

2008 SALEM FAIR
GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. ***EXHIBITORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO READ THE GENERAL RULES AND THE DEPARTMENTAL RULES.***
2. **Age Divisions:**
Youth 1 (Y1) – any youth 13 years of age or younger
Youth 2 (Y2) – any youth ages 14 years to 19 years old
Open (O) – Any adult over the age of 19 years
Youth 1(ages 13 and under) and Youth 2 (ages 14 to 19) may exhibit in the appropriate age division or in the open age division (if they wish to be judged against adult entries); however, they may not exhibit in the same class in both age divisions. 4-H members should indicate both 4-H member and age division on registration form.
3. Every exhibitor, concessionaire, employee, or any other person having business on the grounds is required to abide by these rules and regulations or any other rules and regulations that may be formulated by Fair Management. Fair Management reserves for itself the sole and absolute right to construe its rules and regulations, and arbitrarily determine and settle all matters and differences in regard there to.
4. No professional will be allowed to exhibit. A professional is anyone receiving substantial or/and regular income from the sale of his/her baked goods, handicrafts, photography, etc. or from use of this talent/skill. Any exhibit with © symbol or the term copyrighted is considered to be the work of a professional and is not eligible for exhibit.
5. Fair Management reserves the right to extend an invitation to exhibit and the right to refuse an exhibitor or concessionaire without giving reason for such action.
6. All protests must be in writing, must plainly state the complaint, be accompanied by a fee of \$25 which shall be forfeited to the fair in case protest is not sustained, and must be delivered to Fair Management within twelve (12) hours after the cause of protest.
7. The exhibitor or concessionaire assumes all risks of damage or loss, either to person or property for all and every cause whatsoever, including fire, the elements, violation of the law, negligence either on the part of the Salem Fair, its officers, servants, agents, or employees, or other person or persons; and it is further expressly understood and agreed between the exhibitor or concessionaire and Fair Management, that the Salem Fair incurs no liability

or obligation to the exhibitor or concessionaire other than to permit the exhibitor or concessionaire to utilize the grounds of the Salem Fair.

8. Competition is generally open to the world unless otherwise stated in departmental rules. Certain departments are limited and this also will be stated in departmental rules.
9. Exhibitors and concessionaires who participate in the Fair must have a signed contract on file with the Fair Office or if they exhibit their crafts, farm products, and machinery, they must have these items entered according to the rules and regulations for the department in which they are participating. **Individual entries are limited to one per class. No one item may be entered in more than one class.**
10. Persons exhibiting may ship their exhibits but Fair Management will not be responsible for any loss, breakage, or damage. Goods must be addressed to the department in which they are entered in care of the Salem Fair, P.O. Box 886, Salem, VA. 24153. Entries will be received in this manner from June 16, 2008, until June 20, 2008. **No packages will be received unless all transportation charges have been paid.**
11. Exhibits must be delivered to the Superintendent in charge of the Department. All exhibits must be removed according to departmental rules unless arrangements are made in writing before the opening of the Fair and agreed to by Fair Management.
12. The Salem Fair will contract judges for all departments. The Salem Fair reserves the right to substitute judges if necessary.
13. Judges are instructed to award first, second, and third places in all classes with three or more entries.
14. **The judges' decision is final !**
15. Any exhibitor who interferes with the judging will be promptly excluded from competition; afterwards, the premium or premiums awarded to this individual will be withheld.
16. Fair Management reserves the right to reject any exhibit which does not reflect merit and which would not be a credit to both the exhibitor and the Salem Fair. Also, the right is reserved to reject any exhibit which is deemed objectionable or unsuited for public exhibit. All exhibits are accepted conditionally pending inspection of the article or animal to be exhibited. Any article or animal which proves to be misrepresented or falsely classed will be

rejected and the right of the exhibitor to further participate in the Salem Fair will be denied.

17. **No exhibits** may be **removed** from the Exhibit Area prior to **noon on Sunday, July 13, 2008**. Any exhibits removed prior to checkout time on Sunday, July 13, 2008 will forfeit any premium money won and ribbons earned. Exit of exhibits will begin on Sunday, July 13 at noon. All exhibits must be removed by 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 13, 2008. Goods become property of Fair Management after that time.

18. In all competition, ribbons will be awarded according to the quality and prize money paid accordingly.

19. An exhibitor will **not** be allowed to have more than one entry per class.

20. **No professional will be allowed to exhibit.** A professional is anyone receiving substantial or/and regular income from the sale of their baked goods, handicrafts, photography, etc.

21. An exhibitor **may not** exhibit an item previously entered in the Salem Fair.

22. In all classes, there must be at least two entries to constitute competition and these entries must be made by different individuals. At the discretion of Fair Management, a class with only one entry may be allowed to show and will be awarded second place money and ribbon.

23. Premiums will be paid as soon after the fair as it is possible to audit the books.

24. In paying premiums, no evidence of awards shall be recognized except the entry book properly signed by the superintendent and judge, and not from the ribbons attached to the exhibit. Ribbons sometimes become misplaced.

