



## OLMSTED COUNTY VENDOR WELCOME

July 21st - July 27th, 2025 Commercial and Food Vendors

To whom it may concern:

Thank you for considering becoming a new or returning vendor at the 2025 Olmsted County Fair. We have continued to see increases in attendance and the quality and quantity of events offered at the fair. We will continue to work with the Olmsted County Sheriff's department, Rochester Police Department and C.E.R.T to help ensure everyone's safety as they attend the fair in 2025. Our goal is to provide a record-breaking year in 2025 for our organization and yours.

The grounds will see minor changes in 2025. However, in the next few years the grounds will be undergoing larger changes. Some of those changes include the horse and dairy barns being torn down in order to make way for a new exhibition building. We are looking forward to the continual update of our grounds and the services that it will provide for our community. Please stay tuned for additional updates as we strive to make additional improvements to our fair.

In addition to the grounds' changes, we have also made updates to our vendor contracts. As of 2025, the booth fee for indoor commercial vendors has been decreased. Please read through the application carefully, as there are also a few other changes throughout. As a reminder, you are no longer required to purchase beverages exclusively from Gillette Pepsi.

Please feel free to reach out to us at [vendors@olmstedcountyfair.com](mailto:vendors@olmstedcountyfair.com) with any questions regarding this information.

Once again, we appreciate your interest in joining us at the 2025 fair. We hope to see you have a successful week, as we hope to see our success and attendance continue to increase. You and other vendors like you are a vital part of our event, and we believe it is essential to help you be a successful partner at our event. We look forward to working with you this summer.

Sincerely,

The Olmsted County Fair Board

# Olmsted County Agriculture Association Rules & Regulations Governing the Olmsted County Fair and Vendor Information



July 21st - July 27th, 2025

## General Information

These rules govern the operation and management of the Olmsted County Fair and the Olmsted County Fairgrounds during the period of the annual County Fair.

**AUTHORITY** – The rules are promulgated pursuant to authority granted the Olmsted County Agriculture Association by Minnesota Statute Chapter 37.16. The Olmsted County Agriculture Association is not an agency of County-wide jurisdiction, these rules will not be contained in the County Code of Agency Rules.

The Olmsted County Agriculture Association is run by 11 members, known as the Fair Board, who are elected by the Association, and are responsible for the management and control of the Olmsted County Fair.

**FEES** – The Fair Board shall annually review and establish fees for, but not limited to the following: Gate Admission; Vehicle Parking; Camping Permits; Building Space Rental; and Outside Space Rental.

**REGULATION OF CONDUCT AND ACTIVITIES** - The Association recognizes the County Fair is a proper forum for the free exchange of ideas necessary to a free society yet reserves the right to regulate all activities and Vendors on the Fairgrounds with regard to time, manner, and place in pursuance of its valid interest in maintaining peace, order and protection of the general public. Vendors shall comply with all applicable State and Federal laws and with the procedures and information set forth in the Olmsted County Agricultural Association’s Rules and Regulations.

**OPERATING HOURS OF THE FAIR** – Setup takes place Saturday-Monday preceding the opening day of the fair, with all vehicles off the grounds by 10:00am Tuesday. Setup must be completed, and Vendors/exhibits staffed and open for business as follows:

Commercial Vendors/Exhibits: Tuesday – Saturday 11:00am – 9:00pm; Sunday 11:00am – 4:00pm

Food Vendors: Monday (Hours of operation are open to vendors’ discretion); Tuesday – Saturday 11:00am – 10:00pm; Sunday 11:00am – 6:00pm. Vendors may choose to open earlier or stay open later than hours posted. Food Vendors may open on Monday if desired. Unless otherwise indicated by a fair board officer.

