2026 Florida Gateway Fair Policies

Welcome to the Florida Gateway Fair. These Policies are adopted by Columbia County Resources, Inc. d/b/a Florida Gateway Fairgrounds (the "Fair"), a Fair Association organized under Chapter 616, Florida Statutes, and apply to the Fair, including its parking areas (the "Fairgrounds"). To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience, please respect the following rules:

1. GENERAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Fair encourages frequent handwashing for all employees and guests, reminding everyone of the importance of frequently washing their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, use hand sanitizer. Guests should wash their hands after any contact with animals and before consuming any food or beverage(s).

Attendance at a public fair, where large crowds and livestock are present, carries an inherent risk of exposure to communicable illness. Guests should attend only after evaluating their own health risks. Purchase of a ticket and entry onto the Fairgrounds constitutes acknowledgment of these inherent risks.

2. PROHIBITED ITEMS ON THE FAIRGROUNDS

The following items shall not be brought onto the Fairgrounds unless specifically authorized:

- Bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, roller-skates, motorcycles, scooters (unless employed as a mobility device to accommodate a person with a disability), hover boards, or Segways.
- Unauthorized vehicles as determined by the Board of Directors.
- Unlawful weapons or firearms.
- Fireworks, explosives or explosive devices, and flammable materials.
- Remote-controlled devices, including but not limited to drones and remote-controlled toys which shall not be operated on or above the Fairgrounds.
- Alcohol or alcoholic beverages, or any other outside food or drink.
- Coolers.

- Controlled substances.
- Any other object or objects which in the opinion of the Board of Directors may affect the safety and well- being of persons attending events on the Fairgrounds.
- Destructive devices.
- Laser pointers.
- Masks (except for medical purposes or religious observance).
- Selfie Sticks.
- Pets or animals, with the exception of service animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Exceptions to the above prohibitions are limited to:

- Weapons or Firearms carried by law enforcement officials and persons authorized by law to carry weapons or firearms in a manner authorized by law, including the lawful open or concealed carry of a firearm. This exception does not apply to Fair employees, or to volunteers acting on the Fair's behalf, while on duty, who may not carry firearms during and in the course of their duties. Florida law independently prohibits carrying a firearm in any portion of an establishment on the Fairgrounds that is licensed to dispense alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises and is primarily devoted to that purpose.
- Prohibited items that have been permitted by the Fair by virtue of a signed agreement.
- Prescription medications necessary for licensees and contractors to perform their duties, when they possess the authorizing lawful prescriptions.
- Lawfully authorized prescription medication for patrons.
- Infant food and formula, breast pumps, and related supplies.
- Such prohibited items expressly permitted in writing by the Board of Directors.

3. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.

Pursuant to Section 616.185, Florida Statutes, entering and remaining upon any grounds or facilities owned, operated, or controlled by the Fair and committing any act that disrupts the orderly conduct of any authorized activity of the Fair, or its lessees, licensees, or the general public on those grounds or facilities; or entering and remaining on those grounds or facilities after being directed not to enter or to leave them by the Chief Administrative Officer of the Fair, or any employee or agent of the Fair designated by the chief administrative officer, to maintain order on those grounds and facilities, after a determination by the chief administrative officer, employee, or agent that the entering or remaining on those grounds or facilities is in violation of the rules and regulations of the Fair or is disrupting the orderly conduct of any authorized activity of the Fair, or its lessees, licensees, or the public on those grounds or facilities; constitutes trespass. A law enforcement officer may arrest any person on or off the premises, without a warrant, if the officer has probable cause for believing such person has committed the offense of trespass upon the grounds of the Fair. Such an arrest does not render the law enforcement officer criminally or civilly liable for false arrest, false imprisonment, or unlawful detention.

For purposes of this Section and Section 616.185, Florida Statutes, the Fair's President is the Chief Administrative Officer of the Fair and may designate, in writing, employees and agents of the Fair (including contracted security personnel) to maintain order on the Fairgrounds. These Policies are the rules and regulations of the Fair referenced in that statute.

4. ADA & SERVICE ANIMALS

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"), persons needing auxiliary communicative aids and services for the Fair should call (386) 752-8822 three days prior to visiting.

