

2025 Rock Island County Fair Open Class Shows General Rules and Regulations

Section I.

TERMS OF ADMISSION

1. Single Admission
 - a. Adults – Free Before 8pm/\$5.00 8 pm-Close
 - b. Children 12 Years Old & Under - Free
2. Grandstand -
 - a. Tuesday, July 15, 2025- Stock Car Races – 7 pm
 - b. Wednesday, July 16, 2025 – Viola Boyz - Quad Races – 7 pm
 - c. Thursday, July 17, 2025 – Viola Boyz Truck and Tractor Pull – 7 pm
 - d. Friday, July 18, 2025 – Micro Wrestling – 7 pm
 - e. Saturday, July 19, 2025 – Viola Boyz Demolition Derby – 6 pm
 - i. <https://www.rockislandfair.org/grandstandevents>
3. Parking Pass
 - a. Daily pass - \$10.00
 - b. Weekly pass - \$40.00
 - c. One free weekly pass will be given to each exhibitor.
 - d. Free parking outside fairgrounds in designated areas.

ENTRIES AND EXHIBITS

1. Entries will be accepted online or mailed in.
 - a. Mailed entries must be postmarked by midnight on Monday, July 7, 2025.
 - b. Mail entries to: RICO Fair, 4200 Archer Drive, East Moline, IL 61244.
 - c. On-line entries must be time-stamped by midnight on Wednesday, July 9, 2025.
 - d. On-line entries may be made at www.rockislandfair.org
 - e. Entry tags will be sent by return mail if entered by midnight July 7. If entry is made Tuesday, July 8, 2025, and beyond, entry tags must be picked up at the fairgrounds prior to check-in.
 - f. Late fees will apply to any entries made between Wednesday July 9 at midnight and Monday July 14 at noon. No entries will be accepted after Monday July 14 at noon.
2. **There will be no refunds on entry fees or stall fees.**
3. Late entries are subject to the Superintendent's discretion and will be charged an additional \$25.00 per person, UNLESS DEPARTMENT RULES STATE OTHERWISE.
4. Every animal or article must be entered in the name of the bona fide owner or forfeit all premiums.
5. Exhibitors are not limited to the number of entries, UNLESS DEPARTMENT RULES STATE OTHERWISE, but may only collect 2 monies in any one lot number.
6. Superintendent's may participate in professional classes, but no other classes in their department.
7. **The RICO Fair Association takes reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of all exhibits, but in no case will the management be responsible, in any way, for any loss, damage or injury to the property of any exhibit while it is on the grounds.**
8. **Exhibits in all departments will be released Saturday, July 19, 2025, between 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., or Sunday, July 20, 2025, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. (noon) UNLESS DEPARTMENT RULES STATE OTHERWISE.**

PREMIUMS

1. *IN THE EVENT THE STATE OF ILLINOIS REDUCES FUNDING, THE ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJUST PREMIUMS ACCORDINGLY.*
2. No premium money will be paid without the exhibitor's Social Security number and signature on file.
3. All premium checks must be cashed within 90 days.
4. Illinois state law requires that exhibitors must secure their premium money and sign receipt for same before exhibits will be released. All premium money not called for within 30 days from the last day of the Fair shall be forfeited to the Association.
5. The Fair Association reserves the right to withhold any or all premiums if the article or animal is removed from the grounds without the permission from the Superintendent of the department.
6. If it be ascertained that any exhibitor has made or caused to be made the same, or if any exhibitor shall attempt to interfere with the judge or Superintendent in the performance of his duty in any manner, or shall refuse to accept the awards made, he shall be disqualified from further competition and shall forfeit any premium monies and ribbons already awarded.
7. All judge's decisions are final.
8. *All premium checks will be released for pick-up after 3:00 p.m., Saturday, July 19, 2025. Checks may be picked up at the RICO Fair office, located in the Copeland Center. All checks must be cashed within 90 days from issue*
A signature is required to receive premium monies. Checks not picked up will be mailed.

Section II.

