

**2024
OPEN ENTRY
BOOK**

**BATON
TWIRLING**



INDIANA
STATE FAIR

BATON TWIRLING COMPETITION

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Entry Department

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OPEN COMPETITIONS & EVENTS GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1. By submitting an Indiana State Fair Entry Form or online entry, Open Exhibitors agree to all Terms & Conditions.
 - a. Exhibitors entered under one account are also responsible and held accountable to all Terms and Conditions.
2. In the interest of all exhibitors, the Indiana State Fair Board, the agriculture industry, and all breeders of livestock, the following general terms, conditions and listing of prohibited activities are presented to maintain, insure and present a wholesome, high quality educational program. As the showcase of Indiana, it is imperative to promote and allow only ethical behavior by exhibitors at the Indiana State Fair.
3. **The Indiana State Fair Board reserves the final and absolute right to interpret any and all terms and conditions, contained in any and all parts of the Handbook/Premium List and to unilaterally settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incidental to the Indiana State Fair. They further reserve the right to resolve unforeseen matters not covered by general or Department terms and conditions published in the Handbook/Premium List, to amend or add to these terms and conditions as in its judgment it may determine, and to withdraw all premium offerings in all Departments should any emergency exist and circumstances demand.**
4. Fraud, deception, any prohibited activities, or violations of general or Departmental terms and conditions, or any activity determined to be improper or unethical by the Board or Department Superintendent shall not be allowed. Any exhibitor found in violation is subject to sanction and/or disqualification.
5. TAMPERING, ALTERING, AND/OR MISREPRESENTATION relative to any exhibit is prohibited
6. No Exhibitor may take exception to the decisions of an official and/or judge in an unprofessional and/or public manner nor shall any exhibitor or person representing the exhibitor interfere with or show disrespect to any judge or show official.
7. Advertising - Commercial advertisement names or insignia, farm names and family names on 4-H exhibitors or exhibits while showing is prohibited. Distribution or posting of flyers, advertisements or posters are prohibited from being hung in the Coliseum, Youth Arena or any other building, except for those in preapproved areas.

DETERMINATION OF VIOLATIONS OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

8. The Executive Director or their designee assigned by the Indiana State Fair Board to the Department where a violation of any term or condition established for the Indiana State Fair is reported to have occurred prior to, during or after judging shall make an initial determination as to whether a violation has occurred upon determining a violation has occurred, the Executive Director or their designee shall make a determination as to the appropriate penalty to impose upon the violating person(s). The Executive Director or their designee may choose to impose one, all, or a combination of the following penalties.

PENALTIES

9. The exhibitor in question is disqualified and forfeits all entry and other fees and all premiums, trophies, and awards from the Department.
10. Any or all State Fair premiums, trophies and awards won by an exhibitor in any and all State Fair Departments shall be withdrawn and required to be returned to the State Fair. All entry and other fees are forfeited.
11. The exhibitor and/or his/her immediate family shall be barred from State Fair competition for a period determined by the Executive Director or their designee that may include up to a lifetime.
12. The Executive Director or their designee may impose any other penalty deemed appropriate.

DUE PROCESS

The following due process rights and right of appeal shall be utilized.

13. The Executive Director or their designee shall notify the exhibitor in writing of the violation and penalty imposed within 15 days of the determination of a violation.
14. Within 15 days of receipt of written notification, the exhibitor may appeal the decision in writing to the Indiana State Fair Board. The written appeal must be delivered to the office of the State Fair Board within the 15 days.
15. Within 15 days of receipt of the written appeal, the Executive Director or their designee may rescind his/her initial determination. No further determination as to the reported violation may be subsequently made by the Superintendent. The exhibitor shall have no further remedy available upon the rescission of the initial determination.
16. Should the Executive Director or their designee take no action on the appeal within 15 days from the date of receipt in the office of the Fair Board, the exhibitor may request an appeal hearing no later than 18 days of the initial violation determination. Requests for an appeal hearing must be sent to the State of Indiana Office of Administrative Law Proceedings (OALP) by submitting a petition for review. To submit a request, go online to <https://www.in.gov/oalp/>, select that you are an individual filing for a petition for review. Then:
 - a. Fill out the online form via the link at the bottom of the page (you will be asked to upload a copy of the violation determination);
 - b. Download a paper copy of the request form and mail it to OALP; or
 - c. Personally appear at OALP's office located at 100 N. Senate Avenue N802, Indianapolis, IN 46204.
17. OALP shall appoint an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) to conduct an appeal hearing. The ALJ shall issue an order to

parties setting a date for the appeal hearing.

