or property shall ever be asserted or suit initiated or maintained against the Oklahoma State Fair, Inc., its Board of Directors, officers, agents, representatives, servants or employees for said cause by any person having license or privilege to exhibit on the fairgrounds or occupying any space thereon, and it is part of the consideration for such license or privilege that such claims for damage are specifically waived.

*Rule 2* – If any damage, loss or injury to person or property shall be caused by reason of negligence or willful act of any person, firm or corporation, or other agent, representatives, servants, or employees having license or privilege to exhibit on said fairgrounds or occupying space thereon, the Oklahoma State Fair, Inc. shall, in no manner, be responsible therefore, and in case to be subjected to any expense or liability, all persons causing same or liable therefore shall indemnify the said Oklahoma State Fair, Inc. at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

### **SECTION 4 – TRAFFIC REGULATIONS**

*Rule 1* – Notice is hereby specifically given that in admitting vehicles to the grounds of State Fair Park, whether those of exhibitors or patrons, and in permitting the bringing of any other property upon the grounds of State Fair Park, Oklahoma State Fair, Inc. does not assume any responsibility therefore, or accept the custody thereof, nor assume the personal control thereof in any manner.

*Rule 2* – No motorcycles, bicycles, scooters, roller skates/blades, skate boards, remote controlled toys or any other motorized vehicle/apparatus, except wheelchairs will be permitted into the Fair operating area.

*Rule 3* – Proper credentials are required at all times for access to parking and to grounds inside the park.

*Rule 4* – Passenger vehicles and trailers will be directed to the appropriate parking facilities. Vehicles parked in unauthorized areas will be reported to the State Fair Police and subsequently towed and/or impounded. The owner or driver may be required to pay towing charges to recover the vehicle.

### **SECTION 5 – ADMINISTRATION OFFICES**

*Rule 1* – Oklahoma State Fair, Inc. and staff maintain headquarters in the General Offices located at 3001 General Pershing Blvd. The various superintendents have their offices in the buildings, represented by their department. For the duration of the Fair, the staff of the Equine and Livestock Departments will maintain headquarters in the designated areas of the Livestock and Horse Barns.

### **SECTION 6 – REMAINING ON GROUNDS OVERNIGHT**

*Rule 1* – Overnight parking for Motor Homes and Recreational Vehicles is restricted to the RV Park south of the railroad tracks. A rental rate of \$25.00 per night for (50) amp or \$20.00 per night for (30) amp will be charged. Campers will not be able to use a (50) amp converter using two (30) amp receptacles. No overnight camping without the expressed written consent of the Oklahoma State Fair management is allowed in any other area. Fee is subject to change without notice.