

General Rules and Regulations

1. Entries in all classes, unless otherwise specified, will be limited to Rapides Parish residents only, regardless of race, color, sex, age, handicap, religion or national origin.
2. The Rapides Parish Fair of Louisiana reserves to its Board of Directors the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the fair.
3. The Board of Directors reserves the right to amend or add to these rules as they, in their judgment, may deem advisable. In the event of conflict of general and specific rules, the latter will govern.
4. Any person who violates any of the following or special rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and may be subject to such penalty as the Board of Directors may order.
5. The following rules and regulations will apply to each and every department of the fair and exhibitors and concessionaires are required familiarize themselves with all rules.
6. The Forty-ninth Annual Rapides Parish Fair will be held in Alexandria, Louisiana, October 14-18, 2009 inclusive on the Coliseum and Fairground site on the Leesville Highway. The Board of Directors has the right to postpone, extend or cancel the dates of the fair for any cause whatsoever, which they deem necessary for the good of all concerned.
7. All entries must be entered at the fairgrounds in their respective division according to the schedule.
8. All livestock exhibits must remain intact until 5:00 p.m., October 18, 2009. Exhibits in the exhibit building must remain intact until 5:00 p.m., Sunday, October 14, 2009, the closing day of the fair. Failure to comply with this requirement will bar said exhibitor from participating in premiums which may have been awarded by the judge in any department of the fair.
9. All items not advancing to State Fair are to be picked up at the Rapides Parish Fair between the hours of 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 14, 2009. Articles not picked up after the Rapides Parish Fair must be picked up between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 15, 2009 at the Rapides Exhibit Building. At the end of this period, if not claimed, these items will be donated to a worthy cause.
10. *Instructions for items progressing to the State Fair are available as a SEPARATE FACT SHEET. You may obtain one from the Extension/4-H office.
11. No entrance fee will be charged on an article or animal entered for exhibit, except where otherwise specified.
12. The premiums will be paid up to the amount stated on the premium list, if available. Otherwise, they will be cut in proportion to the excess.

13. No premium will be awarded when the article is unworthy though there be no competition. No premium will be awarded in any department except as definitely stated in this premium list. Decision of the judges will be final.
14. All property of every character entered for competition, display or other purposes, or being anywhere in the fairgrounds, shall be subject to the control of the Rapides Parish Fair Association Board of Director.
15. In no case shall the Rapides Parish Fair Association Board of Directors be held responsible for any loss, damage, injury, or death by disease of any character, to any such property of persons, while the same is on the fairgrounds.
16. All exhibitors will be responsible for entering, displaying maintaining and removing their exhibits. No professional of a category may the category of the fair.
17. The management reserves the right to remove from the grounds any exhibit, animal, concession, or show that may be falsely entered and may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable by them without assigning a reason therefore.
18. Nothing will be sold, given away, raffled or otherwise disposed of by an exhibitor or concessionaire with the same as specifically designated in this contract. No concessionaire will be allowed to display, sell or give away beer, whiskey, or wine.
19. All exhibits in the exhibit building and the livestock barn must be officially entered in the fair and have a class number assigned to it.
20. Articles exhibited in previous years at the Rapides Parish Fair will be disqualified.