

# 2026

## OPEN CLASS RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MANITOWOC COUNTY FAIR

1. Entry Deadline is **July 15!** Any questions – call 920-683-4378.
2. Fair entries will be accepted ONLINE Only. Entries can be completed by clicking on [Manitowoc County Fair - Online](#). Payment can be made using MasterCard, Visa, Discover, or American Express. Exhibitors can also obtain a loadable card at a bank or store.
3. The Open Class Show is an Open Show. Based on availability, Manitowoc County residents will be granted first priority followed by other Wisconsin County residents and then other state residents.
4. **Fair tags will be mailed to all exhibitors by the first week in August.**
5. Entry Day in Open Class will be as follows:
  - a. For each department entry day information, please read the department rules for entry of animals and/or exhibits
  - b. Exhibits for the Exhibition Building – starts at noon and **MUST** be in place no later than 7pm.
6. Release Time in Open class will be on **Sunday, August 30** as follows:
  - a. 1pm – Alpaca/Llamas Only
  - b. 4:30pm – Market Sale Animals – Animals shipping to Market with MAC contracted Hauler (beef, swine, sheep, goats)
  - c. 5:30pm – Poultry & Rabbit Building and Animals Returning Home including: Dairy Cattle, Beef, Sheep, Goats, and Horses.  
**Note – No dismantling of decorations until 5:30pm for animal departments.**
  - d. Exhibition Building – 6pm-7:30pm. **Vehicle access will begin at 6:30pm through the northwest corner of the Main Parking lot (across the street from Meijer). Watch for signs. Line Up begins at 6:25pm.** (Vehicle access at 6:30pm)
7. All possible care will be given to prevent loss or damage to the exhibits, but no responsibility for the same will be assumed.
8. All Any Other entries in all departments must be named on the registration blank and entry tag!
9. Merit Awards will be awarded for each 100 entries in each Department. Merit Awards will be given in all non-animal divisions based on the Judge's discretion.

### **Notice**

Any exhibitor with law violations on Expo grounds during the Fair will carry a penalty of one (1) year suspension of Fair exhibiting. This is retroactive to the 1990 Fair.

**NO BEER OR OTHER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN BARNs OR OTHER EXHIBIT AREAS!!!!**

**NO DOGS ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS, UNLESS ON A LEASH  
FOR EXHIBIT, PRESENTATION OR SERVICE DOG.**

**JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBITORS AS WELL AS TINY TOTS CAN ENTER INTO JUNIOR FAIR ONLY.  
ANIMALS ENTERED IN JUNIOR FAIR ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE ENTERED IN OPEN CLASS.**

**ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITORS AND ANIMALS MUST REMAIN IN THEIR EXHIBIT AREA ONLY!**

### **MANITOWOC COUNTY FAIR EXHIBITOR FAIRBOOK REVISIONS**

In order to give exhibitors and groups an opportunity to revise or edit the Manitowoc County Fair Exhibitor Fairbook, the Expo Board has approved the following procedure:

1. 4-H, FFA, FHA, Scouts, Pioneers, Breed Groups, or Exhibitors must identify proposed concerns or changes.
2. The group or exhibitor makes a written recommendation to the superintendent of the department when a change is desired for the next year. All suggested changes must be forwarded to the superintendent by October 1.
3. The superintendent reviews the change, checks it against the state statutes (ATCP) and forwards a recommendation to his/her liaison on the Expo Fair Board. Superintendents must forward these recommendations by November 1 of the fair year.
4. All liaison members must have Fairbook revisions, with recommendations in writing, to the Expo office by November 1.
5. The Expo Fair Board reviews all recommendations at the November meeting.
6. The Expo Fair Board acts on the recommendations at the December meeting.