During the 10 days of the Fair, pets or animals are not allowed on the Florida Gateway Fairgrounds, with the exception of service animals, as defined in the ADA, service animals in training accompanied by their trainer as provided in Section 413.08, Florida Statutes, or animals approved as part of an exhibition. Service animals are dogs, and where reasonable miniature horses, that have been individually trained to perform tasks directly related to a person's disability. Service animals are working animals, not pets.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

Persons entering the Fairgrounds are subject to having their image and/or likeness reproduced for promotional and/or publicity purposes in Fair, Sponsor or Media photography, video, broadcasts and/or webcasts. Shirts and shoes are required to be worn at all times. Smoking is not allowed in

indoor facilities, including e-cigarettes. Persons entering a facility assume all risks incidental to the event.

6. RESALES OF ADMISSION TICKET POLICY

While on the Fairgrounds, no person shall offer to resell, or solicit the resale of any ticket for entry to the Fair or for any event or amusement at the Fairgrounds. Any person engaged in such activities will be directed to cease and desist; and failure to do so may result in removal from the Fair and referral to law enforcement. Resale activity outside the Fairgrounds that violates Florida law will be reported to law enforcement.

7. SECURITY MEASURES

All persons, bags, and items are subject to screening as a condition of entry, and any person who declines screening may be refused admission. Screening does not include searches of private motor vehicles for firearms, and no person will be detained solely for the lawful carrying of a firearm.

Approved Bags:

- ***Clear*** *plastic, vinyl or PVC bags that do not exceed 12"x6"x12"*
    - A logo **no larger than 4.5"x 3.4"** can be displayed on one side of a permissible clear bag.
    - A clear bag shall be clear from top-to-bottom and up to a 2" trim/border on the bag is generally acceptable.
- One-gallon clear, re-sealable plastic storage bag
- Small clutch bags no larger than 4.5"x6.5", approximately the size of a hand, with or without a handle or strap
- Medically necessary items, infant food and formula, and breast pumps (after proper inspection)

*Diaper bags are allowed but may be subject to screening/security checks.

Prohibited bags include, but are not limited to:

- All bags with the exception of a 4.5" x 6.5" or smaller clutch, wallet or clear bag no larger than 12" x 6" x 12"

- Purses
- Backpacks
- Cinch/Drawstring Bags
- Briefcases
- Coolers or containers, including cans, cups
- Fanny packs
- Luggage of any kind
- Computer bags
- Camera bags
- Binocular cases
- Personal seatbacks
- Any bag larger than the permissible size

The Fair reserves the right to deny admission, prevent entry, or require a person already admitted to leave the Fairgrounds, without refund, liability or compensation, for failure to comply with Florida and local laws or these Policies, for unsafe, illegal, disruptive, or threatening behavior, for safety, security or order, or if the Fair or its agents consider that the circumstances otherwise so require, in its/their sole and absolute discretion.

The Fair may from time to time, in its sole and absolute discretion, without prior notice and without refund, liability or compensation, change the operating hours of the Fair, close the Fairgrounds, or any part of it temporarily, as circumstances so require.

8. YOUTH ATTENDANCE

All children should be supervised by an adult. Fairgoers under 18 years old entering after 5pm on Monday through Friday or after 6pm on Saturday and Sunday must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, or a chaperone 21 years of age or older. Proof of age may be required. IDs may be verified at the gate.

Each adult can only chaperone 4 minors at a time. Groups larger than 4 individuals under the age of 18 will require an additional chaperone for every 4 minors.

I.D. checks may be conducted and may be required at the entrance gates before entering the Fairgrounds. Anyone who violates or attempts to bypass entrances where security checkpoints are in place has committed a trespass offense which is subject to prosecution.

Chaperones are required to remain at the Fair if they are bringing minors. Any adult who drops off minors (even if their own admission fees are paid) is in direct violation of the policy.

Any and all misbehaving minors will be taken to an entrance gate to be reunited with their parent, guardian, or chaperone. Failure to comply will result in immediate dismissal from the property.

The Fair considers chaperones as a parent or legal guardian of the minor, or other supervising adult age 21 or over with a valid ID, including a photograph and date of birth.

Valid types of identification include driver's license, non-driver ID card, passport, military ID, or other government-issued photo identification.

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