

# General Rules & Youth Market Auction Rules

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Bicycles and Skateboards are not allowed on the fairgrounds during the fair. There will be a designated area where bikes can be parked. It is the owner's responsibility to lock up their items.

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The Becker County Fair Board hereby gives notice only certified service animals, or those animals registered as part of an exhibit at the fair be allowed on the fairgrounds during the Becker County Fair. Emotional support animals and companion animals are not considered service animals.

Please leave your pets at home.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Limited Parking is available for those interested in parking on the fairgrounds during the Becker County Fair. All Parking on the grounds is subject to space available, and the purchase of a parking pass does not guarantee a space. 2023 Parking Rates:

### **General Parking**

**\$ 5.00 per day** – purchased at lot entrance.

**\$ 20.00 General Parking Pass** -purchased at Fair Office

**Livestock Parking** – purchased at Fair Office

**1<sup>st</sup> Pass – \$15.00**

**Additional Passes – \$40.00 each**

A livestock parking pass entitles the holder access to the reserved parking area closest to the livestock barn and is limited in the number of spaces available. If the reserved livestock lot is full, livestock passes can be used in the general parking area as well.

All parking on the grounds is at your own risk. **DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR CAR.** The Becker County Fair Board, or any of its employees, will not be responsible for any damage to your vehicle or the loss of personal items, off of or out of your vehicle while on the fairgrounds.

**General Rules:**

1. Entries of premiums may be made by residents of Becker County, including residents of Clay and Otter Tail Townships adjoining Becker County, except Open Class Livestock. This includes the employees of the Fair and Fair Board members. All other entries for premiums must be first approved by the director in charge of the division.
2. Open class livestock is open to all Minnesota County residents (if space capacity is not filled and preregistration is completed). All fair employees and fair board members are eligible to enter. All other entries and premiums must be first approved by the director in charge of the division.
3. All entries must be made in the proper division on Tuesday between 5p.m. – 8p.m or Wednesday between 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.
4. Check out for Open Class early a.m. Sunday until 11 a.m. Sunday. 4-H check out is before 10 a.m. Sunday.
5. All entries will be judged on the basis of general merit. No consideration given to freak articles or animals.
6. All entries of potatoes or corn must be representative of class and variety under which they are shown.
7. The association will not be responsible for the loss or injury to any livestock exhibits.
8. No exhibit will be placed that has less than the required number of articles or pounds.

9. All articles of handwork must have been made since last Fair. Canned foods must be from August of the previous year to this year. Agricultural products must be grown this year.
10. All claims for premiums or errors must be made to the treasurer within 10 days after the Fair ends.
11. Diligence will be used by the officers of the Fair, but the Fair will not be responsible for the injury or loss of an exhibit or for the injury of any person.
12. All exhibitors of livestock must have stock in the ring promptly after being called by the judges.
13. All cattle, sheep, and hogs must be accompanied by a health certificate according to rules of the Minnesota Livestock Sanitary Board.
14. No article previously exhibited will be accepted.
15. Any person violating any of the rules of the Fair Association will be deprived of receiving any premium that may be awarded to his or her exhibit.
16. The Board of Directors reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations to determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto or incident to the Fair and if necessary, reserve the right to prorate any or all cash prizes.
17. Motorcycle and bicycles are not allowed on the fairgrounds. All other motorized vehicles must be parked. No driving on Fairgrounds.
18. \*\* County Fair Camping Information: Any person 20 years old or under camping on the fairgrounds must register at the Fair Board Office prior to setting up camp. Registration requires a parents signature and overnight supervision by an adult. The registration form must be available when being checked by our security or fair personnel. All problems will be turned over to the city police.

### **It's Easy!**

- Check the general rules and the particular rules of the division you wish to enter.
- Bring your exhibit Tuesday evening (5pm-8pm) or Wednesday (8am-1pm) to the building where the exhibit will be displayed.
- Check after judging for your placing.
- Pick up your prize money Sunday (8am – 11 am) at the place where you entered your exhibit.
- Checks will be ready Sunday at checkout time.
- Cash your check promptly.
- Thank you for exhibiting and good luck

## Raffle Ticket Policy

1. Raffle tickets can be sold under the following conditions: Money from the sale of tickets will go to benefit the Fair or a non-profit organization.
2. Board must approve the selling of all raffle tickets including 4-H.
3. Any political or controversial organization cannot sell raffle tickets.

## Becker County Youth Market Auction

The Becker County Youth Market Auction is a function of the Becker County Fairboard. Below is an opportunity for 4-H and FFA members.

### Becker County Youth Market Livestock Auction Bylaws:

1. To be eligible to sell in the Becker County Youth Market Livestock Auction all market beef and dairy steers, market sheep and market swine must win a red or blue ribbon and must be the recommended Becker County Livestock Committee market weight. Market poultry, market rabbits and market goats are blue ribbon winners only.
2. Becker County youth can enter only one eligible 4-H or FFA animal in the auction. Members that have more than one market animal must report to the Youth Market Livestock Auction Committee at the table set up in the barn by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday. Market species are beef, swine, sheep, goats, market pens poultry, market pens rabbits, and dairy steers. Preferably, if you know what animals you are going to take into the auction let the committee know as soon as possible. Exhibitors in violation of this rule will not be in the Market Auction.
3. Exhibitors and animals going into the auction ring are to be prepared as for their regular show. If not fit for a regular show, the animals will not sell in the auction. Displaying the show ribbon is acceptable. (This would allow market animals to be shown in lamb lead wool garments, but this would be the only exception to the policy.)
4. The 4-H/FFA member must be on hand to bring their animal into ring. No sibling or other 4-H/FFA member can bring in the animal. They must also be present at the end of the auction to have pictures taken with the successful bidder, if requested. If the exhibitor is **not available** for pictures, he-she will forfeit 50% of their market auction premium to the auction committee. If you need an exception, it must be brought to the Becker County Youth Market Livestock Auction Committee 24 hours before the auction.

5. A commission on premium will be taken from each exhibitor's check for promotion, advertising, and the bidders breakfast expense and to comply with youth livestock education in Becker County.
6. Animals must be at the following weights to be eligible, at the Becker County Fair, to enter the Youth Market Livestock Auction. Market Goats - 40 lbs; Sheep - 90 lbs; mini lambs - 50 lbs Swine - 190 lbs; all Market Beef - 1000 lbs; Lowline or Mini Breeds - 550 lbs.
7. FFA members must be an active member of a Becker County FFA Chapter while in high school or must be an active member of a collegiate program. Any FFA member who has retained a membership is eligible to exhibit in up to four county fairs after high school graduation, and also must be a current resident of Becker County. Any exceptions can be brought to the auction committee at least 48 hours before the auction.
8. Youth cannot have sold an animal in another FFA/4-H auction in the same calendar year.
9. Any market animal eligible to be purchased by bidder will be announced from the block or noted in the auction program.