**All vehicles must be removed from vendor area by 10:00am each day. Any deliveries need after 10am, must be walked in. Vendors/ Exhibitors must be staffed during these posted hours. NO TRAILERS OR VEHICALS OF ANY FORM ARE ALLOWED TO BE PARKED BEHIND A VENDOR AFTER 10:00am ON TUESDAY.**

## **SPEED LIMITS/PARKING/TRAFFIC SIGNAGE** –

Vehicle speed limits, parking area, delivery hours, and restricted areas are determined by the Fair Board. The Fair Board will provide the placement of such traffic control signs on the fairgrounds where necessary for the proper safety, protection and control of the Fairgrounds and the public thereon.

**PEDESTRIAN RIGHT OF WAY** – When walking on or about any street, sidewalk or other area generally open to the public on the Olmsted County Fairgrounds, pedestrians shall have the right of way, except to emergency vehicles. All vehicles shall yield the right of way to all pedestrians on the Fairgrounds, except emergency vehicles.

MULTI-WHEELED VEHICLES – There shall be no bicycles, motorcycles, motor scooters, Segways, skateboards, rollerblades/skates, hover boards, or snowmobiles be operated on the Fairgrounds.

GOLF CARTS/ATVs/GATORS – No golf carts/ATVs/gators will be allowed on Food Row from 11:00 am to 11:00pm, except those authorized by the Fair Board.

HANDING OUT MATERIALS – The sale, posting or distribution of any merchandise, products, promotional items and printed or written materials except from a fixed location on the Fairgrounds shall be prohibited. Such items shall not be given to any County Fair patron unless requested by that patron. Demonstrating, Campaigning, Advertising or any other promotional activity is prohibited except in the fixed location that was approved by the Fair Board.

BANNERING/PICKETING/INTERFERING – No individuals or group of individuals shall banner, picket, or engage in any other activities on the Olmsted County Fairgrounds before or during the annual County Fair, which may interfere with a Vendor preparing or conducting business or which interferes with the free movement of any County Fair patron. There is a specific area in which such manner may be conducted in the Northeast corner of the campground.

ADVERTISING VEHICLES – The operations or parking of any vehicles upon which any advertising signs, political or otherwise, have been affixed in any manner shall be prohibited on the Fairgrounds. Those that are servicing Vendors on the grounds or have paid for a parking space are acceptable.

PETS – No dogs or other pets, other than service dogs shall be permitted on the Olmsted County Fairgrounds during the annual County Fair. Animals on exhibit are allowed.

GUNS - All guns (excluding law enforcement) are banned from the Olmsted County Fairgrounds and buildings during the period of the annual County Fair.

SMOKING/E CIGARETTES – Smoking/E cigarettes are allowed only in designated areas (parking lots).

SPACE RENTAL – The space rental contracts are designated for the period of the annual county fair. These contracts cannot be sold, transferred, assigned, or devised by will without the written approval of the Fair Board. Space rental rates are set by the Fair Board on an annual basis.

Application forms are available online at the beginning of the year. Normally there are more applications for space than space available. New Vendors will be added to a waiting list. The Vendor Committee shall exercise its best judgment in determining what is in the best interest of the Olmsted County Fair and its patrons. Some factors include but are not limited to: health and safety of the Fair-going public, the extent to which the proposed product or service duplicate those of existing Vendors, geographic mix and balance of products and services on the Fairgrounds, product originality, and the experience and financial stability of the applicant.

The Vendor Committee shall oversee the following decisions and will notify in writing: determination to renew or refuse a concession contract; to renew with certain changes as to location, purpose and product; approving or denying a new application for a space rental contract; and approving or denying the proposed sale, transfer or conveyance or any interest in a Vendor at the Olmsted County Fair.

Vendor's equipment shall be kept in good repair and in a neat and clean appearance. Equipment which does not appear to meet these requirements in the view of the Fair Board, may be

ordered to improve or remove said equipment from the Fairgrounds.

**A Vendor must confine their business and the promotions/advertising on the Fairgrounds to the space assigned.** Supply vehicles cannot be parked in the vendor space. These vehicles must be parked in the stock truck lot, which is North of the Fair Office. There should be no sandwich boards, free standing easels, or other signage outside of the space assigned. Failure to comply with this rule will subject the Vendor to forfeiture of space privileges without reimbursement.

