

Bob Thomas Equestrian Center

106th Annual Florida State Fair

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Tampa, Florida



FOR SHOW AND STALL INFORMATION,

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HORSE SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

THIS PRIZE LIST IS REQUIRED READING FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

All horses must have a stall to show - Shavings Only

NO INITIAL BEDDING WILL BE PROVIDED.

Stalls and stable areas must be kept clean and orderly at all times

MOVE-IN TIME: 2:00 P.M. OR LATER MOVE-OUT TIME: 8:00 A.M. OR BEFORE

Pre-paid stalls govern all entries into Florida State Fair Horse shows. Show management will not accept any stall reservation unless accompanied by a valid check, credit card, or money order covering the total amount of stall fees. *Please indicate farm affiliation and owner / exhibitor names on stall form.* Stalls are assigned on a first come, first served basis.

Deadline for stall reservations is January 20, 2010 (Postmarked)!

Make check or money order payable to: **Florida State Fair Authority
Post Office Box 11766
Tampa, Florida 33680**

The ONLY entrance and exit for horse show vehicles is the West Gate off Orient Road. All animals must enter through the "Red Gate" and be inspected by the State Inspector prior to entry onto the Fairgrounds.

**NO HORSE WILL BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE
GROUNDS BEFORE 7 AM OR AFTER 10 PM.**

All horses must arrive between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. when the State Inspector is available to verify horse(s) negative Coggins test prior to entry onto State Fairgrounds.

All horses must meet health regulations as specified in the Rules for Exhibition as required by the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services.

Office Hours:

Grounds Office: Monday – Sunday 8 A.M.- 5 P.M.

Show Secretary Office Hours: Show days– one hour before show until one hour after completion of show.

ADMISSION & PARKING PASSES

ALL PASSES WILL BE ISSUED IN THE HORSE OWNER'S NAME. It will be up to the owners to allocate passes for trainers, grooms, family, and friends. Once passes are issued, they become the sole responsibility of the **owner**. Lost, stolen, or damaged passes are not replaced and applicable admission and parking fees apply for re-entry to the grounds.

ADMISSION AND PARKING PASSES ARE ISSUED BASED ON THE NUMBER OF PREPAID STALLS RESERVED. 2 admission and 1 vehicle & driver pass per pre-paid stall, (including move-in and move-out days) per show day will be issued. In the event additional passes are needed, they may be purchased at the Gate.

AWARDS

Three (3) entries are required to fill a class in order to qualify for trophies or prize money. Classes with less than three (3) entries will be awarded ribbons.

The Florida State Fair Authority will pay any prize monies within 30 days of the close of the Fair. In order to receive prize monies, all entries must be on the official Florida State Fair form. All horses shall be entered in the name of the legal owner only, giving legal owner's complete address. A social security number is required to issue a premium check and must be on file with the Show Secretary. All horses must be entered under their registered name and number.

All prize checks must be cashed within 60 days of the issuance or they become void. Checks cannot be issued without the above information. Errors in prize monies must be reported/corrected by April 1, 2010.

BARN AND PADDOCK CALLS OVER THE PA SYSTEM ARE CONSIDERED A COURTESY.

It is the responsibility of the exhibitor and horse to be at the gate at the prescribed time. Classes will be called promptly. Two minutes will be allowed after the first horse enters the ring for the remainder of the class to enter. After that time, the gate will be closed. This includes exhibitors in multiple breed classes. Exhibitors are cautioned that tack changes should be arranged with the paddock master. No person will be allowed into the show ring during the judging of a class except the exhibitor and those having official duties to perform. Horse must remain on the Horse Show Grounds. They are not permitted in any other part of the Fair.

CAMPING AND CAMP SITES

Deadline for campsite reservations is December 15, 2009! Self-contained campsites are available at the rate of \$40.00 per night for a 30 amp spot and \$50.00 for a 50 amp spot. Full payment must be received on or before December 15, 2009, payable by check, money order or credit card. No Phone Requests! Reservations are mandatory! **NO** tents are allowed. Payment for campsite ***must be separate*** from payment for stall reservation! Reserve your space EARLY! In the event that no campsites are available, your payment will be returned to you. A camping reservation form is included in this Prize List, to accompany your payment. All campsites are assigned through the Fair Box Office. Once your payment has been received, your reservation will be made. You will not receive a confirmation. The Florida State Fair Authority takes no responsibility for lost, stolen, or damaged property. Please keep your vehicles locked. Check out time is 8:00 AM. Anyone staying beyond this time will be charged for an additional day.

