

GENERAL RULES and REGULATIONS

Before entering, please read the rules and regulations carefully.

NOTE: Any person violating the Rules and Regulations forfeits the right to remain on the grounds and may be ejected from the premises. Under no circumstances will any deviation or abatement from these Rules and Regulations be made.

1. Exhibitors and competitors are required to have a current year Bracebridge Agricultural Society membership. Cards are available at the Fair Office prior to entering/competing. There is no membership fee for entries into **only** the Junior Fair, Youth division or any specific classes for seniors over 60 years of age. There is no fee for entries into Class 34 – b, Handcrafts for Residents of Assisted Living and Retirement Homes.
2. All exhibits and animals must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor in the show at the time the entry is made of such article or animal, except horse, implement, manufactures, and musical instruments which may be entered by the agent to the manufacturer, and a declaration of ownership shall be made when entering same.
All vegetables, fruits, plants and flowers must be grown by the exhibitor, who shall make a declaration certifying this fact when making entries.
3. Members may be requested to present their membership tickets when making entries.
4. Entry forms may be mailed to P.O. Box 53, Bracebridge, ON, P1L 1T5 prior to August 31st or brought in to the Fair office during the week of the fair for advance preparation and will be available for pick-up when exhibits are brought in. Pre-printed mailing stickers are permitted.
5. Exhibitors and competitors are limited to one entry per class/section unless otherwise stated.
6. *Exhibits for the Halls must be in place by 11:30 am on the Friday of fair weekend. Exhibits may be placed Thursday evening, 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Exhibits must remain until 4:00 pm on the third day of the Show (Sunday). Anyone removing exhibits before 4:00 pm shall forfeit their prize money.*
7. Exhibitors when arriving at the grounds shall apply to the attendant who will inform them where the animals or articles are to be placed.
8. Non-professional exhibits only in Photography, Art and Culinary Arts Classes, except where otherwise noted.
9. All articles must be clean and free of offensive odours, else will be eliminated before judging.
10. The Directors reserve the right to accept or reject exhibits.
11. If any animal or article is entered in a class to which it does not belong, judges are not to award it a premium no matter what its merits may be.
12. No card or prize colour shall be attached to any animal or article until after the prize has been awarded.
13. The decision of the judges shall be final in awarding prizes, and no appeal shall be considered except in the case of protest. All protest must be made in writing and within ten (10) days of the event. Any exhibitor or interested person making such a protest shall be required to make a deposit of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and if the protest is not substantiated, the said amount of \$25.00 shall be kept by the Society. The President, First and Second Vice-presidents and the Committee Chairperson for the section shall constitute the committee to determine such a protest. The Directors reserve the right in all cases to interpret their own rules.
14. The Directors will take reasonable precaution to ensure the safety of articles sent to the exhibition, but they wish it to be distinctly understood that the owners themselves must take the risk of exhibiting them, and should any article be accidentally injured, lost or stolen, the Directors will give all the assistance in their power for the recovery for the articles, **but** they will not make payment for the value thereof, nor will the Society be responsible for the loss or value of any animal or article so injured, lost or stolen.

15. The Prize List is subject to corrections or typographical errors and/or omissions. In case of disagreement, the ruling of the Committee Chairperson shall be final.
16. The Directors of the Society will prohibit and prevent, all kinds of gambling, theatrical, circus or mountebank performances, exhibitors or show, and the hucksters trafficking in fruits, goods, wares or merchandise on the exhibition grounds or within three hundred (300) yards thereof, except such as may be duly authorized by such Directors. The Society will not permit political promotion activity at the Fall Fair by municipal, district, provincial or federal campaigners.
17. No criminal activities or other behavior deemed inappropriate by the Directors of the Society are allowed or will be tolerated on the Grounds or in the Halls.

Animals

18. No pets (except service animals and those pets participating in the Junior Pet Fair) are permitted on the grounds. Pets participating in the Junior Pet Show must leave the grounds immediately after the Show.
19. Only clean, healthy animals will be accepted for competition or display.
20. All animals must have current rabies immunization.
21. All exhibitors of animals must have Liability Insurance.
22. All male stock must be registered. Pedigrees must be produced if requested. All persons bringing livestock for exhibition as purebred stock or produce of such must produce a certificate from the English, Canadian or American Stock Register at the time of the Exhibition for satisfaction of the judges.
23. Ages of all stock to date from the first day of January of the current year.
24. Cows exhibited as milk cows must be giving milk at the time of exhibiting. All other breeding animals must be reared stock in the course of the current year. This rule does not apply to breeding cows.
25. Suitable pens will be furnished for Sheep and Goats.
26. Animals for shows and exhibits must be in place by the times noted for each class.
27. No entry to Show Ring is permitted in advance of the event competition for practice or orientation purposes.
28. All animals must be in the Show Ring immediately after being called.
29. Animals must remain on the Grounds until after 4:00 pm on the day of their show.

Prizes

30. No animal or article necessarily entitles its owner to a prize unless deemed worthy of a reward by the judges. The decision of the judges shall in all cases be final except when a rule of the Society has been violated.
31. No prize money (except for some youth and junior showmanship classes) will be awarded on fair days. Prize money for out of town exhibitors and competitors will be mailed. All other prize money will be awarded at the Pot Luck Supper in October. Alternatively, awards and prize money may be picked up at the fair office on dates at times shown on at the beginning of this Prize Book.
32. From the sum or sums awarded to any member of the Society of a show, exhibition or match, as a prize or premium, it shall be lawful and the duty of the Treasurer to retain the sum of \$5.00 from all persons who obtain prizes in the amount of \$10.00 or more for membership for the ensuing year. In addition, the Treasurer shall deduct on the winnings of \$10.00 or more the amount equaling fifteen (15%) percent on all display and prize money won except in classes where entry fees are charged, and in the Heavy Horse Show where the amount deducted will equal ten (10%) percent.
33. In the event of any prize or premium being paid to any member, when by any rule of the Society, the same ought not to have been awarded, the said member must, on written demand of the Society (and a letter sent through the Post Office to the address of such member shall be sufficient demand), forthwith repay to the Society such prize or premium on penalty of being expelled from the Society.
34. All money awarded as prizes not applied for and received by December 1st in any year shall be forfeited and fall back into the funds of the Society
35. Privacy - the names of prize winners may be published after the Fall Fair.

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

The Bracebridge Agricultural Society accepts no responsibility whatsoever, expressed or implied for any loss, accident, damage or injury to any person or animal on the grounds or in any building.

When making an entry, the Exhibitor shall indemnify and Hold Harmless the BRACEBRIDGE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, their members, agents and employees from and against all claims, demands, losses, costs, damages, actions, suits or proceedings by any third parties that may arise out of, or may attribute to, all operations performed by or carried out by the Exhibitor, his agents, employees, or servants, or anyone for whose acts he may be held liable, howsoever caused.

If the proposed participant is 16 years and under, all Entry and Application to Participate and Release Forms must be signed by a parent or guardian.

RAINY DAY POLICY

The BRACEBRIDGE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S policy for events in the Horse Shows is that should a class(es) be suspended due to weather, the prize money will be divided amongst the registered competitor(s) for that particular class(es) at the direction of the Show Manager and their Committee.