

# 80th ANNUAL CHOWAN COUNTY REGIONAL FAIR RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Chowan County Regional Fair will formally open Tuesday, September 29th at 4:00 p.m., and will close Saturday, October 3rd at 12:00 midnight.

## GENERAL

1. Drunkenness, quarreling or the use of profane or obscene language will not be allowed on the grounds.
2. Laser lights will not be allowed on the fairgrounds.
3. No weapons of any kind will be allowed.
4. The management of the Chowan County Fair reserves the right to rule on all questions not covered by these rules.
5. Disregard of any rule or misrepresentation by exhibitor or concessionaire forfeits all premiums, rights and privileges, without recourse.
6. The Chowan County Regional Fair Association reserves the right to adjust the Premium List downward in case the gate receipts are not sufficient to meet the prizes as stated hereon.

## ENTRIES

1. Competition in all departments is open.
2. Preregistration is encouraged. Please visit [www.ChowanFair.com](http://www.ChowanFair.com).
3. Only one item per lot number can be entered by each exhibitor.
4. Items exhibited must be the work of the exhibitor whose name appears on the entry tags.
5. Entries will be received on Saturday, September 26th from 1 - 5 p.m. and Sunday, September 27th from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
6. Items will be accepted and displayed at the superintendent's discretion.
7. "Any Other" and "Any not listed" are the same as "Any Other Not Listed."
8. If records are altered and do not conform with the entries on file, payment of premiums will be withheld.
9. The right is reserved to reject any entry offered.
10. Misrepresentation as to breeding, age and irregularity in showing will be exposed, and any premiums won by such exhibitors will be forfeited.
11. All stalls and pens will be well bedded before the Fair, free of charge.
12. Exhibitors must place all exhibits under the care of the Director in charge, and in no case can they be removed until the close of the Fair.
13. The coloring page in this book may not be used for the Division 4 Craft Entry Coloring Book Page entry.
14. Exhibitors may not enter similar or identical items in more than one lot for competition.
15. "PROFESSIONAL" – refers to anyone who is paid to teach a skill, is employed in a specific field, or sells the items they produce. Professionals must register in the Professional Class for their division. The PROFESSIONAL Class is reserved for those individuals who fit in this category. All others should register in their specific age group.
16. Exhibitors MAY NOT enter similar or identical items for competition in the Professional Class as well as an age group class. Doing so will result in forfeiture of premiums and prizes.

## EXHIBITS

1. Entries having no competition will be judged on individual merits.
2. Fair volunteers will take special care with each exhibit item, the Fair Association is not responsible for broken or stolen items.
3. The management will use diligence to ensure the safety of livestock and articles entered for exhibition or display after their arrival on the grounds but under no circumstances will it be responsible for loss, injury or damage by fire, lightning, wind or any other event to such livestock or article on exhibition or display.
4. NO ARTICLE OR ANIMAL WILL BE ENTITLED TO SPACE UNTIL PROPER ENTRY HAS BEEN MADE. After an article or animal has been entered for a premium, it cannot be removed until Sunday, October 3rd, without permission from the manager or the director in charge of the department. If any person removes an article without such permission, they forfeit all claims to premiums, even if the same has been awarded.
5. No person can make more than one entry in the same lot number.
6. Excluding birds, NO PREGNANT ANIMALS will be accepted for entry or exhibit. Any animal found to be pregnant must be promptly removed by the exhibitor.
7. **SPECIAL NOTICE:** All exhibits MUST be in place and fully installed by 5 p.m. Sunday, September 27th, 2026, **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Exhibit Hall closes promptly at 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 27th and reopens Tuesday, September 29th at 4 p.m.
8. All individual educational booths may be removed after 11:00 p.m. Saturday, October 3rd. Any booth remaining after 5:00 p.m. Sunday, October 4th, will be removed and the Fair Association will not be responsible for missing or damaged articles.



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9. All other articles may be checked out on Sunday, October 4th, from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The Fair will not be responsible for any articles left after 3:00 p.m., Sunday, October 4th.
10. Premiums will be awarded when exhibits are picked up on Sunday, October 4th, between 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For all winners not present on Sunday, October 4th, premiums will be mailed. Checks will be void after 90 days. Any remaining items or ribbons must be picked up within 30 days of close of the Fair or they will become property of the Fair Association and disposed of.

### JUDGES

1. Judges are specifically instructed not to award premiums to any animal or article because of its presence. It must be individually worthy. It is not the policy of the Chowan County Regional Fair to encourage indifferent production of any kind, or to distribute premiums equally among exhibitors. Premiums will not be awarded to any animal or article that is not worthy of a premium.
2. Judges will award premiums on single/group exhibits based on individual/group merit.
3. The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases except where mistakes, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion not discovered at the time of the award is proven. In such cases, the Department Head may make the decision. The case may be appealed to the Fair Manager or Executive Board from whose decision there can be no appeal. All complaints concerning prizes and awards must be made in writing to the Fair Manager no later than Thursday, October 1, 2026.
4. All judges will have authority to disqualify articles entered under wrong classes.
5. The judges are selected by the Extension Office and are volunteers through the Extension Service and are not only from Chowan County but also come from the surrounding counties as well. There are usually 2-3 judges for each division.