25. It is understood that if weather conditions are such that Fair Management cannot pay their premiums in full, the exhibitors agree to accept such a proportion of the premiums as Fair Management finds they are able to pay and such payment shall be considered in full settlement of whatever premiums are due.

26. Fair Management will employ police, guards, and traffic coordinators and will take every precaution for the safety of the visitors, concessionaires, and exhibitors, but assumes no liability for personal injury, or loss, or damage to

any property of the exhibitor, visitor, or concessionaire, etc. due to theft, fire, tornado, weather conditions, or other causes.

27. The Salem Fair will **absolutely not** issue pass-out checks, rain checks, or refunds on tickets or ticket exchanges.

28. No person will be allowed to distribute advertising matter on the grounds except from the contracted businesses. The tacking or posting of advertisements, bills, cards, etc., other than within the space occupied by exhibitor is strictly prohibited.

29. Distribution of hand bills, fliers, heralds, etc., will not be permitted under any circumstances. Anyone violating this rule is liable to a fine or expulsion from the grounds or both.

30. No art or photos in frames or under glass.

31. Due to space limitations, all exhibits may not be available for public viewing. Fair Management will make every attempt to display all exhibits.

Premium Key for Classes 001-474g

	A	B	C
First Place	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$6.00
Second Place	3.00	4.00	5.00
Third Place	2.00	3.00	4.00

YOUTH FREE RIDE PASS

Any **youth** who enters **at least three (3) exhibits** will receive a free ride pass for Monday, July 7, 2008.

FARM PRODUCTS RULES AND REGULATIONS

Classes 001 through 026
(GARDEN PRODUCE)

1. All farm products (garden produce) will be received between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1, 2008.

2. All farm products must be grown by the exhibitor between July 2007 and 2008 Fair registration.

3. Only one entry per class is permitted.

4. Entries must be **correctly labeled**, including the variety name. They must be placed in **substantial containers** (no paper plates or plastic bags, please).
5. No farm products will be returned unless exhibitor makes a request at time of entry.
6. All perishable items will be kept on display until they begin to deteriorate. At this time, they will be disposed of at the discretion of Fair Management.
7. Garden baskets are judged by quality, number of vegetables, freedom of injury, appearance, and a balance of leafy/root vegetables.
8. Entries calling for a precise number of produce will be disqualified if minimum number is not met.
9. **Read the General Rules and Regulations carefully.**

**HOMEMAKING, HORTICULTURE, HANDICRAFT, ART, AND
PHOTOGRAPHY RULES AND REGULATIONS**
(Classes 030 through 418y)

1. All food and horticulture exhibits will be received at the Civic Center between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1, 2008. All the needlework, handicraft, art, and photography exhibits will also be received between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1, 2008.
2. Exhibitor Entry Forms must be filled out as completely as possible by exhibitor before turning in exhibits at the registration table. Make sure all entries are listed on entry form and that exhibits are in the correct classes.
3. No exhibits may be removed from the Exhibit Area prior to noon on Sunday, July 13, 2008. Any exhibits removed prior to checkout time on Sunday, July 13, noon will forfeit any premium money won and ribbons earned. Exit of exhibits will begin on Sunday, July 13, 2008 at noon. All exhibits must be removed by 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 13, 2008. Goods become property of Fair Management after that time.
4. All **canned goods** must be in standard Mason jars and must have been canned between July 2007 and 2008 Fair registration. Rings must be on jars. Rusty lids are not to be used. No food coloring allowed. Jars must be labeled on the bottom as to contents and date canned. **Entries** may be **opened** and **tasted by the judges**.

5. All candy and baked goods must be on sturdy plastic, styrofoam, or foil plates (**no paper plates, please**). Rules require entire cake to be exhibited except where noted in class listings for judging. No mix cakes are allowed unless specified in class.

6. All food items must be accompanied with the recipe printed on a 3" x 5" card. By entering a food item, exhibitor gives Fair Management the right to publish recipe with exhibitor name and city. Recipe becomes property of the Fair.

7. **All clothing must be accompanied by hanger.**

8. **No art or photos in frames or under glass. Exhibitors will be asked to remove frames and glass before art or photography exhibits can be accepted.**

9. All Homemaking and Handicraft items must have been made between July 2007 and 2008 Fair registration except where noted. (The exceptions are the Antique Embroidery Class, and the Antique Quilt Class.)

10. Exhibitors may enter only **one item per class**.

11. All perishable items will be kept on exhibit until they begin to deteriorate. At this time, they will be disposed of at the discretion of the Fair Management. Perishable items, including flowers, may be replaced with like items once by the exhibitor during the fair.

12. **No professional will be allowed to exhibit.** A professional is anyone receiving substantial or/and regular income from the sale of their baked goods, handicrafts, photography, etc.

13. Youth 1 (ages 13 and under) and Youth 2 (ages 14 to 19) may exhibit in the appropriate age division or in the open age division; however, they **may not** exhibit in the same class in both age divisions.

14. Any exhibit with the © symbol or term copyrighted is considered to be the work of a professional is not eligible for exhibit in the fair.

15. **READ all the General Rules and Regulations CAREFULLY.**