18. OALP's assigned ALJ shall issue a final order concluding the Administrative Review.
19. Either party wishing to appeal the ALJ's final order may file for judicial review of the order. Any judicial review shall take place in a competent court situated in Marion County, Indiana.

GRIEVANCE

20. Within twenty-four (24) hours of observing any suspected infraction, Exhibitors competing in an Open Class competition shall personally present a Grievance Form (found at www.indianastatefair.com) to the Entry Office in the Communications Building. No other persons have standing to present a Grievance Form. In all cases of grievance affecting an exhibitor, the statement must be verified.
21. A grievance must also be personally presented to the Entry Office within 24 hours of the occurrence of the suspected infraction for all livestock activities and for all other activities prior to the official closing of the State Fair (5 pm the last Sunday of the Fair). In the event a grievance is presented after judging has begun on the item or activity in question, the judging will proceed, and the grievance will be handled as if the grievance were presented following the judging.
22. A grievance must be presented in writing, verified and accompanied by a \$500 cash or money order made out to the Indiana State Fair. The grievance must state the name of the exhibitor, the exhibit and class in question, the specific reason for ineligibility and the terms and conditions that govern the case.
23. The \$500 will be returned if the grievance is upheld. The \$500 will be forfeited if the grievance is not sustained.
24. The Executive Director or their designee shall notify, in writing and within 15 days of receiving the grievance, the person(s) submitting the grievance as to his/her determination of the validity of the grievance and the actions taken as a result of upholding the grievance. If the grievance is denied, the notifications shall state the reasons for denial.
25. The person(s) submitting the grievance shall have the due process rights set forth in the Due Process section of this Entry Book.

JUDGES AND JUDGING

26. The awards will be made by judges who are hired by the Executive Director or their designee.
27. The time at which the judges will pass upon the different classes is determined by the Executive Director or their designee. All exhibition times are subject to change without announcement.
28. Any exhibit not presented promptly when called will be ruled out.
29. The judge, must, if any attempt be made by an exhibitor or his agent to interfere with or influence his decision, report the fact at once to the Executive Director or their designee.
30. An exhibitor who removes a placing ribbon, or authorizes another person to do so, in the presence of the judge, or in any manner insults the judge, shall forfeit all premiums, and be excluded from exhibiting, and the Fair Board may impose any additional penalty it so desires.
31. **Regardless of the number of entries in each class by one exhibitor, only two premiums will be paid in any of the single classes and only one premium in any of the group classes.**
32. Judges shall not award prizes to unworthy exhibits, whether there is competition or not, nor shall they award premiums on articles incorrectly entered or incorrectly named.

APPEALS FROM DECISIONS OF JUDGES

33. The right of an exhibitor to appeal the decision of a judge will exist only when it is charged that the award has been made in violation of the terms and conditions governing the exhibit, or when it is charged that the decision of the judges has been influenced or interfered with by another person.
34. The appellant must give verbal notice to the Executive Director or their designee in which the judging occurred within 2 hours of the judging. The written appeal as described below must be received within 24 hours of the verbal notice. The written appeal must be given to the Entry Office.
35. Appeals from the decision of a judge must be made in writing and must contain at least one specific charge, stating at length the facts relied upon and the term and condition violated, and naming witnesses and their addresses by whom proof is to be made.
36. The Executive Director or their designee shall notify the exhibitor in writing within 15 days of receipt of the appeal as to their findings and actions resulting therein.
37. The exhibitor shall have the due process rights forth in the Due Process section of the Entry Book.

