

# OPEN CLASS GENERAL RULES

1. Any resident of Kansas may enter in the Rush Co. Fair.
2. Exhibitors in all Departments will be divided into the following divisions:
  - Junior = 10 & under**
  - Youth = 11 to 18**
  - Adult = 19 to 74**
  - Senior = 75 & over**
  - Professional = Those who are teachers of a specific skill and/or have been paid for their products, services and/or knowledge.**
  - Age is determined as of January 1, 2012.**
3. Entry tags will be filled out for each exhibit and will be attached to that item. The entry tags will be available to pick up at the Walnut Creek Extension Office in LaCrosse before the fair or at each department during entry time. There will be NO pre-entry form.
4. Exhibitor must write legible, these entry tags will stay with the entry when displayed. Entries will be judged as indicated on the entry tags. Changes will be made only for clerical errors.
5. Exhibitors may enter 2 exhibits in each class unless otherwise stated. All animals and articles exhibited for premiums must be recorded in each department.
6. Entries must be produced by the exhibitor. Articles produced within the past 4 years may be entered, however, articles previously entered in open class at the Rush County Fair are ineligible.
7. Only 1 blue and 1 red and 1 white (if given) ribbon will be awarded in each class. The blues in each section are used to determine the Champion and Reserve Champion in each department. Each department will award a maximum of two Champions and two Reserve Champions from first place class winners. The competition for one Champion and Reserve Champion will be among the combined entries in the Junior and Youth Divisions. The other Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded from the Adult, Senior and Professional Division entries as a combined competition unless otherwise noted in a specific department.
8. Any resident of the State of Kansas may exhibit in the Open Class division of the Kansas State Fair. Exhibitors DO NOT need to qualify at the county level to exhibit at the state level, however, ALL Kansas State Fair entries must be pre-entered by August 15, 2012. See [www.KansasStateFair.com](http://www.KansasStateFair.com) to download an exhibitor handbook and entry form. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to enter the correct size and/or quantity required for display.
9. When there is no competition, articles will be awarded first, second, third or none at the discretion of the judge.
10. PREMIUMS-Unless noted in specific departments, placings and premiums in each class are as follows:
  - First-\$1.50      Second-\$1.00      Third-\$0.50**
  - Participation ribbons will be awarded to the juniors, 10 & under.**
  - Ribbons may be collected at the Fair Office at time of premium payment.**
11. Premiums will be paid in cash at the Fair Office at 6 p.m. on Saturday, August 4. Checks will not be written or mailed for any unclaimed premiums less than \$10.
12. No premium will be paid on animals or exhibits removed from the fairgrounds before the close of the fair without the permission of the Department Superintendent. Owners of premium stock refusing to exhibit at the time indicated on the program forfeit the premium award.