RISK OF LOSS – The Olmsted County Agriculture Association, Olmsted County Fair Board and the County of Olmsted assumes no liability for loss or damage to any property of the Exhibitor or Vendor due to fire, tornado, weather conditions, theft, vandalism, or other causes.

PRIZE DRAWINGS – All Vendors who intend to hold a prize drawing must notify the Vendor Committee. No purchase shall be necessary for a person to be eligible for the prize drawing. All Vendors who conduct prize drawings must submit to the Vendor Committee, within two weeks after the close of the Fair, a list of the name, address and prize received by each winner. Those Vendors who do not comply with this rule may be subject to removal from the Fairgrounds and/or forfeiture of payment as the Fair Board may elect.

SALES TAX PERMIT - Vendors involved in taxable retail sales shall be responsible for obtaining a Minnesota State Sales Tax permit. Non-compliance with Minnesota tax laws may be grounds for cancellation of space contracts and /or denial of renewal.

NO SHOWS – Contracted space not setup, staffed and operational by 12:00pm (Noon) on Tuesday will be reassigned by the Vendor Committee. All sums paid by the Vendor will be forfeited to the

Olmsted County Fair Board as liquidated damages, unless previously approved by the Vendor Committee.

GARBAGE/RECYCLING/GREASE – The dumpsters for garbage and recycling will be located behind the performing stage, West of the beer garden. All Vendors should use these dumpsters for their waste. There will be a grease dump located at the Northwest side of the beer garden. No grease of any kind should go down the drains or in the garbage dumpsters. If caught doing so, you will be responsible for the cost of cleanup and any fines acquired. Cardboard should be flattened and deposited in the cardboard dumpsters located behind the beer garden.

CAMPING – The Fair Board operates a campground on the Olmsted County Fairgrounds during the annual County Fair. Vendors may purchase a campsite permit on their contracts. Space is limited, so it is a first come, first-serve basis. Vendors may also purchase a camping permit at the Fair Office upon check in, if such permit space still exists. Dogs and other pets are allowed in the County Fair Campground when leashed and under full control of the owner.

ELECTRICAL - Vendors needing electrical service may come to the Fair Office for an electrician. Any service done at the Vendor's request shall be paid by the Vendor. Any fuses blown, repairs or electrical modifications caused by overloading or faulty wiring shall be paid by the Vendor. All electrical wiring shall meet State and Local electrical codes before service connections are made, if modifications are needed they will be paid by the Vendor. If more amperage requirements are needed and were not mentioned on the contract, it will result in additional charges to the Vendor.

PERMITS – All parking, camping, stock truck permits, etc., will be available for pick up at the Fair Office upon check in.

## **FOOD VENDOR INFORMATION**

1. All Food Vendors must use a food grade hose. There will not be any garden hoses allowed to connect to the water supply.
2. All Food Vendors must have a back-flow preventer for their unit.
3. Vendors are responsible for obtaining an applicable license from the State of Minnesota and/or the Olmsted County Health Department. All such licensees shall conduct their business in full compliance of said regulations. Any Vendor who does not comply with these regulations may be subject to removal from the Fairgrounds and/or forfeiture of contract as the Fair Board may elect.
4. Gray water will be disposed of in the drain found at the Southwest corner of Building #35, or in designated gray water containers supplied by the Olmsted County Fair.
5. All hoses/electrical cords must be covered with mats if they are a trip hazard to the Fair-going patrons. (Trip hazard areas are determined by the fair board).
6. Supply vehicles must be parked in the designated area North of the Fair Office with permit.
7. All deliveries must be made by 10:00am Tuesday-Sunday of the fair.

## **COMMERCIAL VENDORS**

Vendor spaces in exhibit Building #35 are 10' x 10', draped 8' high at the rear and divided by a 3' high draped section.

