

OPEN CLASS GENERAL RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS

Departments 7 (Eggs Only), 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22, 25, 26, 27, & 28

Departments 7, 8, & 15 have specific rules. Please refer to those departments.

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1. Open Class Exhibits are open to any woman, man or child living in Marathon and adjoining counties. Entries accepted 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. on the first day of the fair.
2. All exhibitors are required to purchase a Season Exhibitor's Ticket. Exhibitor tickets must be purchased from the fair office prior to 4:00 p.m. on, July 31st. Pre-registration is required. If you pre-register before July 20th, your exhibitor's ticket and entry tags will be mailed to you. If you pre-register after July 20th you can do so at the fair office and your entry tags will be held for your pickup.
3. You may take your exhibits and entry tags directly to the department. All Departments are located in the UW Fieldhouse.
4. Total number of exhibits limited to 50 per person for all departments. Except poultry which is 10.
5. Open Class Exhibits must be in place by 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday. All exhibits must remain in the building until 5:00 on Sunday. Exhibits NOT picked up by 7:00 p.m. on Sunday must be picked up on Monday between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at the fair office. Any exhibits left after Monday, become property of the Wisconsin Valley Fair.
6. Judging in all departments except Department 22 – Woodworking, will be judged on Wednesday, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Woodworking will be judged on Tuesday evening, once all entries have been placed. Judges are instructed not to award premiums on unworthy articles or articles borrowed or purchased. You are invited to view the judging and ask questions at appropriate times. **However, hecklers will be disqualified.**
7. No article exhibited in previous years will be accepted. Articles must be made since the last Wisconsin Valley Fair.
8. All exhibits must be the result of labor of the person exhibiting. Proof of this fact may be demanded if any exhibits are questioned and ruled out of competition by the superintendent and fair administrator if proof is not satisfactory.
9. No more than one entry will be permitted per lot number by one exhibitor. Entries may be made in several categories. If any article is entered under the wrong lot number, and the mistake is discovered before the judging, the superintendent may make proper correction in the entry.
10. No article will be accepted for exhibit unless it fully complies with specifications and rules governing exhibition and competition in this department.
11. No eating, drinking, or smoking while sitting at the judging tables.
12. Entries may not be handled by the public.
13. The Wisconsin Valley Fair and its personnel are not liable for any damage or loss to an exhibit. All exhibits will be handled in a professional manner.

