

## 2026 RULES GOVERNING CONCESSIONS & PRIVILEGES

### General

ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS REFERRED TO HEREIN ARE MADE A PART OF THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH PERMITS ARE GRANTED FOR CONCESSIONS AND PRIVILEGES.

The Columbiana County Agricultural Society will herein further be recognized as "Management" and concessionaires will be recognized as "Concessionaires".

The Management reserves the right to interpret, amend or add to same.

If for any reason, the Management finds it necessary to change a location, money will be refunded if the concessionaire is not satisfied.

The Management reserves the right to cancel concession permit, upon receipt of notice from any other fair, that the exhibitor or concessionaire has been suspended or expelled for violation of contract or rules.

No person shall be permitted to make solicitations of any nature on the fairgrounds, except in contracted concession or commercial rented spaces. No person will be permitted to post or display signs, distribute handbills or advertise material or sell or distribute free, any merchandise, except persons under contract.

Persons violating these general or special rules will forfeit all privileges and be subject to such penalty as the Management may impose.

### Miscellaneous

Concessionaires are cautioned to determine and reserve the number of feet they will occupy, INCLUDING trailer hitches, extensions, doors, and at least 3' for tent stakes. **Awnings cannot hang out over midway.** The regular charge will be made for this space. Space is measured and reserved with 20' frontage; however, a half space (10') is available upon approval.

**Space must be claimed no later than 3 pm on Monday prior to opening day of the fair.**

**Space must be paid IN FULL by July 1.** Upon receipt of payment in full, a "Permit" will be issued. **This permit must ALWAYS be placed in concession and BE IN SIGHT.**

When any concessionaire sells his/her business, it does not necessarily guarantee the new owner the same location for future business.

**All vehicles must enter at the gate indicated on the stickers issued by the Management and park in the area designated; otherwise, they will be towed away at the expense of the owner. No vehicles permitted on Midway after 11 am or before 10 pm, including supply vehicles.**

**Exhibition buildings will open at 9 am and remain open until 10 pm. All concessions must be open for business by 11 am and remain open until 10 pm each fair day. NO MIDWAY CONCESSION may be torn down before 9 pm the last night of the fair. NO BUILDING EXHIBIT may be torn down before 9 pm the last night of the fair.**

**The use of space on the grounds or in the buildings is limited to the duration of the fair and must be vacated within 5 days after closing date of the fair; otherwise, concession will be towed away at the expense of the owner.**

### **Fire Protection**

All concessionaires shall have fire extinguishers and are urged to use every precaution to prevent a fire. Fire extinguishers (3 lb. powder) should be provided on all electric motors.

Tents and materials used for decorations must be of fire preventative materials. Tents must be marked when last fire-proofed and are required to have fire extinguishers.

Fire lanes shall be maintained in all areas of the fairgrounds.

Smoking will not be permitted in buildings or barns. Butt containers are in designated areas.

**CONCESSIONAIRES MUST MAINTAIN "GOOD HOUSEKEEPING" PRACTICES BY REMOVING WASTE MATERIALS FROM THEIR SPACE.**

### **Gasoline and Fuel**

Only approved type metal safety cans shall be used for gasoline. All engines shall be shut off before refueling operation.

### **Refuse Barrels**

All refuse should be placed in trash containers by 10 pm to facilitate night clean-up.

Management reserves the right to distribute, place and/or move any and all trash containers.

### **Trailers..Trucks..Tents**

Trailers, trucks and tents are to be located in parking area provided by the Management and are not to be parked until permit is secured and location designated. Each must have a responsible adult in charge.

Trailers, trucks and tents are not permitted to move onto the fairgrounds before Saturday preceding the fair, unless written consent otherwise is secured.

**Permit must show all information requested and be in sight at all times.**

### **Liability**

The Management is not responsible for any damage done by the holder of a concession permit, or by his, her, or its employees or agents, to any person or property. Concessionaires shall waive the Management harmless and waiver their right to subrogate against the Management. **They shall carry their own liability insurance and present a Certificate of Insurance as proof prior to checking in. Failure to do so will result in a surcharge of \$85.00.**

The Management shall not be responsible for damages sustained by concessionaires from utility failures.

The Management does not guarantee the profitability of the concession spot.

The Management assumes no responsibility for accidents to any person, property or loss or damages by theft, fire, water, wind, storm or acts of third party or for any other causes; and all concessionaires, exhibitors and their agents agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the Management and to indemnify the Columbiana County Agricultural Society and its directors, officers, employees and volunteers thereto.