PREMIUMS

38. **Premium checks will be mailed in October for all departments.**
39. Premiums will be paid according to official judges' result sheets and payable to exhibitor name as entered.
40. To expedite delivery of premiums, any exhibitor receiving \$600.00 or more in monetary awards will be required to provide the Indiana State Fair with a completed IRS Form W-9 (W-8BEN for foreign exhibitors) providing a taxpayer identification number. Failure to provide this information will result in the forfeiture of all premium monies. Forms may be picked up at the Barn Offices, at the Entry Office in the Communications Building, or found on the IRS website www.irs.gov.
41. Questions and/or discrepancies noted in issued premium checks must be addressed to the Indiana State Fair Entry Department prior to **December 1, 2024** for resolution. Premium records will be considered closed on **December 1, 2024** and any exhibitor right of protest or re-issue is thereafter relinquished. A \$35.00 handling charge will be subtracted from a replacement check if check is lost, shredded, not cashed timely etc. **Premium checks must be cashed within 90 days of receipt.**

LOSS OR DAMAGE Waiver

42. It is mutually agreed that the Indiana State Fair assumes no liability for any loss of property or any claim for personal injury, including death. The exhibitor herein agrees to release, discharge and indemnify the Indiana State Fair Commission, its component members, and their successors from liability by reason of injury to property and/or persons, including death, which may occur within or upon the premises herein described in any manner connected

with use thereof by exhibitor.

Baton Twirling Competition

Purdue Extension Building Auditorium

Tim Phelps
Indiana State Fair Board

Judy Leap, Coordinator batontwirling@indianastatefair.com

Terms & Conditions

1. **NEW Dates and Time of Competition:** The 2024 Indiana State Fair Baton Twirling Competition will be held on **Sunday, August 18, 2024 AND at 9am EST in the Indiana Farm Bureau Fall Creek Pavilion** (on the Indiana State Fairgrounds. See below for the schedule. The event is free to public with paid Fair admission.
2. The Indiana State Fair Baton Twirling Competition is open to all twirlers from any state.
3. This is a U.S.T.A. sanctioned contest—all U.S.T.A. rules and U.S.T.A. music will be used.
4. This contest is sanctioned by the Division of Student Activities of the Indiana Secondary School Administrators.
5. All entrants must be U.S.T.A. members (individual, group, organization, or member- for-a-day). U.S.T.A. offers a member-for-a-day program (which is insurance only—not a U.S.T.A. membership) for contestants entering local contests. A competitor may participate in any local contest by paying the \$5.00 fee rather than a regular or associate member fee. This program is for individuals only. Your intention to enroll as a U.S.T.A. member-for-a-day must be noted on your online registration. Any entry received without a U.S.T.A. number will be required to show proof of membership or pay member for a day. If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to ask. These terms and conditions apply to everyone equally.
6. **ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS ESTABLISHED.** Novice - A contestant who has never won less than three (3) competitive first-place wins in a particular event. If there is an athlete who had previously been competing in Beginner but has less than three (3) competitive first-place wins, they are eligible to compete in Novice. Beginner athletes have won less than 5 competitive first places in a particular event. Intermediate athletes have won less than 10 competitive first places in a particular event. Advanced athletes have won 10 or more competitive first place awards in a particular event.
7. Effective September 1, 2019 athletes may only enter one level up from their current level in a particular event. For example, a beginner athlete may enter intermediate but not advanced, since that would be two levels up.
8. Teams will enter under the team members' average age. Add all ages of group members and divide by the number in the group; round down, not up. Entrants may be in more than one Dance Twirl group, etc. as long as they are not competing against themselves.
9. *Tiny Tot Team Age: All team members in Tiny Tot teams must be seven (7) years of age or younger. The average age rule no longer applies to this category.
10. Parade Corps can no longer pass in review. The penalty of 2.0 will be reflected on the Marching and Maneuvering Score Sheet.
11. Prior year's champions at all levels MAY compete in the same event in which they won their championships in the previous year.
12. The Indiana State Fair Grand Champions and Beginner and Intermediate Champions will be determined by re-competing individually.
13. The top 2 in each age category in 2-Baton, Artistic Twirl, Strut and Solo will compete in Finals. Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced.
14. The Indiana State Fair Department Director of Baton Twirling Competition assumes the right to combine any age/group/event/division with three or less contestants.
15. Basic Strut, eight count square cradling baton with arm swing; Military "L" is done with a 32 count, retraced "L" with one, two beat of baton in right hand, left hand on hip; Presentation, second 32 count of U.S.T.A. Strut.

