

GENERAL RULES

Admittance and Parking: There are no fees for admittance or parking on the Barton County Fairgrounds. By entering the Barton County Fair your image may be captured through photography and video, which could be utilized for promotional purposes.

Alcoholic Beverages: Per K.A.R. 116-1-2, the consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or cereal malt beverages on the Barton County Fairgrounds is not permitted unless in an area specifically designated by the Barton County Fair Association for such purpose Consumption in any other area is not permitted. Violators may jeopardize future participation in the Barton County Fair and face further disciplinary actions.

Animals on Fairgrounds: No free roaming animals are allowed. All animals must be on a leash, contained in living quarters, trailers, or stall. Any animal posing a threat to the safety and enjoyment of the Fair guests will be removed. All animals must meet current health requirements. **Pets leashed or unleashed are not allowed in Expo III.** (only exception is participant in Small Animal Round Robin)

Barred Exhibitors: The Barton County Fair Association reserves the right to refuse entry to any exhibitor who has been barred on the basis of unethical practices from **any** other show.

Camping: Camping is available for vendors and 4-H families only. Electrical hookups are available. Reservations are accepted for those staying for a fee. Please contact (620) 797-FAIR (3247). for more information

Electrical Hazards (Prevention of): There are various ways of protecting people and livestock from the hazards caused by electricity, including insulation, guarding, grounding, and electrical protective devices. People can significantly reduce electrical hazards by following some basic precautions. Use safe work practices every time electrical equipment is used:

1. Inspect wiring of equipment before each use. Portable cord and plug connected equipment and flexible cord sets (extensions cords) shall be visually inspected before use for external defects (such as loose parts, deformed and missing pins, or damage to outer jacket or insulation) and for evidence or possible internal damage (such as pinched or crushed outer jacket).
2. Replace damaged or frayed electrical cords immediately.
3. All electrical cords should have sufficient insulation to prevent direct contact with wires.
4. Flexible cords must be grounded and protected from accidental damage.
 - a. Do not alter cords; do not remove ground pin
 - b. Adapters which interrupt the continuity of grounding may not be used. 3-2 Adapters are prohibited.
5. **Do not block electrical breaker boxes or fire extinguishers.** Sufficient access and working space shall be maintained for electrical equipment and fire extinguishers. (36" clearance)
6. **Do not open electrical breaker boxes or panels; Contact maintenance if access is necessary.** All electrical panels (breaker boxes and any other type of electrical panel) shall be closed at all times.
7. Live parts of electric equipment operating at 50 volts or more (i.e. electrical outlets) must be guarded against accidental contact.
8. Only equipment with three-prong plugs should be used. The third prong provides a path to ground that helps prevent the buildup of voltages that may result in an electrical shock or spark. This does not guarantee that no one will receive a shock, be injured, or be killed. It will, however, substantially reduce the possibility of such accidents, especially when used in combination with other safety measures.
9. Maintain all fire exits and fire lanes.

Completion of Exhibits: Exhibitors must fill out the entry forms as outlined in specific departments and divisions. All entries must be made by the owner, or a person authorized to act for the owner. Additional forms will be provided by the Fair Association upon request or may be picked up at the Barton County Extension office. For closing dates on entries, refer to specific division show rules. Entries made in different departments and divisions must be made on separate entry forms. Copies of all registration papers, if required by department entered, are to be made available upon request of the department superintendent. Premiums will be withheld if satisfactory proof is not furnished concerning pedigree or if any misrepresentation is made. All entries for competition must be entered in the proper division, with all required information. When an entry is made in an incorrect class, the entry may be transferred to the proper class if: The Competitive Exhibits Director or assistant determines the transfer does not cause injustice to other exhibitors and providing that error has been discovered before that class is called for judging.

First Aid Station: A first-aid station is located in the Fair Office. Personnel are on duty every day of the fair.

Inclement Weather: In the event of inclement weather, and in the judgment of the Barton County Fair Management, the operation of the regular program for a particular day is impeded; programs may be rescheduled or canceled. In case of emergencies, announcements will be made.

Internet: Website address is www.bartoncountyfair.com
Free WiFi is available provided that you agree to the terms provided by the provider.

Interpretation: The Barton County Fair Association through its management makes all rules and regulations and reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations. Management will arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard there to or otherwise arising out of any connection with, or incident pertaining to the fair. When no rule appears to cover the situation, the Association President will ask the Fair Association Board of Directors to make a rule and define its application to the situation.