LIVESTOCK

1. The Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act prohibits physical mistreatment of animals. The use of electrical shock OR mutual striking of sheep, OR withholding feed and water are considered direct violations of the Act. The presence of any type of equipment to induce electrical shock in the exhibition area will be considered as intent to inflict electrical shock on animals under care of the person with the equipment. Persons found mistreating sheep shall be prohibited from exhibiting, forfeit any premium monies, and be dismissed from the fairgrounds.
2. **Persons found mistreating livestock shall be prohibited from exhibiting, forfeit their premium monies, and be dismissed from the fairgrounds. Any practice or deviation from normal, accepted care, including physical, medical, or mechanical application, other than on the prescription of a licensed veterinarian, will constitute a violation of show rules and are subject to the above provisions.**
3. Livestock exhibits must be in place before 10:00 p.m., Monday, July 14, 2025, unless department rules state otherwise.
4. All animals must be purebred and eligible for registry, except market class animals and horses.
5. Exhibitors must present original registration papers and Health Papers to the Superintendent at check-in and have them available at show time.
6. Health papers must be presented to veterinarian for approval.
7. No person except the awarding committed on duty and officers of the Association will be allowed inside the arena while exhibitions are going on.
8. All entries must show in ring at the discretion of the Superintendents.
9. Only one fan is to be used per 3 animals in the barns. Only 12-gauge drop cords may be used.
10. No water tanks are to be placed in the arena.
11. All stalls or pens will be assigned by the Superintendent.
12. No stalls will be sold for tack at entry time. Any extra stalls will be divided by the Superintendents.
13. All trailers enter at Gate 1.
14. All livestock trailers, trucks, etc., must be parked in designated parking areas.
 - a. NO PARKING allowed west of the livestock barns.
 - b. NO PARKING allowed in the race track pit area.
15. Failure to adhere to parking rules will result in the forfeiture of premiums.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK, ALL DEPARTMENTS

1. All exhibitors must familiarize themselves with all rules listed in the Open Class Show General Rules and Regulations, as well as the Open Class Livestock Health Rules and Regulations section of this fair book.
2. **Open to boys and girls who are 8 years of age and not yet 21 years of age, on or before September 1, 2024.**
3. **Animals shown in the Junior Shows must be the property of the exhibitor showing them. If the same animals are shown in the Open Classes, they must be shown in the same name as in the Junior Show.**
4. Group showings or placing are not permitted. Herd flocks cannot be made up of animals registered in the name of an older member of the family and shown by a son or daughter in the Junior Show.

GENERAL

1. No dogs are allowed anywhere on the grounds except service dogs.
2. No premium results will be released over the phone.
3. A \$500.00 fine shall be imposed upon any person injuring trees, destroying fences, buildings, or any kind of advertising sign or otherwise defacing same.

2025 Rock Island County Fair Open Class Livestock Health Rules and Regulations

For Health Requirement Information:
Illinois Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare
State Fairgrounds P.O. Box 19281
Springfield, IL 62794-9281
Phone (217) 782-4944

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

<https://agr.illinois.gov/animals/animalhealth/fair-exhibition-requirements.html>

These Exhibition Health Requirements apply to all livestock present at the fair including those animals that are not entered in competitive events.

1. Exhibitors are required to familiarize themselves with all rules applicable to their exhibits. All out-of-state animals shall require an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>.

2. All animals, except as noted, shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) which shows that the animal meets all health requirements for the State of Illinois. CVI's shall be made available to Bureau of Animal Health Personnel on request. If an official electronic CVI is utilized, the exhibitor should be able to log on and show Bureau of Animal Health Personnel the completed CVI.

CVI means a legible record made on an official form from the state of origin which has been issued, signed and dated by an accredited veterinarian and which shows the name and address of the animal's owner or exhibitor and the results of all required tests or vaccinations. A CVI shall list only one animal identification per line; shall be presented on the form on which it was initially issued; and shall not be corrected, changed or altered in any manner.

3. All animals shall be officially identified. The animal(s) official identification shall be recorded on the CVI.

Animal identification number (AIN): A numbering system for the official identification of individual animals in the United States that provides a nationally unique identification number for each animal. The AIN consists of 15 digits, with the first 3 being the country code (840 for the United States or a unique country code for any U.S. territory that has such a code and elects to use it in place of the 840 code).

4. If animals are from tuberculosis accredited, brucellosis certified, pseudorabies qualified, or brucellosis validated herds, the identifying herd number(s) along with the date of the last herd test(s) shall appear on the CVI.

5. CVIs for out-of-state livestock shall be void thirty (30) days after issuance.

6. CVIs for Illinois-origin livestock shall be void ninety (90) days after issuance.

7. All livestock shall be subject to examination upon entry to any Illinois fair or exhibition. Any animal showing evidence of infectious, contagious or communicable diseases shall be immediately withdrawn and held in quarantine at the owner's risk and expense until properly treated and recovered, or until the animal is released to return to the owner's premise.

Any livestock infected with scabies, mange, active lesions of ringworm, soremouth, or multiple warts which are easily visible without close examination shall not be permitted to exhibit and are subject to quarantine or removal from the fairgrounds.

Sheep and goats with caseous lymphadenitis as evidenced by draining abscesses shall not be exhibited and are subject to immediate quarantine or removal from the fairgrounds.

In the event of the suspicion of or diagnosis of a foreign animal disease, emerging animal disease, or other actionable disease, animals may be subject to quarantine on the fairgrounds until such time that it is determined that the disease is no longer a threat.