Novice Beginner Solo, Intermediate Solo, all 2-and 3-baton, time limit 1-1/2 minutes each. Please note new Strut USTA music. Advance Solo, Pairs, Special Advance Solo, two (2) minutes. All Artistic Twirls and Artistic Twirl Pairs current U.S.T.A. Dance Twirl/Artistic Twirl Music Costume Modeling in a 'T' must carry baton; no twirling; maximum one (1) minute. Please note that the basic music has been slowed down.

16. Parade Corps format: A unit director must declare the classification of the competing unit by September 1. That declaration will be maintained until September 1 of the following year unless the unit has scored out of the category to a higher range. Once you have declared the unit, you may not go back. The classifications are listed under Parade Corps.
17. Artistic Groups: Event is an ensemble of baton twirling athletes that prioritizes EFFECT and ENTERTAINMENT as the cornerstone for the event. The GROUP achieves this through the use of effective characterization, interesting staging, creativity, artistic detailing, and keen sense of musical interpretation, all interlaced to create an entertaining production value. The Artistic Group event is judged via 4 captions: General Effect 40 points, Design/Choreography 30 points, Baton 15 points, and Body 15 points
18. One level will be offered
19. Number of members: minimum of 10. No maximum
20. The group may consist of members of both sexes, if so desired
21. Content restriction will follow the Content Restrictions for groups – See Page 10 or call Baton Twirling Competition Coordinator, Judy Leap 317-258-5757
22. Set systems used. All judges are currently U.S.T.A. certified judges.
23. The contest will be held in the Expo Hall at Indiana State Fair.
24. Dressing facilities will be available backstage. Boots may be worn; no powder or rosin allowed.
25. The Indiana State Fair Commission, the contest coordinator, IBTA, and USTA will assume no liability for any injury or accident occurring in transit to or from the Fair or while at the Fair. Not responsible for lost or stolen articles.
26. Beginner Duet time limit is 1.5 minutes.
27. Dance Twirl teams: 2-3 minutes. Twirl Teams: 3-4 minutes.
28. Parade Corps: 2-3 minutes. Pom Teams: 1-2.5 minutes.
29. Artistic Group: 3-3.5 minutes
25. Parade March is now a sanctioned event made up of one (1) person. The USTA Basic/ Military music will be used. This routine is performed in a square in the floor pattern dictated for basic strut in the USTA rule book.
26. **Parade Line is an unsanctioned event made up of two to three (2 to 3) individuals who will march in place in a horizontal straight line. No changing of formations, gymnastics, or illusions will be permitted. The USTA Basic/Military music will be used. The first eight counts of music may be used as an introduction or by just holding a pose. The age divisions will be determined by averaging the ages of the participants.**
27. **The date for determining an athletes age for competition in USTA events has changed from December 31st of each calendar year to August 31st of each competition season. Athletes will compete at the age they are on August 31st of each competition season. The competition season runs from September 1st to August 31st.**

Entry Information

1. All entries must be made in accordance with the terms and conditions.
2. **Online Entry** - To enter into the Indiana State Fair, please go to <https://exhibitorscorner.indianastatefair.com/> and enter online follow the prompts. Each exhibitor is required to pay an entry fee at the time of entry. An exhibitor will not be considered entered into the Indiana State Fair until payment is made in full. Payment can be made online with a valid credit card. Entries will not be accepted over the phone.
3. **Entry Deadlines and Fees** – see below.

