



# HOME WINE & CRAFT BEER MAKING Exhibitor Handbook



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*The Clay County Fair is “The World’s Greatest County Fair” by presenting blue-ribbon competition, world-class entertainment and innovative exhibits in a safe family atmosphere, while also providing year-round facilities for entertainment and events.*

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#### ***PLEASE NOTE!***

***All open class entries are now accepted ONLINE.***

***Visit [www.claycountyfair.com](http://www.claycountyfair.com) to make your entries.***

***If you do not have internet access, please visit or call the Fair Administrative Offices to request a paper entry form.***

**GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
**POLICY F-6**  
**NON-LIVESTOCK COMPETITION**

- F-6.1** The Clay County Fair management reserves to its Executive Committee the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard hereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Fair. (4/17/12)
- F-6.2.** Any person who violates any of the following special rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the Fair may order. (4/17/12)
- F-6.3.** The Fair will not be responsible for loss or damage to or of exhibits, or to the property of exhibitors or concessions operators. (4/17/12)
- F-6.4.** No roving, vending, or soliciting by either a profit or non-profit organization, or on his own behalf, shall be permitted on the Clay County Fairgrounds or parking lots. All solicitations for either contributions or sale must be made from within the confines of a booth or display area as authorized by a duly executed contract. (4/17/12)
- F-6.5.** No dogs, cats, or other pets shall be permitted on the Clay County Fairgrounds during the Clay County Fair. The only exceptions are assistance dogs that are properly identified, or any pet that is part of an attraction, exhibit, or demonstration. Pets are permitted in designated campground areas. Pets must be on a leash or contained in living quarters, trailers, etc. Failure to comply shall result in expulsion from the fairgrounds. (4/17/12)
- F-6.6.** All applications for entries must be made in accordance with guidelines found in the appropriate department exhibitor handbook. The Clay County Fair reserves the right to accept or reject any entry offered. (2/20/18)
- F-6.7.** Exhibitors must comply with individual department entry deadlines and other departmental rules. All exhibits, except those specified, must remain in place until 6:00 p.m. on the last Sunday of the Fair. Exhibitors in departments where entry tags are used must present claim tickets for return of their goods to the superintendents or their assistants in the department in which the exhibit is shown. Under no circumstances will exhibitors be permitted access to the display cases where exhibits are shown. (2/19/19)
- F-6.8.** Exhibitor questions on premium amounts or ribbon placing must be received on or before October 15, or no adjustments or corrections will be able to be made. Premium checks will be issued after that date. There will be no reissuing of lost premium checks, and premium checks that are issued will become void after 45 days. All awards, ribbons, and exhibits not picked up at the Fair Administrative Offices by October 15 will be forfeited and become property of the Clay County Fair. (2/20/18)

- F-6.9.** The Fair will use diligence to insure the safety of articles entered for exhibition, after their arrival and placement, but under no circumstances will it be responsible for loss, injury, or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from any articles on exhibition. The exhibitor shall indemnify the Fair thereof against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto. (2/19/19)
- F-6.10.** Articles entered for premiums which are the result of mechanical or artistic skill must be entered by the artist, inventor, manufacturer, maker, or authorized agent. (4/17/12)
- F-6.11.** In case of protest of an article or exhibit, notice must be given the superintendent of the department during the day of examination of the article protested, and a written statement giving the reasons for protesting, verified by affidavit, with names of witnesses, must be filed with the Fair. (4/17/12)
- F-6.12.** The right of an exhibitor to appeal from the decision of a judge to the Fair will lie only when it is charged that the award has been made in violation of the rules governing the exhibit; or when it is charged that the decision of the judge has been influenced or interfered with by another. (4/17/12)
- F-6.13.** A Clay County Fair department superintendent may not make a competitive entry directly or indirectly in a department over which that person has supervisory responsibility. (4/17/12)
- F-6.14.** All questions of dispute or differences not provided for under these rules shall be referred to the Executive Committee whose decision shall be final. (4/17/12)

**IMPORTANT DATES and TIMES – HOME WINE & CRAFT BEER MAKING**

September 3 (Tues)	Entries received (8:00am-5:30pm)
September 4 (Wed)	Judging Wine (not open to public) starting at 12:00pm
September 5 (Thu)	Judging Craft Beer (not open to public) starting at 12:00pm
September 7-15	CLAY COUNTY FAIR
September 15	Entries released (6:00pm-7:00pm)
September 16	Entries released (8:00am-1:00pm)
October 15	Exhibitor questions on premium amounts or ribbon placing must be received on or before this date or no adjustments or corrections will be made. <b>Premium checks will be issued after this date.</b> Deadline for picking up entries