Liability: In no case shall the Barton County Fair Association, any of its officers, KSU– Barton County Extension Executive Board, the Extension Agents, the City of Great Bend, Great Bend Chamber of Commerce, Kansas National Guard or Sponsors be held responsible for damages in any loss, damage injury, death or disability by disease or from theft or from any other cause to any such property, or to any person at the Barton County Fair or Expo Complex. The Barton County Fair Association hereby refuses to assume any responsibility for the safety or otherwise, of any property brought upon the Barton County Fairgrounds or Expo Complex, said property being brought upon land kept upon said grounds at owner's risk. Under Kansas Law, there is no liability for an injury to or the death of a participant in domestic animal activities resulting from the inherent risks of domestic animal activities, pursuant to K.S.A. 60-4001 through 60-4004. Exhibitors and their associates assume all risk of participating in this domestic animal activity. The Association reserves the right to exclude from the grounds any person or persons whom they deem undesirable or expel from the grounds such person or persons who shall violate any of the general rules.

Lost Persons and Lost & Found: All lost and found articles and inquiries about lost persons will be handled in the Fair Office. Phone (620) 797-FAIR (3247).

Official Announcements at Show: Sometimes it is necessary to make a change in the show, which involves a rule change. In such cases, Official announcements will be made. These announcements take precedence over written policy or procedures.

Protest: Any person may protest the qualifications of eligibility of any competing person, animal or object submitted for competition and showing in any pertinent class or event to the Barton County Fair Association by following the procedure below:

1. All protests must be made in writing. Such protests must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, and must be submitted to the Fair Association President within 24 hours following the occasion for the protest, accompanied by a \$50 cash deposit. The deposit will be forfeited if the protest is overruled.
2. Upon receipt of a qualified protest the President will promptly notify the person against whom the protest was made, the Competitive Exhibits Director, Superintendent, Fair Association Executive Board, and other parties that may have relevant information to the protest. The notice will give a time and a place for a hearing to address the protest.
3. The hearing committee, authorized to act upon any protest, shall consist of the following: The Fair Association President to act as chairman, the Fair Association Executive Board and other appropriate staff representation. When a protest is either allowed or denied, the course of action shall be entered in writing and a copy delivered to the protestant and the person whom the protest was made. In the event that a timely protest is properly filed before judging, and a decision is delayed until after the judging, the judges will be informed by the Competitive Exhibits Director to place a conditional and reserve award upon the winning entry. Premiums and awards will be properly distributed when the final decision on the protest is made. The Barton County Fair Association may waive the above rules if, in their opinion, it is warranted.

Refunds:
There will be no refunds for stalls, entry fees or tickets.

Security: The Barton County Fair Association will provide police, guards and traffic personnel, and will use diligence in promoting safety for visitors and exhibits. In addition, every person on the grounds is asked to use judgment and caution in the interest of their safety, as well as the safety of other fair visitors. The Barton County Fair Association will not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury that may occur. Anyone who has knowledge of an action or condition that is dangerous or hazardous is requested to seek the assistance of the Fair Association or Police, which are located at the fair office.

Smoking: In accordance with KSA 21-4009 et seq. smoking is not permitted in any Exhibit Building or Grandstand Seating Area.

Solicitation Rule: No soliciting of any nature will be permitted on the Barton County Fairgrounds. All advertising and/or distribution of advertising materials, tracts, pamphlets, or any item or items what-so-ever must be confined to a leased location.

Trailer Parking: Any exhibitor showing at the Barton County Fair will be allowed to park their trailers west of Expo III along the North ditch or North of the Expo III Building (Across the Blacktop) in the designated area. Parking will be on a first come first serve basis.

EXHIBITS

Open Class: Competition at the Barton County Fair is governed by rules in each department. The age you are as of January 1st of the show year is the age that will be used to determine which division you will be entered under.

P-Professional: is classified, for purposes of exhibiting, are those who are teachers or who make a practice of selling their work. Divisions: **Y-Youth:** 16 & Younger; **A-Adult:** 17 – 65. **S-Senior:** 65 & Better; See above definition. All entries must be made upon entry cards furnished by the Barton County Fair and by rules listed in each department. Articles previously winning awards at the Kansas State Fair or the Barton County Fair are not eligible for re-entry. Entries must be the work of the exhibitor and work should not be more than 3 years old (unless otherwise stated in department rules). Every exhibit must remain intact until the last Sunday of the Fair. Absolutely no exhibit will be removed before checkout or exhibitor will forfeit premiums.