Enter between May 16, 2024 – July 1, 2024

Department Fee: \$5
Per Class Fee: Individual – All Basic Events \$7, Novice & Beginner Events \$9. Intermediate Events \$10, Advanced Events \$11. Duet - \$11 per person, Trios, Teams or Corps - \$35 per team (*each participant/exhibitor registered will receive one (1) Fair admission and one (1) one-day parking voucher*)

Enter between July 2, 2024 – July 31, 2024

Department Fee: \$15
Per Class Fee: Individual – All Basic Events \$7, Novice & Beginner Events \$9. Intermediate Events \$10, Advanced Events \$11. Duet - \$11 per person, Trios, Teams or Corps - \$35 per team (*each participant/exhibitor registered will receive one (1) Fair admission and one (1) one-day parking voucher*)

4. Entry fees apply per entrant, per event for individuals or duets, payable by credit card online. To register a trio, team, or corps one parent or coach must register the trio, team, or corps and list team members and pay trios, team, or corps fees once.
1. No entries will be accepted after July 24, 2024.
2. Each participant/exhibitor registered will receive one (1) Fair admission and one (1) one-day parking voucher, regardless of the number of events entered.
3. Entry questions? Call 317-927-7515

Order of Events

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| 1. Compulsories | 24. Costume Modeling |
| 2. Movement Techniques | 25. Basic Strut |
| 3. Short Program | 26. Military “L” |
| 4. Parade Corps -1 Level | 27. Presentation |
| 5. Entertainment Corps – 1 Level | 28. Individual Parade March |
| 6. Dance Twirl Teams | 29. Parade Line March |
| 7. Twirling Teams | 30. X Strut |
| 8. Artistic Group – 1 Level - Restrictions | 31. Novice Strut |
| 9. Show Team – 1 Level | 32. Beginner strut |
| 10. Pom Teams | 33. Intermediate Strut |
| 11. Trios | 34. Advanced Strut |
| 12. Collegiate Event | 35. Beginner Strut Championships |
| 13. Beginner 2-Baton | 36. Intermediate Strut Championships |
| 14. Intermediate 2-Baton | 37. Novice Beginner Solo |
| 15. Advanced 2-Baton | 38. Beginner Solo |
| 16. Advanced 3-Baton | 39. Intermediate Solo |
| 17. Beginner 2-Baton Championships | 40. Special Advanced Solo |
| 18. Intermediate 2-Baton Championships | 41. Advanced Solo |
| 19. Beginner/Intermediate Artistic Twirl | 42. Duet’s |
| 20. Advanced Artistic Twirl | 43. Beginner Solo Championships |
| 21. Artistic Twirl Pairs | 44. Intermediate Solo Championships |
| 22. Beginner Artistic Twirl Championships | 45. Duet Grand Champions |
| 23. Intermediate Artistic Twirl Championships | 46. All Advanced Championships |

Finals for all Advanced categories will start at approximately 4:00pm. The Beginner & Intermediate Champions will perform in the Final Show.

Awards

Description	Awards	Premiums
Grand Champion Solo Twirler	Banner	\$100
Grand Champion Strutter	Banner	\$100
Grand Champion 2-Baton Twirler	Banner	\$100
Grand Champion Artistic Twirler	Banner	\$100
Beginner Solo-Strut-2-Baton Artistic Twirl	Banner	\$25
Intermediate Solo-Strut-2-Baton Artistic Twirl	Banner	\$35
All Solo Events	1 st Place Trophy 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th ribbons	
Grand Champion Groups (twirling teams, dance twirl teams, parade corps, show corps, show team, trios, pom teams, and artistic group)	First Place Trophy and ribbon to each member	
Second, Third, Fourth, & Fifth Place Teams	Ribbon to each member	
Competitive Achievement Program (Short Program, Compulsories, and Movement Techniques)	Ribbon to each member	

