

# **GENERAL RULES:**

We want everyone to have a great time at the fair but remember to put safety first at all times. Please read and abide by all fair rules for the safety and enjoyment of all.

To protect everyone's safety and security, we ask that all of our guests follow our rules and policies.

The Piedmont Interstate Fair is PRIVATE PROPERTY.

The Piedmont Interstate Fair reserves the right to search all packages, bags, strollers, clothing, cups, pocketbooks, briefcases, your person, and any other objects deemed to be a possible carrier of any prohibited item(s), destructive, or lethal device.

Weapons (Concealed Carry or Open Carried) are not allowed on the fairgrounds even if you are a Concealed Weapons Permit holder.

Persons wearing offensive or gang related clothing will not be allowed onto the fairgrounds.

The Piedmont Interstate Fair is under the jurisdiction of the Spartanburg Police Department and Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office.

## **Code of Conduct**

- Use proper trash and recycling receptacles.
- Appropriate attire required at all times (shirt and pants, shirt and skirt, or dress, and shoes).
- No alcoholic beverages permitted, including in parking lots.
- No backpacks.
- No concealed weapons (even by permit holders).
- No activities or behavior that could endanger or annoy others (skateboarding, roller blading, bicycling, radios, profanity).
- No outside food or beverages.
- No gang-related clothes, colors, signs, jewelry, or activities.
- No loitering, blocking storefronts, or walking groups that inconvenience others.
- No standing on chairs or benches.
- No pets, except service animals approved by the ADA, those leashed on the campgrounds, or those part of an authorized act or exhibit.
- No picketing, distributing handbills, soliciting, or petitioning without approval from fair management.
- No smoking or vaping in any buildings, Kiddieland, viewing stands, tents, livestock barns and surrounding areas, or any areas with no smoking signage.

**1. CLEAR BAG POLICY-** To provide a safer environment for the public and significantly expedite entry into the Fair, The Piedmont Interstate Fair Association has implemented a Clear Bag policy this year that limits the size and type of bags that may be brought into the Fair. Exceptions to this policy will be made for all medically necessary items after proper inspection.

The Piedmont Interstate Fair strongly encourages patrons to not bring any type of bags, but patrons will be able to carry the following style and size bag, package, or container at the Fair.



# Clear Bag Policy

## Approved Bags



Clear Plastic Bag



1 Gallon Plastic Freezer Bag



Clutch with wrist or shoulder strap no larger than 4.5" x 6.45"

## Non-Approved Bags



Backpack



Binocular Case



Camera Case



Tinted Plastic Bag



Cinch Bag



Printed Pattern Plastic Bag



Fanny Pack



Purse



Mesh Bag



Oversized Bags

## Exceptions:

(The following exceptions are still subject to search)

1. Diaper bag, if accompanied by a baby.
2. Medical Requirements such as medications.
3. Pre - approved exceptions such as camera equipment, or maintenance personnel, employee equipment.

- Bags that are clear plastic, vinyl or PVC and do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12."
- No buckles, grommets/hardware, décor, or logo's can be concealing any part of the bag. The bag literally must be all clear.
- One-gallon clear plastic freezer bag (Ziplock bag or similar).
- Small clutch bags, which cannot exceed 4.5" x 6.5" in size, with or without a handle or strap can be taken into the Fair with one of the clear plastic bags.

*Prohibited items include, but are not limited to: purses larger than a clutch bag, coolers, briefcases, backpacks, fanny packs, cinch bags, luggage of any kind, computer bags and camera bags or any bag larger than the permissible size. Diapers bags, and strollers with under carriage storage are subject to inspection.*

2. In an effort to ensure the safety of our patrons, staff, and community, The Piedmont Interstate Fair Association will also implement the use of metal detectors and magnetometers.

3. No Weapons are permitted on Fairgrounds Property. This includes but is not limited to knives, guns etc. This includes concealed weapon permit holders. No Exceptions.

#### 4. Youth Attendance Policy:

- The Piedmont Interstate Fair Association, Spartanburg Police Department, and Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office are all devoted to ensuring an enjoyable fair experience for our patrons.
- All youth under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to attend the Piedmont Interstate Fair.
- Identification may be required to verify the age of attendees.
- Any activity at the fair deemed inappropriate may result in ejection from the fair premises at the sole discretion of the fair staff and law enforcement.

*Parents/ Guardians may be held liable for the actions of the youth they escort to the Fair. Criminal and Civil liability may include incarceration and/or monetary compensation.*

5. The hours of the midway and exhibits are shown on the schedule of events. However, the scheduled hours of operation may vary one hour earlier or one hour later at the discretion of the Fair officials.

**6. RE-ENTRY TO THE FAIR** is no longer permitted. No exceptions. Admission paid at gate is considered void once purchased and will not grant you re-entry into the Fair. We strongly suggest you take this into consideration when visiting. Patrons who choose to leave will need to pay admission at the gate to enter.

**7.** No animals will be permitted on the fairgrounds, except service animals.

**8.** No solicitation or sale of products in the exhibit areas, or passing out of literature not pertaining to exhibits will be allowed, except with prior permission from the Fair manager.

**9. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** are allowed on the fairgrounds.

**10. NO SMOKING** areas are strictly enforced.

**11.** The Piedmont Interstate Fair Association, its Board of Directors, officers, staff, community leaders, cooperating agencies, organizations, clubs and other individuals reserve the right to be held harmless and not responsible in any way in case of any damage, fire, or accident as to persons, lost articles, livestock, etc. entered and/or exhibits or any accidents that might occur to the general public while visiting on the grounds at any time during the Fair.

**12.** Neither the Piedmont Interstate Fair, nor any of its sponsors assume any responsibility or liability to any person, animal, or article on exhibit at any time while on fairgrounds property. This applies to exhibitors, vendors, and the public-at-large.

**13.** Drones of any size or style are NOT allowed on Fairgrounds property at any time for any purpose. These devices are a major safety hazard to our helicopter ride and mechanical amusement rides and have the potential to cause serious injuries and even death to individuals or groups. Drones can cause major disturbances to our visitors and vendors and violate personal space. Anyone not in compliance with this rule will be escorted from the fairgrounds and have their drone confiscated.

**14.** No Hover boards, skate boards, bikes, roller blades, golf carts, scooters, or any other type of transportation are allowed on the Midway during hours of operation unless prior authorization has been given.

**15.** Anyone wearing clothing or jewelry or other personal items that fair management deems offensive or gang-related will not be allowed on the fairgrounds. Exceptions and challenges will be answered at the discretion of fair management.

**16.** No re-sale or public promotion of Fair tickets. All companies, organizations, and individuals are welcome to purchase tickets or ride wristbands. Only authorized firms are able to use fair tickets for sale or promotion to the public. Consignment or other purchase of tickets are available on the premise that they will be used by the individuals purchasing them, or for employees or immediate family members of companies and organizations purchasing them. If we find a violation with our ticket sales policy, we reserve the right to void all tickets purchased. All tickets, wristbands, and coupons become void after the last day of the fair.

**17. Photo Policy (Attention Guests on the Fairgrounds)**

Smile! Photo, video and audio may be taken for promotional purposes. By entering the Piedmont Interstate Fair, you consent, waive all rights to royalties and release the Piedmont Interstate Fair of any liability. You agree to your likeness used, published or reproduced in any and all media which can be used, now or in the future, for any purpose by or in connection with the Piedmont Interstate Fair, its sponsors, organizers and providers.