

Rules and Regulations

General Rules

- “Society” shall refer to The Woodstock Agricultural Society.
- “Fair” shall refer to Woodstock Fair conducted by The Woodstock Agricultural Society.
- “Member” shall refer to a member of The Woodstock Agricultural Society.
- “Director” shall refer to a Director of The Woodstock Agricultural Society.
- “Exhibitor(s)” shall refer to a person(s) entering a class listed in the Fair prize list where prize money may be awarded.

Membership

- Any person shall be eligible to become a member of the Society upon payment of an annual fee of \$10.00. Memberships may be purchased up to September first of the current year.
- All fair exhibitors (excluding 4-H members and

youth under the age of 18 entering youth classes) MUST BECOME A MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY. 10% of winnings goes to operating budget for each division.

Entries

- Entry forms are available at the office and must be completed for all entries when you register or enter your exhibits. *Note deadlines under each section*.
- See each section for further regulations and entry fees.
- All entries must be made in the name of the owner of the exhibit.

Live Stock

- Water for livestock will be provided under the supervision of the Superintendent or Director in charge. No bedding is provided.
- No smoking will be allowed in any of our buildings.

Judges and Judging

- Judges shall, in all cases, withhold premiums where the animal or article is not worthy, even though there may be no competition. Judges may then award second or third premiums where they consider the animal or article below proper standard of excellence. The decision of the judge is final, as to the awarding of prizes, no protest shall be allowed.
- The exhibitor must display the entry ticket issued by the fair office. No one shall be allowed to influence the judge before or during the judging of a class.
- No animal will be allowed to compete in more than one class of section except otherwise specified in this prize list. However, exhibitors may exhibit a number of animals and receive as many prizes as may have been awarded for different animals in the same class.
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- No one may enter more than one exhibit in any single section in Horticulture or Homecraft classes.
- No one shall use improper language or conduct in the presence of a judge or show official.
- In no case shall anyone act as judge of his/her own property.
- All protests must be made in writing, stating the cause of complaint against any irregularity or breach of the rules, and must be delivered to the secretary during or before the close of the fair.
- A fee of \$5.00 shall accompany the protest. It will be refunded if the protest is sustained. The Executive Committee will adjudicate all protests.

Prizes

- If an article or animal is taken from the grounds before the time specified, the exhibitor of the same shall not be entitled to any prize which may have been awarded.
- No prizes shall be paid in cash except for Youth Classes and the Pet Show. Each section will pay prize winnings by cheque within a reasonable time after the fair.

Power of Society

- All exhibits shall be under control and direction of the Society but solely at the risk of the exhibitor. The Society will not be responsible for damage, injury, loss or theft of any exhibit, regardless of the cause of such damage, injury or theft. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any article exhibited by her/him and shall indemnify the Society against all legal or other proceedings in regard there to.
- No person shall be allowed to drive or ride horses on the show grounds faster than a walk, except within the show ring under penalty of immediate removal from the Fairgrounds.
- The enforcement of the rules and regulations shall be within the powers of the Director in charge. Penalties of any breach shall be determined by The Board of Directors.
- Should any dispute or question arise not provided for in the rules and regulations, the decision of The Board of Directors shall be final. In case of error in the printing of this prize list, the Directors have the power to rectify same.
- If errors or a misprint occurs, please excuse them and check with the convener if necessary.
- In celebration of Canada's 150th there will be no admission fee charged to exhibitors entering the grounds.

2016-2017 Fair Ambassador Message

Jessie Carberry

Being Woodstock Fair Ambassador 2016-2017 has been an exceptional experience and a great privilege. Through the ambassador program I have been able to meet so many new people, to work on my public speaking skills and to learn about all of the work that goes into putting on a fair. I also have enjoyed the increased role within our community.

Throughout my year as ambassador, I have experienced so many new opportunities. The top highlight for me was getting to shear a sheep at Old McDonald's Barn. I also enjoyed handing out ribbons and watching the youth talent show. My journey was just getting started after the fair weekend came to an end. I went on to attend district meetings, be a part of Woodstock parades. From these events I went on to attend Ontario Association Agricultural Societies convention and I look forward to attending the CNE in Toronto.

One of the best parts of being ambassador has been

meeting the people from the Horticulture Society to those in the poultry barn. I have come to see the countless hours of preparation and dedication that is put forth by all different people to make this Fair, and fairs across the province a success. Thank you to all of these passionate and incredible volunteers. I would also like to thank the Oxford County Junior Farmers for sponsoring me in the competition. Thank you to past Fair Ambassadors – Jenna and Heather McKay for all of their advice.

In closing I would like to say this opportunity has been amazing. I am so glad I stepped up on the stage last August to compete. I encourage anyone who has ever wanted to learn more about the Fair or Woodstock to come out and compete as you will make memories lasting a life time. I have been truly honoured to represent the Woodstock Agricultural Society and cannot wait to continue to see it prosper for years to come.