Classes

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION		
Entertainment Corps (10 or more twirling members)	Primary (0-9 years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Strut • Military 'L' • Presentation Parade March 	Senior (18+ years)
	Juvenile (10-13 years)		Novice (0-9 years old)
	Junior (14-17 years)		Beginner (10-13 years old)
	Senior (18+ years)		Intermediate (14-17 years old)
Parade Corps (10 or more twirling members)	Juvenile (10-13 years)	Parade Line March	Advanced (18-21 years old)
			Primary (0-9 years)
			Juvenile (10-13 years)
Show Teams	Junior (14-17 years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-Baton • 3-Baton • Artistic Twirl • Strut • Solo 	Junior (14-17 years)
	Senior (18+ years)		Novice (0-9 years old)
	Large (9 or more members)		Beginner (10-13 years old)
Dance Twirl Teams Novice, A, AA, AAA, and Elite.	Tiny Tot /Primary /Juvenile /Junior /Senior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solo 	Intermediate (14-17 years old)
	Small (4-8 members)		Advanced (18-21 years old)
	Large (9 or more members)		
Twirling Teams Novice, A, AA, AAA, and Elite.	Primary / Juvenile / Junior/Senior	Duet (Solo Duet, Artistic Twirl Duet)	Primary (combined ages 0-18)
	Small (4-8 members)		Juvenile (combined ages 19-26 years old)
	Large (9 or more members)		Junior (combined ages 27-34 years old)
Artistic Groups	One Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short Program • Compulsories • Movement Techniques 	Senior (combined ages 35 years & over)
Trios	Primary / Juvenile / Junior / Senior		As prescribed in the Competitive Achievement Program. For further information, contact contest coordinator
		Junior (15 years and under)	
Pom Team	Senior (1 years and over)		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costume Modeling 	Primary (0-9 years)	
		Juvenile (10-13 years)	
Junior (14-17 years)			

CONTENT RESTRICTION CHART FOR TWIRL TEAMS AND DANCETWIRL TEAMS

CATEGORY	NOVICE	A	AA	AAA	ELITE
Spins (includes Interrupted Spins when interrupted with a MINOR body move)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Spins Releases & Receptions: No Restrictions Baton or Body 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-2 Spins Releases & Receptions: No Restrictions Baton or Body 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-3 Spins Releases & Receptions: No Restrictions Baton or Body 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-3 Spins Releases & Receptions: No Restrictions Baton or Body 4 Spins Releases & Receptions: Standard, No Restrictions on Body 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO RESTRICTIONS
Gymnastic Moves (Applicable to All Other Categories)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No aerial gymnastics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No aerial gymnastics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No aerial gymnastics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aerial cartwheels permitted Aerial cartwheels cannot be used in combination with any other body move or itself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO RESTRICTIONS
Stationary Complex & Travelling Complex (Includes Interrupted Spins when interrupted with a Major Body Move)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None allowed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single Major Body Move under the toss Releases & Receptions: Releases/Receptions Standard, No Restrictions on Body No Double Element tricks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single Major Body Move with 1 spin under the toss Releases & Receptions: Releases/Receptions Standard, No Restrictions on Body No Double Element tricks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single Major Body Move with 2 spins under the toss Releases & Receptions: No Restrictions Baton or Body. Double Major Body Move is allowed under the toss either Stationary Complex or Travelling Complex. Releases & Receptions: No Restrictions Baton or Body. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO RESTRICTIONS
Rolls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single element rolls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No continuous front neck rolls (with or without hands) No front neck figure 8's No monster rolls (partial or complete) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO RESTRICTIONS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO RESTRICTIONS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO RESTRICTIONS
Contact Material	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO RESTRICTIONS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO RESTRICTIONS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO RESTRICTIONS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO RESTRICTIONS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO RESTRICTIONS

Chart was amended in September 2019

INDIANA STATE FAIR

Safety Information

All emergencies, safety concerns and suspicious activity should be reported immediately to the Indiana State Fair Operations Center at (317) 927-7520.