Deadline for campsite reservations is December 15, 2009!

DISCIPLINE

Show management will be charged with the responsibility of enforcing all breed show rules and regulations.

All entries must be on the official Florida State Fair form. Management reserves the right to remove a groom, handler, rider, driver, or horse from the show without being liable for compensation or damages.

All horses shall be entered in the name of the legal owner only, giving legal owner's complete address. All horses must be entered under their registered name and number.

GENERAL

Any person who violates any of the general rules or special rules as posted in this Premium List will forfeit all privileges and premiums won.

1. Due to health and safety issues, no cooking will be allowed in the barns; food and drink should not be consumed in animal areas; and exhibitors should wash hands after handling animals.
2. Horses are restricted to the Equestrian Center and must not be taken from designated area. Violators are liable for any damage incurred by owner/handler or animals.
3. Smoking is not permitted in barns.
4. The use of alcohol is prohibited in the barns and livestock areas.
5. Show committee reserves the right to cancel any class not filled or change classes in case of bad weather.
6. Entries must be made at least two (2) classes prior to class to be entered. Class drop sheets must be made at least two (2) classes in advance and be on file with the show secretary to avoid charges for that class. An open check must be on file with the show secretary.
7. All dogs must be crated, or on a leash, and supervised at all times.
8. The show committee reserves the right to substitute a Show Official.
9. Exhibitors are warned that any act of discourtesy or abuse by owner, groom, rider, or driver will disqualify them from further participation in Florida State Fair Horse shows or other Fair events.
10. Show management also bears the responsibility to aid the judges in avoiding contact with exhibitors or the agents before or during the show. Any offensive or abusive contact with the judge by an exhibitor will be cause for immediate removal from the show and/or fair and fairgrounds.

HEALTH REGULATIONS

Florida residents must submit an original, negative Coggins test dated 12 months from the date of entry for examination by the State Inspector upon arrival. Out-of-state exhibitors must submit for inspection, a negative Coggins test dated less than 12 months from the date of entry and a Health Certificate signed by a veterinarian within the past 30 days.

INTERPRETATION OF RULES

The management of the Florida State Fair reserves the right to amend, add to, and interpret the following Rules and Regulations; and to arbitrarily settle and determine all questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of connected with or incident to the Fair.

LIABILITY FOR LOSS OR THEFT

- The owner/handler or custodian of property of any kind brought to the Fairgrounds; either for exhibit or for other purposes, assumes as a condition of its admission to the grounds, all risk and/or responsibility for its loss, damage, or theft.
- The Fair, its officers and employees cannot and will not accept responsibility and liability for any damage or injury resulting from theft, fire, the elements, accidents, or other conditions or causes; whether to exhibits, property of exhibitor, vehicles on the grounds and articles left therein or any other property of any nature whatsoever.

NON-WALKING MODES OF TRANSPORTATION

NO exhibitor owned and operated device will be allowed on the midway or in the equestrian area. This includes but is not limited to ATVs, mopeds, scooters of any type, skateboards, rollerblades, roller skates, golf carts, or bicycles of any type or size. Violation of this warning will result in confiscation of said vehicle until completion of the Florida State Fair. Persons with disabilities must get permitted at the Orient Road credentials trailer and have a special pass acknowledged by security.

REFUND POLICY

NOTICE: Stall fees are NOT REFUNDABLE for any reason. Only stalls paid for in advance will guarantee entry onto the fairgrounds. This includes TACK stalls.

STALL RESERVATIONS

All stall reservations must be hand delivered or postmarked on or before January 20, 2010. It is the policy of the Florida State Fair to abide by all Rules and Regulations as posted on the Florida State Fair website at www.bobthomasequestriancenter.com. Certified mail or a Certificate of Mailing validated by the Post Office is recommended. A metered postmark will not be considered as a valid postmark for entry deadline purposes.