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**Topsfield Fair and The Essex Agricultural Society are not responsible for changes to or omissions from any contest rules, regulations, and/or guidelines.

Exhibitors must adhere to all rules as they apply to individual departments as well as the following regulations:

1. The Essex Agricultural Society is a member of the Massachusetts Agricultural Fairs Association. The rules and regulations of this organization will apply where applicable.
2. Drinking of alcoholic beverage is prohibited on fairgrounds.
3. No smoking allowed in buildings.
4. No exhibit shall be removed before the close of the fair, without the express consent of the department head and fair management. Please refer to individual department for specific pickup times.
5. Department designated 4-H and youth are restricted to boys and girls 9 through 19 years of age as of January 1, 2021 unless otherwise stated in department rules.
6. All reasonable precautions will be taken by the Society for the sake keeping of animals and articles entrusted to its care, but all exhibits for any reason. Exhibitors, contestants, and/or participants agree to be solely responsible for any loss, injury to, damage done, occasioned by or arising from any exhibit, equipment, animal or person to defend and indemnify the Society and the management thereof against all claims and liability in regard thereto. In view of this understanding, exhibitors, contestants, and/or participants may deem it advisable to obtain appropriate liability insurance.
7. No person will be awarded premium checks without providing the Fair office with his/her social security number.
8. Please remember to wash hands after touching animals!

DEPARTMENT ENTRY DEADLINES

- **4-H and Youth Dairy Goat Show:** October 1st;
Posters: September 30th
- **4-H and Youth Horse Show:** October 1st
- **4-H Club Exhibits and Contests:** August 31st
- **4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show:** September 20th
- **ADGA Open Senior & Junior Doe Shows:**
October 2nd
- **Beekeeping & Honey Show:** September 22nd;
Division 4: September 28th
- **Canning:** September 7th
- **Cattle:** October 2nd
- **Christmas Tree Exhibit:** September 30th
- **Crafts:** September 6th
- **Draft Horse Show:** October 1st
- **Farm Photography Contest:** September 1st
- **Fine Art Amateur & Professional:** September 6th
- **Flower Show:** September 27th
- **Foods Department:** Weekend Contest: September 30th,
Topsfield Fair Fall Harvest Baked Sweet Treat:
October 3rd, King Arthur Company Baked Treat:
October 5th, Topsfield Fair Apple Pie: October 6th,
Parent & Child Cookie Contest: October 7th
- **Fruit Exhibit:** September 30th
- **Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off:** September 12th
- **Grange Exhibit:** September 17th
- **Horse & Oxen Pulling Contest:** September 30th
- **Junior Fruit, Vegetable & Decorative:**
September 13th
- **Junior King & Queen Pageant:** October 1st
- **Mrs. Essex County Pageant:** October 7th
- **Open Sheep Show:** September 18th,
Yarn Show: September 30th
- **Poultry Exhibition:** September 15th
- **Rabbit & Cavy:** October 1st
- **Sheep Dog Trials:** September 24th
- **Stock Farm Tractor Pull:** October 8th
- **Vegetables Exhibit:** September 27th, Section E:
September 29th
- **Winemaking:** September 12th