Prohibited Items

- No alcoholic beverages may be brought on to the Fairgrounds during the annual Indiana State Fair.
- No person in possession of a deadly weapon shall be permitted onto or be permitted to remain on the Fairgrounds, unless that person can demonstrate that the deadly weapon is intended for sale or trade at an event that is taking place on the Fairgrounds (Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-2(b)).
 - The definition of a deadly weapon includes firearms, knives or sharp bladed items (regardless of blade length), or any object carried or possessed with the intent to be used as a deadly weapon.
 - Exhibitors will be permitted to carry and use knives and other tools necessary for the proper care of their animals, tack, and equipment. However, these items may only be carried within the confines of the barn in which the animal(s) is housed. Knives and other tools carried outside of the barn are subject to confiscation under the deadly weapon rules found in the Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-2.
- Any deadly weapon found in the possession of a person while on the Fairgrounds is subject to immediate confiscation by persons authorized to provide security protection services as well as city, county, and state police agencies. Federal, state, or local law enforcement officers or those employed or authorized by the Indiana State Fair Commission are excepted from this rule (Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-2 (a), (c), and Section 11-2-3 (1) and (2)).
- Any person properly licensed to carry a firearm must secure the firearm in a locked compartment of his/her vehicle and it shall not be visible to passersby (Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-2(d)).
- No generators (not attached to a working/in transit RV/trailer/living quarters) or animal scales are permitted on the Fairgrounds except those furnished by the State Fair.

Animal Policies & Procedures

- The only animals permitted on the Fairgrounds during the Indiana State Fair are animals registered, boarded or entered for exhibition, show or other competition; animals that will be used in a scheduled performance or to perform work at the Fair; law enforcement animals and service animals. Household and family pets, whether domestic or wild, and service animals not recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Section 36.104 are not permitted on the Fairgrounds during the Indiana State Fair. No person in possession of or having control over an unauthorized animal shall be permitted onto or be permitted to remain on the Fairgrounds (Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-4).
- Animals entered for exhibition, show or competition and animals scheduled to perform must remain in approved areas at all times. Violation may be disqualifiable offenses. See individual department terms and conditions for more specific information.

General Safety Policies & Procedures

- Smoking is not permitted inside barns and buildings. Smoking is only permitted in designated areas on the Fairgrounds.
- Cameras are located throughout the Fairgrounds for security and promotional purposes.
- Motorized vehicles, including golf carts, are not permitted in any barns or buildings (IFC 313.1). This does not apply to personal mobility devices. A valid State issued driver's license is required to operate a motorized vehicle including a golf cart on the Fairgrounds.
- Fans are permitted, so long as they have safety-approved shrouds. See individual department requirements pertaining to size, allowable number, and placement of fans.

Tents, Canopies, & Stall Coverings

- Any tent, canopy, or stall covering in a building must be made of a material to allow for or not block water distribution as well as meet or exceed NFPA Standard 701.
- A portable fire extinguisher must be located under each tent, canopy, or covering.

Fire Safety

- The Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office conducts regular inspections of all barns and buildings during the Indiana State Fair to identify any potential fire hazards or threats to life safety. The decisions of the fire marshal are final and will be enforced.
- Fire extinguishers are located throughout every barn and building. They may be used for approved purposes only. Do not use a fire extinguisher if you are not trained on its proper use.
- Most buildings and barns are equipped with fire alarm and/or fire suppression systems. In the event of a fire, these systems should be activated.
- Emergency exits are clearly marked in all barns and buildings. In the event of an emergency, calmly evacuate through the nearest accessible emergency exit.
- Do not store tack/supplies in primary aisle or in front of exit doors.

Severe Weather

- In the event of severe weather impacting the Fairgrounds, be it a severe thunderstorm or tornado, you may receive instructions over the barn or building public address system. If the barn or building is not equipped with a public-address system, State Fair staff will notify people in person.
- During a severe weather situation, you will be asked to remain inside, away from windows and doors whenever possible. Staff may be instructed to close all doors and windows, including overhead doors.
- Larger barns and buildings will be used for shelter-in-place (points of refuge) to allow Fairgoers to seek shelter. This may cause an influx of people into livestock areas and result in the postponement of a show or exhibition. Exhibitors should be mindful of this, keep aisles and walkways clear, and tend to their animals accordingly.