The violation of any of the above-mentioned conditions by the holder of a concession or privilege permit, or by his, her or its agents or employees shall annul the permit and the Management shall have the right to exclude the offender from the grounds and to take charge of the space occupied. All money paid for the privilege of the offending concessionaire shall be forfeited to the Management, which may take charge of all property used in or about the business of the concessionaires and sell same and apply the proceeds to payments of any sums due to the Management for the privilege.

### **Appearance**

Concessionaires and their employees should be clean and neat in appearance.

Concession and exhibit space must be neat and attractive in appearance; temporary structures and trailers must be freshly painted.

All space, inside and outside, must be improved and decorated by concessionaires at their own expense. Side partitions in buildings cannot be over 3' in height....back wall 8'. **Awnings cannot hang out over the midway.**

Signs listing prices of all items to be sold, should be professionally painted, be in good condition, legible, and displayed at all times. **\* No sandwich boards on midway.**

**Space in buildings must be set-up and decorated by 3 pm Monday.**

Concessionaires are to keep the grounds and buildings clean at all times during the fair by picking up litter around their concession, and at night by raking or sweeping refuse around their concession to the edge of the midway or aisle (if in a building). This should be done by 11 pm each night to facilitate the work of the night clean-up crews.

### **Electricity**

Concessionaires requiring more than 100 amp service must secure approval before moving on to the grounds.

Concessionaires must take care of wiring their own concessions. Those requiring over 60 amps must furnish their own service wire. When wiring and ground rod are completed, concessionaire should present lot number at concession office to report any issues.

All bulbs must be 12 inches away from canvas.

All permanent wiring should be checked by a competent electrician and repaired or replaced to conform with the National Electric Code. This includes replacement of plug-type fuses with controlled size, time-delay type fuses or similar protection aimed at preventing wire overload.

Temporary wiring should follow the requirements of the National Electric Code for such installations. This emphasizes the types of conductors and fixtures which may be used, overload protection, conductor protection and PROTECTION AGAINST PHYSICAL DAMAGE.

Each concessionaire must install their own ground for electric box. All refrigerators, freezers, sno-cone/ice machines, etc. that are outside the stand must have a ground wire from case to the driven ground.

Where outlets are furnished by Management, concessionaires must provide their own supply line to same.

Earlier arrivals should call for availability and will be charged an additional \$10 per day. All electric service will be shut off by 2 am the day after the fair (Monday). There will be no exceptions.

### Gas

BOTTLED GAS is preferred for hot water heaters and wherever else possible. Installation must meet requirements of fire protection authorities. All LP gas tanks shall be fastened in place by using a 7' fence post and chain per bottle...with chain suitable to hold the tank. No cylinders, empty or full, shall be kept inside any tent or building. A maximum of three (3) tanks per concession are allowed. Refills will be available on grounds by a licensed propane vendor at concessionaire's expense. Contact information and instructions for delivery arrangements will be given upon arrival.

Hoods to protect valves and regulators of all cylinders in use shall be provided by concessionaires. All piping and connections shall be tested and checked before use and conform to ALL State Fire Marshall requirements.

All installations at cooking or eating establishments shall have at least one fire extinguisher, having a minimum rating of 8 b.c. Ratings shall be in accordance with NFPA No. 10.

### Laws

Concessionaires must comply with Federal, State, County and the Management's Laws and Regulations.

Food concessions must meet requirements of Board of Health or be rejected. A copy of these requirements can be obtained from Columbiana County Health Department, Lisbon, Ohio. <https://www.columbiana-health.org/>

The State of Ohio requires a state food service license for every food service concession.

A representative of the Columbiana County Health Department will be on the fairgrounds prior to and during the fair to handle the licensing and inspection of ALL food concessions.

Concessionaires who come to the Columbiana County Fair with a current license as a mobile operation will not have to obtain another license. However, this mobile license will only be honored if the particular concession meets with sanitation and facility requirements.

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The State also requires a license for operating shows, amusements, games, devices or sale of novelties by auction or solicitation. This license is issued by the Director of Agriculture. Contract for space is contingent upon the issuance of a concession license by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Please visit their website at:  
<http://www.agri.ohio.gov/apps/odalicensing/odalicensing.aspx>.

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No person will be allowed to show outside of the fairgrounds on the public highway, any curiosity for pay or set-up, for profit, ride or refreshment stand of any kind, within the distance described by law and under penalty of the law.

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