4-H: Exhibitors and contestants must be enrolled in the Cottonwood-Barton 4-H Program by May 1 to participate in the Barton County Fair. Youth must be fully enrolled prior to weigh-in/tagging deadlines for livestock projects, to participate in project meetings or other 4-H events. Unless otherwise designated in division Rules, age divisions will be Clover buds: members age 5 & 6 by January 1 current year. Junior Division: members 7-9 years as of January 1, current year. Intermediate Division: members 10-13 years as of January 1, current year. Senior Division: members 14 years older, January 1, current year. 4-Hers may exhibit no more than 2 entries in any one class of a division, unless otherwise stated under the rules of that division. Division rules may also include a maximum number of entries in that Division. Each 4-H Exhibitor is responsible for keeping their 4-H exhibit in good showing condition. All exhibits shall remain in place until the 4-H release time listed in the Fair Schedule or exhibitor will forfeit premiums. All exhibits should be picked up at the 4-H release time on Sunday, unless prior arrangements have been made with the 4-H Office.

Erroneous Entries: At the discretion of the superintendents, exhibits that have been erroneously entered may be transferred to their proper classes prior to judging. Judges will decide the disposition of each case of erroneous entry upon its merits.

Important: All Livestock Exhibits must be pre-entered by the deadline established by the Cottonwood-Barton Extension Office. 4-H Livestock Exhibits will be assessed a \$10 pen fee. This fee will be waived if pre-entered by the 15th. All livestock must be shown by the 4-H member who owns the project. In case of more than one entry in the same class another Barton County 4-H member may show the animal. All market livestock must be weighed and tagged at the official county weigh-in. In an extreme emergency, contact the Extension Office. No horned animals are to be housed inside the livestock barn. Animals with horns are to be penned separately outside the barn. Exhibitors are responsible for their own pens. A herdsman award will be awarded to the 4-H club that shows the best herdsman (animals well cared for, livestock stalls and aisles kept clean, stall cards and ribbons (or stickers) nicely displayed during the Barton County Fair. Livestock exhibits include beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, goats, poultry and rabbits. Livestock exhibitors must sign out with their superintendent before leaving the grounds on the day of check out.

Premiums, Prizes and Awards:

Premiums are paid by the Barton County Fair Association. The Fair Association may establish rules and guidelines concerning premiums, including requiring participation in the Fair Clean-Up. Open Class Premium Cash must be claimed at the time of pick-up of the exhibit, or it will be forfeited. First, Second & Third places will be awarded ribbons and premiums of \$6, \$4, and \$2 respectively. Special awards and premiums may be listed in divisions. 4-H Premiums will be picked up at the designated times.

Ribbon Buy-Back: A program will be offered at checkout time, \$1.00 will be paid for each **Open class** or **4-H rosette** ribbon presented for Buy Back. Ribbons must be in new condition.

Violations of Rules/Regulations: Any exhibitor not complying with the Barton County Fair rules, regulations, and requirements, may be denied entry, participation and facility usage. The department Superintendent is responsible for the enforcement of any rule, regulation or requirement that is designed to present a quality, legal, publicly safe and acceptable, traditional show that is in keeping with acceptable fair exhibiting practices. Industry (IAFE), association, and breed practices will also be part of the Barton County Fair's requirements. In the event of an apparent violation,

the Superintendent will immediately notify the Competitive Exhibits Director of the situation, and an assessment will be conducted to ensure a decision will ultimately be made in the best interest of the Barton County Fair. It will be the Fair Association President's responsibility to advise and approve the Competitive Exhibit Director and the Department Superintendents decision. Should the exhibitor choose to contest the decision of the Barton County Fair Association, a protest may be submitted to the Barton County Fair Association through the procedure outlined in the general rules.

SUPERINTENDENT DUTIES

Read and be familiar with all General Rules and Regulations concerning the County Fair. Read and become familiar with all Special Rules concerning your division. Develop a work schedule for your division and contact committee members and others to ensure all responsibilities are covered. If additional help is needed the Division Superintendent may contact the Fair Association, 4-H Junior Leaders Organization or the Barton County Extension Office for additional resources.