8. Illinois Department of Agriculture personnel or designee may collect blood, tissue, milk or urine samples from any animal being exhibited and/or raced at any Illinois fair to test for the presence of illegal drugs or banned substances. Examination techniques, such as ultrasound, may also be used at anytime while the animals are on the grounds of any Illinois fair or exhibit.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture or designee may collect urine, blood, tissue or other test samples from exhibition animals at the time of slaughter.

9. All exhibitors of animals at any Illinois fair or exhibition shall comply with the provisions of the Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act. If violations are observed, the animal(s) will be excused from exhibition and ordered removed from the grounds with all awards being forfeited.

Any practice or deviation from normal, accepted care, including physical, medical or mechanical application, shall constitute a violation of show rules and may result in the animal(s) disqualification and removal from the fairgrounds.

10. Any Illinois cattle, bison, cervidae or goats being exhibited in non-accredited free states must be isolated from the remainder of the herd/flock upon return to Illinois and retested for tuberculosis 60-120 days post-entry.

CATTLE

Identification

Individual identification of each animal shall be by a USDA official animal identification number ear tag, ("840" tag). The identification tag must be able to be read both visually and electronically.

Illinois Cattle

Brucellosis

Illinois is a Bovine Brucellosis Class-Free State. Brucellosis testing is not required for Illinois cattle.

Tuberculosis

Illinois is an Accredited Tuberculosis- Free State. Tuberculin testing is not required for Illinois cattle.

Please note: Illinois calves under 6 months of age are not required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

Out-of-State-Cattle

All out-of-state cattle are to be accompanied by an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>.

Brucellosis

1. Female cattle six (6) months of age and older and bulls eighteen (18) months of age and older shall be negative to an official test for brucellosis within thirty (30) days prior to entry, unless exempt by one (1) of the following:
 - A. Originate directly from a certified brucellosis-free herd.
 - B. Officially vaccinated of dairy breeds under twenty (20) months of age or official vaccinated of beef breeds under twenty-four (24) months of age.
 - C. Animal originated from a "Class Free" state (if entire state is so classified)
 - D. Steers and spayed heifers are not required to be tested for brucellosis.
2. The negative brucellosis test shall be conducted at a state or federal laboratory within 30 days prior to exhibition.

Tuberculosis

1. Accredited Tuberculosis Free States
 - A. No tuberculin test required. All cattle, including steers, originating from an Accredited Tuberculosis Free State, may enter Illinois for exhibition when accompanied by a CVI issued by an accredited veterinarian within 30 days.
2. Non-Accredited Tuberculosis Free Areas or States (Not TB Free)
 - A. Cattle must originate from a herd where a complete herd test was conducted within the past year.
 - B. The individual animals entering Illinois must be negative to an additional tuberculin test conducted **within 30 days prior to exhibition**.
 - C. Cattle that enter Illinois for exhibition and remain in Illinois (animal does not return to the state of origin within 30 days) must be isolated and retested for TB 60-120 days from the last official TB test date.

SWINE

Illinois Swine

Identification

Individual identification of each animal shall be by a USDA official animal identification number ear tag, (“840” tag). The identification tag must be able to be read both visually and electronically.

Brucellosis

Brucellosis testing is not required for Illinois swine.

Pseudorabies

Pseudorabies testing is not required for Illinois swine.

Out-of-State Swine

All out-of-state swine are to be accompanied by an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>.

Identification

Individual identification of each animal shall be by a USDA official animal identification number ear tag, (“840” tag). The identification tag must be able to be read both visually and electronically.

Brucellosis

3. Breeding swine 4 months of age and older shall be negative to an official test for brucellosis within 30 days prior to exhibition unless exempt by one (1) of the following:
 - A. Originate immediately and directly from a validated brucellosis-free herd.
 - B. Originate directly from a validated brucellosis-free state.
4. Swine brucellosis tests for exhibition shall be conducted at a state or federal laboratory.

Pseudorabies

3. Swine originating from a Pseudorabies Stage IV or V state are exempt from the pseudorabies testing requirement.
4. Swine originating from a Pseudorabies Stage III state shall be negative to an official test for pseudorabies conducted within thirty (30) days prior to entry or originate immediately and directly from a qualified pseudorabies negative herd.
5. Swine originating from a Pseudorabies Stage I or II state shall be negative to an official test for pseudorabies conducted within the 10 days prior to entry.
4. Barrows and females in market classes must meet the same requirements as breeding swine.

SHEEP

Identification

Individual identification of each animal shall be by an ear tattoo or official metal or plastic tag. A microchip ID is acceptable if the owner provides the reader.