Outside space is contracted by the amount space needed and what is available. The Fair Board does not supply equipment to load, or unload displays or equipment.

1. Inside commercial vendors will be assigned a location that will be posted to identify your site.
2. Your space must be staffed during the hours posted for the fair.
3. All Commercial Vendors must notify the Vendor Committee if they intend to hold a prize drawing. Those who do conduct prize drawings must notify the Vendor Committee, within two weeks after the close of the Fair, a notice of name, address, and prize delivered to each winner. All Vendors who do not comply with this rule may be subject to removal from the Fairgrounds and/or forfeiture of contract payment as the Fair Board may elect.

If any information is needed, please go to our website: [www.OlmstedCountyFair.com](http://www.OlmstedCountyFair.com) or email [vendors@olmstedcountyfair.com](mailto:vendors@olmstedcountyfair.com) or mail a letter to:

Olmsted County Fair Board 1403 Third Ave SE  
Rochester, MN 55904

The absolute deadline for contracts, ST-19 Form, Fees, and Copy of Health Permit is June 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Certificate of insurance forms are due July 1<sup>st</sup>.

\*The Olmsted County Fair Board reserves the right to refuse any offensive or obscene exhibits which would be offensive to the public. \*

\*The Olmsted County Fair Board reserves the right to change, adjust, or update these rules & regulations as they see fit. \*



## Olmsted County Fair Indoor Commercial Vendor Application

July 21<sup>st</sup> – July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

List top 3 products you wish to sell or show (REQUIRED): \_\_\_\_\_

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*\*All Items are subject to the approval of the Olmsted County Fair Board\**

One 15 amp/110-volt outlet will be provided. If additional power is needed, please email us at [vendors@olmstedcountyfair.com](mailto:vendors@olmstedcountyfair.com). You are responsible for providing your own cords. The length to the outlet varies from 10ft to 50ft.

### Summary of Charges

Inside Space is 10'x10' Fee - \$220.00 each space

Number of Spaces Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(All spaces will be 10' deep, no matter the quantity requested)

Camping (\$250/week) x Number of Trailers: \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Parking Passes (\$20 for the week) x Number of Passes: \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*One free parking pass is provided per indoor vendor\***

Supply Trucks (\$100 with electric) x Number of Trucks: \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*These must be parked in the designated lot north of the fair office\***

Please Make Checks Payable to Olmsted County Fair

TOTAL DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**A separate Deposit Payment for \$75.00 is required.** This check will be shredded if your booth is still "Visitor ready" at 4:00pm on the Sunday of the fair.

**\*Contract, Fees, ST19 Form Are Due on or Before June 1st\***

**\*Certificate of Insurance (in the name of the Olmsted County Fair) is Due on or before July 1st\***

**No one will be allowed to set up without all valid documents so please get them in early.**

**\*\*\*There will be no refunds or returns after June 1st\*\*\***

**Vendor Must Provide the Olmsted County Ag. Association with A Certificate of Liability Insurance in an Amount Not Less Than \$1,000,000.00. The Certificate Must Name Olmsted County and The Olmsted County Ag. Association as an Additional Insured. (Insurance must be valid through 8/15.)**

**BY SIGNING THIS CONTRACT, THE VENDOR ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED THE OLMSTED COUNTY FAIR RULES AND REGULATIONS AND HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES SET FORTH THERIN. THIS DOES NOT GIVE THE VENDOR ANY RIGHTS OR ASSURANCES AS TO THE USE OR RENTAL OF SPACE ON THE OLMSTED COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS DURING ANY OTHER PERIOD. ALL CONTRACTS NOT PAID IN FULL BY JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY RESULT IN THE LOSS OF THEIR LOCATION AT THE OLMSTED COUNTY FAIR. THE SIGNER OF THIS CONTRACT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THIS CONTRACT IS SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE OLMSTED COUNTY FAIRBOARD.**

**Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

Please Mail Contract and Other Comments To: Olmsted County Fair  
Attn:  
Concessions/Vendors  
1403 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. SE  
Rochester, MN. 55904

If You Have Any Questions or Concerns Please Feel Free to Visit our website:  
[www.olmstedcountyfair.com](http://www.olmstedcountyfair.com) or email [vendors@olmstedcountyfair.com](mailto:vendors@olmstedcountyfair.com)

# Operator Certificate of Compliance

Read the information on the back before completing this certificate. **Person selling at event:** Complete this certificate and give it to the operator/organizer of the event. **Operator/organizer of event:** Keep this certificate for your records.

**Do not send this form to the Department of Revenue.**

<b>Print or Type</b>	Name of Business Selling or Exhibiting at Event		Minnesota Tax ID Number	
	Seller's Complete Address		City	State ZIP Code
	Name of Person or Group Organizing Event			
	Name and Location of Event			
	Date(s) of Event			

<b>Merchandise Sold</b>	Describe the type of merchandise you plan to sell.

<b>Sales Tax Exemption Information</b>	Complete this section if you are not required to have a Minnesota tax ID number.
	<input type="checkbox"/> I am selling only nontaxable items.
	<input type="checkbox"/> I am not making any sales at the event.
	<input type="checkbox"/> I participate in a direct selling plan, selling for _____ (name of company), and the home office or top distributor has a Minnesota tax ID number and remits the sales tax on my behalf.
	<input type="checkbox"/> This is a nonprofit organization that meets the exemption requirements described below:
	<p>_____ Candy sold for fundraising purposes by a nonprofit organization that provides educational and social activities for young people primarily aged 18 and under (MS 297A.70, subd. 13[a][4]).</p> <p>_____ Youth or senior citizen group with fundraising receipts up to \$20,000 per year (\$10,000 or less before January 1, 2015)(MS 297A.70, subd. 13[b][1]).</p> <p>_____ A nonprofit organization that meets all the criteria set forth in MS 297A.70, subd. 14.</p>

<b>Sign Here</b>	<i>I declare that the information on this certificate is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I am authorized to sign this form.</i>	
	Signature of Seller	Print Name Here
	Date	Daytime Phone

**PENALTY** — Operators who do not have Form ST19 or a similar written document from sellers can be fined a penalty of \$100 for each seller that is not in compliance for each day of the selling event.



# Information for Sellers and Event Operators

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Operators/organizers of craft, antique, coin, stamp or comic book shows; flea markets; convention exhibit areas; or similar events are required by Minnesota law to get written evidence that persons who do business at the show or event have a valid Minnesota tax ID number.

If a seller is not required to have a Minnesota tax ID number, the seller must give the operator a written statement that items offered for sale are not subject to sales tax.

All operators (including operators of community sponsored events and nonprofit organizations) must obtain written evidence from sellers.

Certain individual sellers are not required to register to collect sales tax if they qualify for the isolated and occasional sales exemption. To qualify, all the following conditions must be met:

- The seller participates in only one event per calendar year that lasts no more than three days;
- The seller makes sales of \$500 or less during the calendar year; and
- The seller provides a written statement to that effect, and includes the seller's name, address and telephone number.

This isolated and occasional sales provision applies to individuals only. It does not apply to businesses.

## Sales Tax Registration

To register for a Minnesota tax ID number, call 651-282-5225.

A registration application (Form ABR) is also available on our website at [www.revenue.state.mn.us](http://www.revenue.state.mn.us).

## Information and Assistance

If you have questions or want fact sheets on specific sales tax topics, call 651-296-6181.

Most sales tax forms and fact sheets are also available on our website at [www.revenue.state.mn.us](http://www.revenue.state.mn.us).

For information related to sellers and event operators, see Fact Sheet #148, *Selling Event Exhibitors and Operators*.

We'll provide information in other formats upon request to persons with disabilities.