Carry out the following duties -

Set-up: Be present and set up the Division Exhibit Area.

Prior to Check-In: 4-H Superintendents prepare Conference Judging sign-up sheets, include judging times and assist exhibitors in designating a judging time. If 4-Hers have conflicts, stress flexibility and assist the 4-H exhibitor by planning to work them in when possible.

Check-In: Be present to accept exhibits.

Note: There are two check-in times for many exhibit areas – morning and evening. Review each entry form for complete, correct information, including exhibitor name, exhibitor statements, etc. before accepting the entry. Show exhibitors where to place exhibits.

Before Judging: Be present before the judging begins to greet the judge(s), review division rules, placing systems, awards to be chosen, etc. with the judge(s).

During Judging: Assist the judge(s) during the judging of exhibits-answering questions, but not conversing with the judge about an exhibit. When possible, have a committee member assigned to each judge to record written comments on the back of the exhibitor's entry form. Do not let people other than the contestant speak with the judge while judging is taking place, unless the judge prefers to talk with the group during judging. Check with the judge. Assist exhibitors in preparing for judges, including lining up livestock for the show ring.

Selection of Champions: Review with the judge(s), which exhibits are eligible for Champions and other honors and encourage the judge(s) to select award winners for all available rewards.

Selection of Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champions: After selection of the Grand Champion has been made, the project exhibit which stands, as Reserve Champion to the now named Grand Champion will move up and compete against the remaining Champions for Reserve Grand Champion.

After Judging: Encourage each judge to complete all forms and record the judge's comments and ideas. Record all award winners and return all entry form copies & supplies to the fair office. Arrange exhibits for attractive display. Place ribbons and identification cards on the exhibit. Supervise the Division exhibit area and keep it neat and clean throughout the fair.

Checkout: Be present to supervise the release of exhibits at the scheduled 4-H checkout time. Cleanup: Tear down and clean up the division exhibit area. It is the responsibility of the division superintendent to make sure any or all rules, regulations or requirements are followed. (See Rules of Interpretation.) Each Division is strongly encouraged to have a post-judging meeting to make suggestions for improvements to be reviewed after the fair. Please notify the Extension Office and or the Barton County Fair Association if you are unable to serve as a Superintendent.

ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Breeding heifers, dairy cattle and bucket calves shall have an official health certificate issued by a veterinarian. within thirty days of the fair. Beef steers, spayed heifers, swine, market lambs, dairy goats and market goats do not need a health certificate. They will be inspected before unloading by an onsite veterinarian. **Notice:** According to the Barton County Rabies Resolution, 1992-16, all dogs, cats, ferrets and horses, must be vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian for rabies. For more information, contact the Barton County Extension Office, (620) 793-1910, or the Barton County Health Department, (620) 793-1902.

Livestock Check Point: All livestock must be inspected and have the necessary health papers checked by officials. All market animals will have a completed medication form which will be turned in at the health inspection booth. The inspection booth will be located just south of the Main entrance of the Expo Complex. Exhibitors will be given a signed release that will allow you to unload at Expo III.

Animal Care: All owners or persons in charge of property, or livestock, shall care for, guard, protect, and preserve same, as Barton County Fair does not undertake to do so, and it shall not be held responsible for any loss, shrinkage, or damage to said property or livestock or the owners or exhibitors thereof.

Blood & Urine Test: It is the right of the Barton County Fair Association to conduct laboratory analysis on any animal entered in the Barton County Fair competition, at their discretion. Any test that comes back positive, the cost of the test will be the responsibility of the exhibitor.

Bucket Calf: Bucket Calves must have an official health certificate issued by a veterinarian within 30 days of the Fair. Bucket calves are required to be ear notched and tested negative for BVD to show at the Barton County Fair. It is recommended to test as soon as you purchase your calf.

Cattle (Dairy and Beef): Originate in and constitute a part of a certified brucellosis-free herd. Herd certification number must be entered on the health certificate. Be an official calf hood vaccinate and be less than 24 months of age for beef breeds or 20 months for dairy breeds. Vaccination tattoo symbol must appear on the health certificate and the animal must have a legible vaccination tattoo. Originate from a Kansas dairy herd that has had four consecutive current milk ring tests. Present evidence on the health certificate that the animal has been tested negative for brucellosis at an approved state/federal laboratory within 60 days of the exhibition date. All heifers including official calf hood vaccinations that are springers (expected to calve within 2 weeks) or have calved are test eligible regardless of age.

