

RICHLAND COUNTY FAIR CODE OF CONDUCT

This Richland County Fair Code of Conduct applies to everyone attending the fair, whether as an exhibitor, parent, superintendent, judge, fair official or spectator, must conduct themselves in accordance with the following IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and the Richland County Fair Code of Conduct. These codes of conduct are not only applicable in the show ring but in all departments, activities, and events associated with the Richland County Fair.

The Richland County Fair Department has developed the following Code of Conduct to protect all exhibitors, families, fair staff, volunteers, and fairgoers to make our county fair a fun and safe venue.

1. Will not engage in any activity that will adversely affect others. This includes, but not limited to, tampering with the property or entries of fellow exhibitors, making rude or derogatory comments/remarks or using vulgar language directed at others and their entries. If you or your family members make any threats via gestures, social media, texting, email, verbal, written notes, or any action that may be construed as tampering with property including that of fairgoers and the Richland County Fairgrounds will be in violation of this code of conduct.

Violation of this Code of Conduct will result in immediate removal of the fair exhibitor and their family for the current year, forfeiture of all family premiums and not allowed to exhibit the following year. This course of action will be across the board for all participating family members so remember, if either the adult family member or the youth family member violates this code, everyone in the family will be affected by the violation of this code. So please THINK before you act. If a violation involves illegal behavior, legal action may be pursued.

2. **Overnight privilege: ALL EXHIBITORS staying overnight in the barns are required to fill out an overnight permission slip designating an adult chaperone who will accompany and be responsible for the minor at all times.**
3. Conduct yourself in a respectful manner while showing. Please avoid foul language, exhibit good sportsmanship, and respect for others.
4. Comply with all state, local, and federal laws while on the fairgrounds.
5. No alcohol, drugs, or smoking in the barns or exhibit halls. All alcohol consumed on the grounds must be in the designated beer garden and only by those of legal age - 21 years and older. Identification will be checked when in the beer garden.
6. In addition to showing and/or handling practices outlined in the IAFE Conduct of Show Ring Ethics, animal cruelty or abuse of any kind is strictly prohibited.
7. Anyone attending the Richland County Fair either as an exhibitor, parent, spectator, superintendent, judge or fair official must conduct themselves in a manner that demonstrates the utmost respect for other parents, exhibitors, superintendents, judges, and fair officials. They are to follow instructions with regard to show and judging procedures as outlined in the fair book and by judges, superintendents, and fair officials.
8. The Richland County Fair Committee may act on conduct violations at any time during or after the fair. The Richland County Fair Committee will provide written communication as to application of consequences for violating the code of ethics, excluding #1 of the Richland County Fair Code of Conduct. That communication will allow a 10-day period from the date of the letter in which the letter recipient must notify the Richland County Fair Committee in writing of their intent to appeal. The letter recipient will appear before the Richland County Fair and Recycling Committee at their next scheduled meeting that will be noted in the letter of communication. The committee will listen to the appeal from the letter recipient and discuss the consequences and make their ruling.