Food Preparation/Cooking Policies & Procedures

- Cooking inside and adjacent to barns and buildings is not advised. The Indiana State Fair Biosecurity plan recommends that food be excluded from animal areas. If cooking and/or food preparation is necessary, the following policies and procedures must be followed:
 - Cooking devices that use open flames, including charcoal and gas grills, exposed heating elements and non-electric power/ fuel sources are not permitted inside or outside barns or buildings.
 - Approved cooking devices are limited to crockpots, or similar slow cookers, and microwave ovens. Cooking devices must have a cover approved for use with the device and comply with all applicable electrical and fire codes. Cooking devices are also required to be powered by approved cords that are not frayed or malfunctioning in any way.
 - Exhibitors cooking in the barns and buildings do so at their own risk and assume all liability for their actions concerning food contamination from pathogens that may be present in or near a livestock area.

Extension Cords

- Extension Cords shall not be a substitute for permanent wiring. IFC 2012 (605.4.1)
- Extension Cords shall not be affixed to structures. IFC 2012 (605.5)
- Extension Cords shall not extend through walls, ceilings, doorways, or floors. IFC 2012 (605.5)
- Extension Cords shall not be buried under carpet or animal bedding.

Multi-plug Adapter/Power Strip

- Multi-plug adapter(s) are prohibited. IFC 2012 (605.4)
- Power strip(s) shall be grounded and be equipped with overcurrent protection. IFC 2012 (605.4.1)
- Power strip shall be directly connected to an electrical outlet (no piggy-backing). IFC 2012 (605.4.2)
- Power strip cords shall not extend through walls, ceilings, doorways, or floors. IFC 2012 (605.4.3)

Animal Wellness & Care

The Animal Wellness & Care Plan (AWAC) was established to reinforce the Indiana State Fair's commitment and belief in the proper treatment of all animals in exhibition. The Indiana State Fair holds exhibitors of the various species of animals being exhibited to the highest standards in wellness, care and ethics of exhibition. The AWAC is responsible for ensuring the most up to date standards as well as to be a source for the public to seek answers to their questions relating to the health and safety of the animals involved in the Indiana State Fair. Failure or refusal by an exhibitor or fairgoer to comply with the Animal Wellness & Care Plan can result in penalties up to and including but not limited to removal and a ban from the Fairgrounds for the duration of the event.

Biosecurity

The Indiana State Fair Biosecurity Plan was developed to prevent the outbreak of diseases carried by both animals and humans that spread pathogens that can be transmitted to and from farm animals, as well as through the food supply. Many diseases and pathogens can be prevented through maintaining the cleanliness of facilities and encouraging good hygiene. The Biosecurity Plan will be enforced during the Indiana State Fair and all exhibitors are expected to carryout and preform basic biosecurity and hygienic task including:

- Hand Washing/sanitizing following exposure to animals and always before consuming food or drinks
- Excluding human food and food preparation from animal areas
- Maintaining general cleanliness of animals and animal areas
- Properly disposing of animal waste/soiled bedding in properly identified/designated areas
- Cleaning-up after your animal if it soils/has a biological event in a building/Fair common space
- Reporting the appearance or evidence of animal/human sickness or distress to Fair officials

Failure or refusal to comply with the above can result in penalties up to and including but not limited to removal and a ban from the Fairgrounds for the duration of the event.

The Indiana State Fair is committed to providing opportunities for all 4-H participants to show their animals as part of the State Fair. The State Fair also wants to ensure the integrity of its 4-H competitions as is evidenced by the various terms and conditions set forth in this Entry Book, including its policy with respect to testing for unauthorized substances in certain animals that are entered into these competitions and the penalties associated with positive results. By entering into these competitions, you agree to these terms and conditions and as such, we strongly recommend that you read this information carefully

