

General Exhibitor RULES and REGULATIONS

1. The Russell Agricultural Society is a not-for-profit organization comprised of volunteers. Our mission is “The Russell Agricultural Society cultivates partnerships to provide agricultural awareness and education for our Eastern Ontario communities.”
2. The Executive and Board of Directors shall conduct the business of the Society. The immediate Past President, President, first Vice-President, second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Homecraft Representative shall constitute the Executive.
3. The fee for Adult Membership in this Society shall be \$12.00 (twelve dollars), HST included, per member, per annum and entitles each member to the following:
 - a. The right to exhibit or compete, after payment of entry fee, in any or all classes at the annual fair or any other exhibition or competition sponsored by this Society during the year of membership.
 - b. The right to receive a copy of the annual report and financial statement.
 - c. The right to examine all books and records of this Society upon request to the Board of Directors. Any person whose membership is in arrears or is not a member in good standing shall not be entitled to vote or be elected to office.
4. A “junior” is a person under 18 years of age. Junior exhibitors do not require Society membership if competing in the junior categories but must obtain an exhibitor’s number from the Fair Office. Junior Exhibitors who wish to compete in adult categories require a valid, and current membership (\$12.00).
5. The Society accepts no responsibility whatever, explicit or implied, for accident, damage, injury or loss to any persons, animal, vehicle or goods on any ground or in any buildings owned by or under its jurisdiction.
6. Any protest must be submitted in writing stating specifically the reason for protest. A protest, together with the sum of \$50.00 (fifty dollars) must be submitted to the Fair Office by 10:00 p.m. the day of the alleged occurrence causing protest, after which time no submission shall be allowed. Submissions of protest will be investigated at a subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors. If the protest is allowed, the plaintiff will be advised and the deposit refunded. If the protest is found to be unfounded, the plaintiff will be advised and the deposit forfeited.
7. Any person fraudulently obtaining prizes shall forfeit all prizes awarded.
8. A charge of \$25.00 (twenty dollars) will be made on all NSF cheques.
9. Exhibitors and competitors must leave all exhibits in place until the specified time in each section, under penalty of forfeiture of all prize monies won.
10. No person shall receive a premium for any animals or articles that, in the opinion of the judge, is not worthy of an award. Discretionary premiums may be awarded on the recommendation of the judge.
11. All exhibitors or competitors receiving prize money will have a membership fee of \$12.00 for the following year deducted from such prize money. In lieu of entry fees in the agricultural products, culinary arts, handcrafts, flowers and antiques sections, exhibitors will have an extra 10% deducted from winnings over \$10.00. All exhibitors receiving prize money under \$10.00 will not receive a cheque but can donate the winning back to the Society or pick up cash from the office. Please contact the Office to make arrangements.
12. Prize winners are requested to cash their cheques promptly. Cheques not cash and received by Scotiabank, Russell Branch, 60 days after issue will be void. All such cheques will be considered a donation to the Society.
13. You may register all your entries online <https://www.assistexpo.ca/russellfair> or call 613-445-1742 for instructions.

14. In the event of the cancellation of any classes of the show, entry fees will be returned and no prize money issued. In the event of insufficient funds to pay prize money in full, the Directors reserve the right to deduct the necessary percentage.
15. Exhibitor passes:
- a. Western horse show: Each rider under 13 gets one gate pass + 1 adult pass. Each rider 14 and over gets one gate pass.
 - b. Cattle: 1 to 5 animals = 1 pass 6 to 10 animals = 2 passes.
 - c. Sheep: 1 to 8 animals = 1 pass 9 or more animals = 2 passes.
 - d. Truck pull: pays admission at the gate
 - e. Tractor pull: one driver and one assistant
 - f. Garden tractor pull: pays admission at the gate
 - g. Demolition Derby: One driver plus two mechanics
 - h. Horse pull: One handler, one assistant per team
 - i. Talent show: pays admission at the gate
 - j. Baby show: Under 6 are free; parents pay admission at the gate
 - k. Ballet participants: 1 dancer and 1 parent – no charge
 - l. Car show: 1 pass per vehicle, other passengers must pay admission at the main gate.
 - m. Cornhole Competition: competitors pay admission fee
16. No person may interfere with the Judges, Directors, Staff or Officers of the Society, or use any abusive or contemptuous language in their presence. Such conduct may incur the forfeiture of his/her right to any premium to which he or she may otherwise have been entitled. Disqualifications under this rule may be published with the list of awards.
17. Exhibitors of cattle, sheep, horses and such groups as named by the Executive MUST provide proof of liability insurance coverage of at least \$2,000,000 or entries will be refused.
18. The Board reserves the right to make amendments without public notice.

Notices to Livestock Exhibitors:

Rabies Immunization: As of July 1, 2018, all horses, cattle and sheep intended to come into direct contact with members of the general public must be immunized against rabies; and - horses, cattle and sheep which are only accessible to persons responsible for their care and control will remain exempt from the rabies immunization requirement. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to monitor their animals if they choose not to immunize against rabies.

Livestock Traceability: All Cattle, Sheep and Pigs arriving at the Russell Fair Grounds must be tagged with an approved RFID tag upon arrival, in compliance with the Health of Animals regulations governing Livestock Identification and Traceability Program (TRACE). ALL Livestock (dairy or beef cattle, sheep, bison) MUST have the required CFIA approved tag.

Navan Veterinary Services is the on-call veterinarian for livestock. If an exhibitor needs a vet and they are not an established Navan Vet Services client they need to be able to pay for the call at the time of service. This would either be via e-transfer to navanvs@nva.com or cash. or via their online banking portal, we are now available as a payee on most major Canadian bank sites except for TD, we are still waiting for them to get us on their portal.