

State Of New York
Department of Agriculture and Markets

Part 350

Standards for Conduct of Fairs

(Statutory authority: Agriculture and Markets Law Section 287)

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Section 350.1 Entry fees maximums. Entry fees shall not exceed ten (10) percent of first premium, except in poultry department, where the fees shall not exceed twenty-five (25) percent of first premium. Any deviation from this standard must receive the approval of the commissioner.

Section 350.2 No Fee for 4-H, F.F.A., Junior Fair of School Department Exhibits. No entry fee shall be charged for 4-H Club, F.F.A. and Junior Fair exhibits entered for competition in their own classes, or for entries in the school department.

Section 350.3 Prompt, full payment of premiums. All premiums advertised and awarded must be paid promptly and in full, without deduction in the guise of donations or otherwise, notwithstanding any statement to the contrary or in modification thereof announced or stated in the premium book.

Section 350.4 No premium for unworthy exhibit. No premium should be awarded by any judge or paid by any society for an unworthy exhibit.

Section 350.5 Premium amount to attract well-balanced exhibits. The amount of premium offered in the various departments should be such as to secure well-balanced exhibits, in the light of the types of agriculture carried on in the territory served by the fair.

Section 350.6 No exhibits by judges in departments they oversee. No judges shall be permitted to enter exhibits in competition for premiums in the department with which they are connected.

Section 350.7 Exhibits to be plainly labeled. All exhibits must be plainly labeled so that the full significance of the exhibits will be made clear.

Section 350.8 Re-exhibition in domestic department. No article shall be permitted to be exhibited in the domestic department if it has been previously exhibited therein, unless, by official action of the Board of Directors of any fair society, an exception is made to this requirement.

Section 350.9 Ownership of exhibits entered in fairs and shows.

(a) All exhibits shall be entered in the name of the exhibit owner; provided, however, that any animal exhibit entered in a youth fair, youth exhibition or 4-H show or exhibition may be entered in the name of the exhibitor.

(b) Exhibits shall have been owned by the exhibitor for a period of at least 30 days prior to entry of the exhibit; provided, however, that any animal exhibit entered in a youth fair, youth exhibition or 4-H show or exhibition shall have been in the care of the exhibitor for a period of at least 60 days prior to entry of the exhibit.

(c) Proof of ownership of any exhibit shall be provided by the exhibitor, upon request, to the fair sponsor.

(d) The fair sponsor may limit the number of breeds shown by any exhibitor.

Section 350.10 Rejection or refusal of an exhibit. Any fair society shall reserve the right to reject, or refuse and to order the removal of any exhibit which, in the opinion of its board of directors, is not eligible or worthy of showing or has not met the livestock health requirements.

Section 350.11 Compliance with and enforcement of livestock health requirements. Each fair or exposition which receives money from the State pursuant to Article 24 of the Agriculture and Markets Law shall comply with and enforce the livestock health requirements set forth in Part 351 of this Chapter.