## HOME WINE & CRAFT BEER MAKING

### Superintendent

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1. Pre-registration is encouraged, but not mandatory. To pre-register, enter online at [www.claycountyfair.com](http://www.claycountyfair.com) by **August 19 NEW 2024!** or complete appropriate forms. Forms are available at the Clay County Fair Administrative Offices. Mail, email or bring your completed entry form to: Clay County Fair, PO Box 527, 800 West 18th Street, Spencer, Iowa 51301, or email to [competition@claycountyfair.com](mailto:competition@claycountyfair.com). No entry fee is required. Use a separate entry form for each department in which you are entering at the Fair. **Entry tags for those exhibitors who pre-enter will be available at the department during entry days.**
2. Entries will be received on **Tuesday, September 3 from 8:00am-5:30pm** at the east door of the Creative Living Center. Early entries may be delivered to the Clay County Fair Administrative Offices until 5:00pm on **Tuesday, August 20.**
3. Judging will be Wednesday, September 4 starting at 12:00pm (Wine) and Thursday, September 5 starting at 12:00pm (Craft Beer).
4. Contestants may enter any number of classes, but are limited to **3 entries** in each class. Each entry must be significantly different in style, taste or ingredients.
5. All entries submitted for showing and judging must be homemade. No individual or any member of the group of the submitted entry shall be involved with commercial wine or beer making. Any wine or beer that may be legally sold is not considered eligible.
6. Wines must be bottled in standard wine bottles, at least 16 ounces, with all labels removed. **ONE** bottle is required per entry.
7. Beer may be in 12 ounce or larger **glass** bottles with all labels removed. **TWO** bottles are required per beer entry.
8. All bottles should be securely capped or corked.
9. All wines and beers must list major ingredients on a label/card no larger than 1 ½" x 3". *Labels can be found at the end of this handbook and taped to the back of the bottle.* Type of grape, vegetable, berry or mead; grain, hops, and yeast should be listed. The full recipe is not needed.
10. Golden and tawny wines will be entered in the white wines; rose wines will be entered in the red wine classes.

11. Each bottle will be assigned a number and a class at the time of the entry. A master list of the assigned number and contestants will be maintained by the Superintendent.
12. Wine will be judged on taste/texture, appearance, aroma/bouquet, aftertaste and overall impression. Beer will be judged on taste, aroma, and appearance.
13. All entries will be stored at room temperature until just prior to the competition when the beers will be refrigerated to proper serving temperature. Wines will be judged at room temperature.
14. **All bottles will be released back to the exhibitor.** Save the claim checks and present them when calling for exhibits at the close of the fair. Exhibits will be released on Sunday, September 15 from 6:00pm-7:00pm or Monday, September 16 from 8:00am-1:00pm. No early releases are permitted. All entries not picked by Monday, September 16 may be picked up at the Clay County Fair Administrative Offices until October 15.
15. Premium results will be posted on the Clay County Fair website: [www.claycountyfair.com/get-involved/competition\\_info](http://www.claycountyfair.com/get-involved/competition_info). Exhibitor questions on premium amounts or ribbon placing **MUST be received on or before October 15**. Premium checks will be issued after that date. **NO ADJUSTMENTS IN ANY REGARD WILL BE MADE AFTER DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> OF THE CURRENT FAIR YEAR.**

**DIVISION 1 - WINE**

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>BLUE</b>	<b>RED</b>	<b>WHITE</b>
1. Grape, dry red	10.00	7.50	5.00
2. Grape, sweet red	10.00	7.50	5.00
3. Grape, dry white	10.00	7.50	5.00
4. Grape, sweet white	10.00	7.50	5.00
5. Fruit, dry (including flower wines)	10.00	7.50	5.00
6. Fruit, sweet (including flower wines)	10.00	7.50	5.00
7. Vegetable, dry (including root wines)	10.00	7.50	5.00
8. Vegetable, sweet (including root wines)	10.00	7.50	5.00
9. Wild fruit or flowers, dry	10.00	7.50	5.00
10. Wild fruit or flowers, sweet	10.00	7.50	5.00
11. Fortified Wine (14%-22% alcohol/volume)	10.00	7.50	5.00
12. Mead, dry	10.00	7.50	5.00
13. Mead, sweet	10.00	7.50	5.00
14. Rhubarb	10.00	7.50	5.00
15. Specialty/Any other	10.00	7.50	5.00
Best of Show	25.00/Rosette	20.00/Rosette	15.00/Rosette

*Overall Winner of Grape, dry red (Class #1) will receive a one night stay at the InnSpiration Winery loft vacation rental - sponsored by InnSpiration Wines and Vines*

*Two wine glasses will be awarded – sponsored by InnSpiration Wines and Vines*

*Two \$25.00 gift certificates will be awarded – sponsored by HyVee*

**DIVISION 2 - BEER**

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>BLUE</b>	<b>RED</b>	<b>WHITE</b>
1. Lager	10.00	7.50	5.00
2. Irish Red Ale	10.00	7.50	5.00
3. Ale	10.00	7.50	5.00
4. Stout	10.00	7.50	5.00
5. IPA	10.00	7.50	5.00
6. Belgium (Styles)	10.00	7.50	5.00
7. Hard Cider	10.00	7.50	5.00
8. Sour/Flemish	10.00	7.50	5.00
9. Specialty/Other	10.00	7.50	5.00
Best of Show	25.00/Rosette	20.00/Rosette	15.00/Rosette

*Two \$25.00 gift certificates will be awarded – sponsored by HyVee*

*One \$50.00 gift certificate will be awarded – sponsored by Northern Brewer*

*A variety pack of beer will be awarded – sponsored by West O Beer*





Major Ingredients Division <u>1 WINE</u> Class _____ Grape Type _____ Vegetable _____ Berry or Mead _____	Major Ingredients Division <u>2 BEER</u> Class _____ Grain Type _____ Hops _____ Yeast _____
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