Ear tattoos may be used when a registration certificate, listing the tattoo number, accompanies the animal.

When using ear tags, the tag must indicate the premises ID and state of origin. The tag number must be assigned by a state or APHIS representative and recorded in the Scrapie Record Database.

Market Lambs

All market lambs must be slick shorn (show ring ready) before weigh-in so that show lamb fungus can be identified.

Illinois Sheep

1. Sheep originating from a flock that has previously been classified as either an infected or source flock can be exhibited in Illinois upon the completion of an approved flock plan.
2. The CVI must include the flock of birth and the flock of origin, if different.

Out-of-State Sheep

All out-of-state sheep are to be accompanied by an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>.

1. Sheep originating from a flock that has previously been classified as either an infected or source flock can be exhibited in Illinois upon the completion of an approved flock plan.
2. The CVI must include the flock of birth and the flock of origin, if different.

GOATS

Identification

Individual identification of each animal shall be by an ear tattoo or official metal or plastic tag. A microchip ID is acceptable if the owner provides the reader.

Tattoos may be used when a registration certificate, listing the tattoo number, accompanies the animal.

When using ear tags, the tag must indicate the premises ID and state of origin. The tag number must be assigned by a state or APHIS representative and recorded in the Scrapie Record Database.

Ears should be used for tattooing when possible. If there is no space in the ear, the flank or tail fold may be used.

Illinois Goats

5. Goats originating from a herd that has previously been classified as either an infected or source herd can be exhibited in Illinois upon the completion of an approved herd plan.
6. The CVI must include the flock of birth and the flock of origin, if different.

Out-of-State Goats

All out-of-state goats are to be accompanied by an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>.

6. Goats originating from a herd that has previously been classified as either an infected or source herd can be exhibited in Illinois upon the completion of an approved herd plan.
7. Tuberculosis- Goats from areas or states that are not Accredited Bovine Tuberculosis Free, must be accompanied by a CVI indicating that the goats originated from a herd where a complete negative herd test has been conducted within the past twelve (12) months and the individual animals are negative to a tuberculin test conducted within thirty (30) days prior to entry. The CVI must include

the flock of birth and the flock of origin, if different.

HORSES, PONIES, MULES AND OTHER EQUIDAE

Illinois Equine

7. All horses and other equidae, twelve (12) months of age and older attending an advertised equine event, shall be accompanied by a negative test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) conducted within the last twelve (12) months. A copy of this test shall accompany the animal.
8. AGID (Coggins) or ELISA tests are accepted.
9. An advertised equine event means a show, rodeo, sale, auction, exhibition, trail ride, or horse fair that is posted or media promoted.
10. A CVI is not required for Illinois equine.

Out-of-State Equine

All out-of-state equine are to be accompanied by an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>.

8. All horses and other equidae entering Illinois that are twelve (12) months of age or older, shall be accompanied by a negative test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) conducted within the last twelve (12) months. A copy of this test shall accompany the animal.
9. AGID (Coggins) or ELISA tests are accepted.
10. All horses and other equidae shall be accompanied by a CVI issued within thirty (30) days prior to entry.

POULTRY

1. All entries (except waterfowl, i.e. domesticated fowl that normally swim, such as ducks and geese) in a show or exhibition shall have originated from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or equivalent hatchery or flock OR have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to exhibition. Exhibitor shall show proper information as to name and address of owner or exhibitor, name and address of the authorized testing agent, date of the testing and the number, breed, and species of those tested.
2. Prior to being used to transport poultry to a show, all crates, boxes, containers and vehicles shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.
3. Any poultry vaccinations must be performed at least 4 weeks prior to delivery to the show.
4. Upon admission to a show, all entries shall be examined by the official county fair veterinarian or qualified state personnel who shall also receive and examine all certificates necessary for admission of birds to a show. Birds not in show condition will be excused from exhibition and removed from the premises. Any fowl showing signs of illness during the fair will be removed from the exhibition grounds.

5. All out-of-state turkeys must originate from flocks that are officially classified as U.S. Mycoplasma Gallisepticum Clean in accordance with the provisions of the National Poultry Improvement Plan or be negative to a test for Mycoplasma gallisepticum within 30 days prior to entry.
6. A permit is also required for out-of-state poultry. Entry permit numbers are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>.

RATITES

(Ostriches, Emus, Rheas, Cassowaries and Kiwis)

Illinois Ratites

There are no requirements governing the movement of ratites within Illinois.

Out-of-State Ratites

1. Must be accompanied by a CVI and permit number. Entry permits are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>
2. Individually identified by leg band or microchip.
3. Negative test for Avian Influenza within 10 days prior to entry.

RABBITS

There are no requirements governing the movements of rabbits within or into Illinois.