

## **2026 OPEN CLASS RULES**

The building where the Open Class Entries will be exhibited will be secured to the best of our ability during the Fair. While every reasonable precaution will be taken to safeguard all entries, the YCF&R, its management, employees, and volunteers assume no responsibility or liability for the loss of or damage to any item.

All entries are entered at Exhibitor's risk.

**Open Class Rule 1 Entries:** All entries must be submitted online or on official entry forms provided by the Yamhill County Fair and must be completed accurately and in full.

- a. The Yamhill County Fair Management reserves the right to reject any entry deemed objectionable, requiring excessive space, offensive in appearance or odor, or hazardous due to its explosive, combustible, or otherwise dangerous nature.
- b. Upon entry, each exhibitor will be issued an entry tag identifying the class and entry number. All exhibits must display the assigned entry tag.
- c. Every article entered for competition must be exhibited in the name of its owner or maker. Any person who attempts to misrepresent ownership, or who purchases or borrows articles for entry under their own name, shall forfeit all rights and privileges as an exhibitor.
- d. The Yamhill County Fair Board reserves the right to refuse additional exhibits when available display space has reached capacity.
- e. Entries delivered without the owner or the owner's authorized agent present shall be accepted entirely at the owner's risk.
- f. An exhibitor may receive no more than two cash premiums within any single class.
- g. Ribbons shall be awarded according to the judge's official placings.
- h. Once an item has been entered for competition, it may not be withdrawn or transferred to another class after the opening of the Yamhill County Fair and Rodeo. An exception may be made for floral exhibits, which may be replaced with fresh materials after the first day if the original exhibit has wilted or otherwise deteriorated.
- i. Exhibitors must clearly identify all varieties entered for competition. Judges reserve the right to withhold awards or premiums from exhibits that are incorrectly identified or lack proper variety names.
- j. Unless otherwise specified, each exhibitor is limited to one entry per class.
- k. No entry fees are required.

**Open Class Rule 2 Judging:** The Superintendent may restrict public access to an exhibit area while judging is in progress.

- a. Awards shall be designated as First Place, Second Place, Third Place, and Best of Show and shall be awarded based on the merits of the exhibit. Judges may, at their discretion, withhold awards or award a lower placing if an exhibit does not meet the standards of the class.
- b. Judges may disqualify any exhibit that is not a true representative of the class or division in which it is entered. At the judge's discretion, such exhibits may be transferred to the appropriate class or division when applicable.
- c. Judges may also disqualify exhibits that do not meet acceptable show-quality standards. The decision of the judge shall be final.
- d. No premium shall be awarded to an exhibit lacking sufficient merit, regardless of the number of entries in the class or division.
- e. Grains and seeds are primarily cultivated for milling purposes or for seed, and are evaluated accordingly. All grains and seeds are assessed based on the quality of their varietal characteristics, as well as their freedom from foreign material, weed seeds, dirt, etc.

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### **Open Class Rule 2 cont.:**

- f. Judges or any member of the immediate family or friends will not be allowed to show in departments they are judging.
- g. Any person interfering with the judges during their adjudication will forfeit the right of premiums and ribbons.
- h. All Superintendents are required, and exhibitors are encouraged, to report any violations of this rule to YCF&R Management.
- i. Any individual who causes arguments or a physical disturbance during the judging of a class shall be removed from the fairgrounds, and any premiums awarded in the affected class may be forfeited at the discretion of Fair Management.
- j. Errors in the record of premiums awarded resulting from oversight or negligence on the part of a Superintendent or clerk shall be subject to correction by Fair Management.

**Open Class Rule 3 Static Exhibit Release:** Static exhibits must be picked up on the Sunday following the close of the fair. Exhibitors are required to bring their exhibit tags at the time of release.