Horses: 4-H horse vaccinations certificate is due in the 4-H office by June 1, current year with the I.D. papers. 4-Hers not having these forms will not be eligible to ride in 4-H horse shows (See rabies resolution 1992-16, above).

Sheep: Due to the need for a club lamb fungus inspection, a general health certificate will not be required. All sheep will be inspected before unloading by an onsite veterinarian. All Sexually intact (Ewes & Rams) must be identified with an official USDA premise ID tag. wethers do not need a Tag.

Swine: All swine must be free from all infectious or contagious diseases. All swine will be inspected before unloading by an onsite veterinarian.

Dairy & Meat Goats: Animals must be free of abscesses, sore mouth and otherwise be healthy. All sexually intact (does & Bucks) must be identified with a registered tattoo or an official USDA premise ID tag. All goats will be inspected before unloading by an onsite veterinarian.

Dogs: All dog vaccinations (distemper, parvo, rabies) must be current, within the past 12 months, and "proof of vaccination" statement from a veterinarian must be shown as the dog is brought to the fairgrounds.

Pets: Cats are to have their rabies and distemper shots before bringing them to the show, and "proof of vaccination" statement from a veterinarian must be shown as the cat is brought to the fairgrounds. See rabies resolution 1992-16 above.

Poultry: All poultry, except pigeons and waterfowl, must be blood tested for pullorum-typhoid, required every year or at a designated time before the start of the fair. Any bird with a positive reaction cannot show and must be removed from the fairgrounds.

Rabbits: No diseased or unhealthy rabbit will be allowed on the fairgrounds. Any unhealthy rabbit will be removed from the fairgrounds.

Animals with sore mouth, lesions of ring worm, warts, or infested with mange will not be permitted to exhibit.

CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations, which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels. All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics could forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in

accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada. (Adopted published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.

11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further consent that any action, which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

SALE OF CHAMPIONS

Sale will be held on Sunday or at specified time by the Sale Administrator (Barton Co Fair Association) Participants participating in the sale should be familiar with the Kansas 4-H Laws and Policies Administrative Handbook pertaining to Sale of livestock through public auction. **Animals sold through the Barton County 4-H Sale of Champions are not terminal and all animals must be removed from the ground at the specified time.**

4-H members must be present when animals are being marked for sale. In order for a member to participate in the sale, he/she must have attended at least five (5) club meetings. In order to pay livestock expenses incurred a percentage of the premium, determined by the Barton County 4-H Livestock Committee, will be taken for both first and second species being sold. Each 4-Her enrolled in market livestock may sell through the auction not more than two (2) animals, and not more than 1 animal per species. For example, a 4-Her might sell 1 lamb and 1 pig, but not 2 pigs or 2 lambs, etc. Species that can be sold are Market beef, market sheep, market swine, market goat and the Champion or Reserve Champion meat pen of rabbits and poultry. All second animals will sell in the sale of seconds, regardless of placing. To be eligible to sell livestock at auction through the Barton County Sale of Champions, minimum weights for livestock must be achieved. See Species Division for required weights.

1. 4-H market beef must weigh a minimum of 950 pounds and have no permanent teeth in sight.
2. 4-H market lambs must weigh a minimum of 85 pounds. No maximum weight.
3. Minimum sale weight for market hogs is 215 pounds. Maximum sale weight is 300 pounds.
4. Minimum sale weight for meat goats is 45 pounds. No maximum weight.

Members may sell other animals from the pens if they wish. The club member must lead his animal through the ring while it is being auctioned the day of the sale. **Livestock checks are to be cashed within 30 days after the issue date.**

Animals sold in the premium sale with the premium to be donated by the 4-Her will be sold in its regular place on the sale bill. If an animal is going to be custom slaughtered by a premium buyer the 4-Her will be responsible for maintaining the animal until the time of slaughter and for making arrangements for the transportation of the animal to the chosen slaughter facility. It is the responsibility of the 4-Her to turn in their Intent-to-sell cards within one hour of their last show. **All** sale participants **must** have completed by the deadline established by the Cottonwood-Barton Extension Office the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) assurance program regardless of species.