

Rules and Regulations for Concessions

General Rules

1. Concessionaires may not offer anything for sale or give anything away on any part of the fairgrounds during the fair without first obtaining a contract.
2. Concessionaires may not set up any game, concession or exhibit before or during the fair without first obtaining a contract.
3. All business conducted will be of a legitimate nature satisfactory to the Society through its authorized agent who shall be known as the Concession Manager.
4. All Concessionaires are required to staff booths and provide services per their contract during the duration of the Fair.
5. Items of questionable nature will not be displayed or sold.
6. Booths must be tidy and sanitary in their appearance.
7. Managers of booths are responsible for the conduct and appearance of helpers/workers.
8. The sale of impure (or unwholesome) food, dishonest goods, or other acts/practices objectionable to the Society will forfeit all rights and privileges of this contract without recourse.
9. Immoral shows, lottery devices, games of chance, or gambling of any kind are prohibited.
10. Payment of fees in full, proof of insurance, and a copy of a valid vendor's license are mandatory prior to the finalization of this contract.
11. **Concessionaires are prohibited from assigning, subletting or transferring a space that has been allotted to them.**
12. Product that is not listed on the contract may not be sold without prior approval from the Concessions Office.
13. The identity and location of the space or booth shall be within the sole discretion of the Society.
14. **Inside booth and display side walls are limited to 3 feet in height unless the booth is a corner against a wall.**
15. **All display holders, supports must be sturdy and self standing.**

*The Society reserves the right to terminate a contract at any time and order a Concessionaire's removal from the fairgrounds. This would mean a forfeiture of any fees paid. The Society further reserves the right to deny space to anyone at its discretion.

Deliveries and Parking

All deliveries of supplies must be made before 11 a.m. No trucks or private cars will be permitted on the fairgrounds or in the area of the exhibition halls after 11 a.m.

All cars and trucks belonging to concessionaires must enter and leave the fairgrounds at Gate #2 which is marked "Concession Gate." After 11 a.m., vehicles must be moved to the free parking area.

Health Department

All dining halls, lunch booths, luncheon counters, and other stands shall be substantial in structure, and when serving or dispensing foods, drinks, confections, etc., shall be subject to supervision by the Dairy and Food Division of the Ohio Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Geauga County Health Department.

Payment of Fees

A deposit must be made on, or before, March 31st. The final installment must be paid before July 1. The first \$50 of the deposit is non-refundable. **No refunds will be made after July**

16. All other concession rental and fees must be paid to the Concession Manager in advance. No exceptions.

Soliciting

No commercial advertising signs, placards, stickers, or political signs/slogans may be attached in any manner to any vehicle, tree, pole, wall, or any other structure within the limits of the fairgrounds not immediately concerned with the distribution of the product or service advertised.

Donations—a gift or contribution, as to a charitable organization—are strictly prohibited.

No roving solicitation, distribution of literature, posting or displaying of signs, or the selling of, or free distribution of, merchandise shall be permitted on the fairgrounds unless by qualified exhibitors who may use this privilege only from within the confines of their own contracted concession or commercial rented spaces.

Public Address Systems

No public address system or amplifiers will be permitted inside of the buildings. In outside areas they must be regulated as not to interfere with neighboring concessions.

Beverage Regulations

Beverages in glass bottles or cans cannot be sold or given away. Disposable cups or plastic bottles must be used. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the fairgrounds during the Fair. Concessionaires must provide closed containers for their ice storage. **NO Commercial Vendors** allowed to sell bottled water, sample cups only unless Food Concessionaire and approved by Concession Managers.

Drawings

Free drawings and giveaways must be approved by the Society. Raffles of any kind, immoral shows, lottery devices, games of chance or gambling of any kind, including pool selling and paddle wheels will not be permitted.

Handouts and Sale Items

All free handouts and items for sale in commercial spaces must be approved by the Society. **NO HELIUM BALLOONS** are permitted on the fairgrounds. The selling or distribution of toys resembling firearm weapons is strictly prohibited. The committee reserves the right to review items sold or given as prizes for safety purposes.

Live Animals

There are no dogs allowed on the fairgrounds during The Great Geauga County Fair. Likewise, the selling or distribution of live animals as prizes is not permitted. Exception is Gold Fish.

Insurance and Vendor's License

The lessee is required to carry Commercial General Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit naming the Geauga County Agricultural Society as additional insured. Evidence of such insurance, issued by the insuring company, is to be delivered to the Society prior to the Fair dates. The Lessee further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Geauga County Agricultural Society for any claims, demands liabilities, and cost or attorney fees arising from, or in any way connected with, the Lessee's concession at The Great Geauga County Fair. The lessee is required to submit a copy of their vendor's license to the Concessions Office prior to the fair, where applicable. If you do not have a vendor's license, it is your responsibility to contact the Ohio Department of Taxation before the fair.

Cancellation

It is mutually understood and agreed that in the event of fire, wind storm, disaster, Act of God, Act of War, or Public Authority, riot, accident, strikes, scarcity of energy or fuel, or any act beyond the control or power of either party, preventing the holding of the Great Geauga County Fair in full or part, neither party shall hold the other liable for any damages of any kind.

Laws and Regulations

The Lessee shall comply with both State and Federal minimum wage and hour laws, child labor laws, and agrees to hold harmless the Geauga County Agricultural Society and the Society from any claims presented by any person entitled to benefits under these laws. The Lessee agrees to abide by and conform to all Laws of the State of Ohio; and the Laws, Rules and Regulations of the State of Ohio Agricultural Departments and the Rules and Regulations of the Geauga County Agricultural Society.

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