

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All entrants must be members of the Cobden Agricultural Society for which there is a \$5.00 annual membership fee. To join the CAS and pay your annual fee, please see our membership table when you arrive to submit your entries. Agricultural Society members may be called upon to volunteer or supply food for Agricultural Society sponsored functions from time to time. All members of the Cobden Agricultural Society are invited to our Annual Meeting in January 2024.

NOTE: There is no membership fee required for 4-H or Youth Fair, however, any Junior Exhibitor participating in the Senior Exhibit Hall classes will be required to pay the same membership fee (\$5.00) as the senior competitors.

2. The definition of “New Exhibitor” is someone who has not entered any exhibits in the Cobden Fair in the past 5 years. **PLEASE NOTE: Be sure that the letters N.E. accompany your exhibitor’s number in order to be eligible for “New Exhibitor”.**

3. **Exhibit drop off for Senior Hall, Youth Fair and Field Crop.**

Please drop your exhibits off on Wednesday, August 23rd between 6:00 p.m. and 8:30p.m., OR on Thursday, August 24th between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Senior Hall and Youth Fair exhibits are in the Curling Club building, Field Crop exhibits are in the ARENA. **YOUTH FAIR ENTRANTS:** if you are also entering in Senior Hall and/or Field Crop, you are required to pay the membership fee and fill in a separate entry form for each class.

Entry fees may be paid in the Curling Club at the Senior Hall membership table.

PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF EXHIBITS TO THE ARENA WITHOUT CHECKING IN AT THE CURLING CLUB.

4. Judging will take place on Thursday, August 24th at noon.

5. No exhibitor is allowed in the exhibit hall whilst judging is in progress.

6. Exhibit hall will be open Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 10:00 until 3:00 p.m.

7. Exhibits **MUST** be picked up on **Sunday, August 27th between 4:00pm and 6:00pm.**

Unclaimed entries will remain at the Agricultural Hall Office for five (5) business days only.

8. Exhibit entries

- a. Each exhibitor will be given an exhibitor's number, which must appear on the entry form as well as on each entry tag.
- b. Exhibitor's numbers, entry forms and tags are available from the Secretary before the Fair or in the Exhibit hall when entries are submitted.
- c. WE ENCOURAGE EXHIBITORS TO ENTER ONLINE USING www.assistexpo.ca/cobdenfair
Please print off a copy of your entries to be submitted with your items.
**If preferred, entry forms are available at the hall office or they can be found as a pdf file on our website at www.cobdenfair.com
- d. No exhibitor will be allowed to enter more than one item in any one section of a particular class in Exhibit hall classes.
For livestock classes, please refer to the applicable section of the prizebook.
- e. Failure to submit an entry form listing all entries can, at the discretion of the Directors, result in forfeiture of all or some of the prize money awarded.
- f. All articles to be exhibited must be owned by the exhibitor and manufactured articles must be the work of the exhibitor.
- g. All crops must be harvested since the last fair and the entries prepared by the exhibitor.

9. Prizes

- a. As of 2023, 20% fairs share will no longer be deducted for exhibit hall classes. No deductions for entries in the 4-H Events.
- b. Points for special prizes will be calculated as follows: 3 points for 1st Prize, 2 points for 2nd Prize, 1 point for 3rd Prize.
- c. If any section should have only one exhibit the judges shall exercise their discretion as to the level of prize awarded. This decision is to be noted by the judge on the judge's sheet.
- d. If "Special Prizes" are unavailable there will be a substitute prize given, at the discretion of the chairperson involved.

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- e. If the receipts of the year are insufficient to meet the prize list in full, the prizes will be paid pro rata as the funds permit.
 - f. Prize money will be paid to winners in the Senior exhibit hall and Youth Fair when the exhibitor picks up their exhibits.
 - g. The Cobden Agricultural Society will not be responsible for “Special Prizes” and exhibits that are unclaimed within 5 business days after the end of the Fair.
 - h. All prize monies paid by cheque will be honoured for a period of six (6) months after the date of the cheque. After this date the cheque will be canceled and the exhibitor will be considered to have forfeited any winnings.
10. Every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety of the exhibits, however; if any exhibit is accidentally damaged, lost or stolen, the Society will not be held responsible.
11. Having taken all ordinary precautions, the Cobden Agricultural Society will not be held responsible for any accidents due to loose animals or other causes.
12. Any errors or mistakes must be reported on or before December 1, 2023 or will not be considered.

