Coastal Carolina Fair — Guest Code of Conduct

1. Purpose & Scope

The Exchange Club Fair of Charleston is dedicated to providing a safe, clean, family-friendly, and enjoyable experience for all visitors. This Code of Conduct applies to all fairgoers, guests, and patrons entering the Exchange Park fairgrounds. Compliance with these rules is a condition of entry.

2. Safety Screening & Prohibited Items

To ensure the safety of all guests, the Coastal Carolina Fair maintains strict security checkpoints at all entrance gates:

- **Advanced Security Screening:** All visitors entering the fairgrounds will undergo enhanced safety screening, including walk-through **metal detectors** and physical bag checks prior to entry.
- **Weapons Prohibition:** Weapons of any kind—including concealed or open-carry firearms, knives, ammunition, fireworks, and explosive materials—are strictly prohibited on the fairgrounds, regardless of legal permits.
- **Clear Bag Policy:** Attendees must adhere strictly to the fair's official **Clear Bag Policy**. Approved bags are limited to clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC bags that do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12". All non-clear bags, backpacks, and coolers will be denied entry.
- **Alcohol & Outside Beverages:** Outside **alcoholic beverages**, illegal drugs, or recreational substances are strictly prohibited from being brought onto the fairgrounds.

3. General Fairground Behavior & Crowd Flow

To protect the well-being of families and young children, all guests must maintain a safe and respectful decorum:

- **No Running Policy:** For the safety of everyone in crowded areas, there is a strict **NO RUNNING** policy anywhere within the Exchange Park grounds.
- **Crowd Flow & Loitering:** Loitering, blocking exhibit entrances, or forming stationary groups that impede pedestrian flow or emergency response pathways is strictly prohibited.
- **Infrastructure Safety:** Standing, jumping, or climbing on chairs, picnic tables, benches, trash receptacles, or perimeter fences is forbidden.
- **Waste Management:** All guests must use proper, designated trash and recycling receptacles located throughout the park to maintain hygiene and safety.
- **Public Safety Boundaries:** Any activities or behaviors deemed by public safety personnel to endanger or intentionally cause panic to the public good are strictly prohibited.

- **Violence and Aggression:** Guests who engage in fighting, throwing objects, or any other violent, destructive, or offensive action will be immediately ejected from the fairgrounds without a refund and will face law enforcement intervention.

4. Dress Code & Identity Policy

Appropriate attire is required at all times while visiting the fairgrounds:

- **Mask Restriction:** No masks or face coverings whose purpose is to hide or conceal an individual's identity are permitted on the fairgrounds. Exceptions will be made strictly for verified medical reasons, religious garments, or authorized fair entertainment.
- **Offensive Clothing Policy:** Anyone wearing clothing, jewelry, or other personal items that fair management deems offensive, indecent, or gang-related will not be allowed on the fairgrounds.
- **Specific Dress Violations:** Clothing featuring exposed underwear or sagging baggy pants worn below the waistline is explicitly prohibited.
- **Gang Affiliation Restrictions:** No gang-related clothes, colors, signs, jewelry, tags, or coordinated activities will be permitted on the premises. Exceptions and challenges to dress code parameters will be handled at the sole discretion of fair management.

5. Controlled Substances, Smoking & Commercial Activity

- **Smoking Restrictions:** Smoking—including the use of traditional tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, vapes, and alternative nicotine delivery devices—is strictly prohibited within specific zones of the fairgrounds. Smoking is explicitly banned inside:
    - All permanent buildings and exhibition halls
    - All tents and covered structures
    - All midway attraction and ticketing queue lines
    - All seated venues (including stages, arenas, and performance areas)
- **Solicitation Boundaries:** No picketing, distributing handbills, soliciting, selling unauthorized merchandise, or petitioning is allowed on the private property of Exchange Park without prior written approval from fair management.

6. Emergency Procedures & Weather

- **Severe Weather and Emergencies:** If severe weather, ride interruptions, or an unexpected emergency affects the Coastal Carolina Fair, please obey Fair officials and Emergency/Law Enforcement Officer directions.
- **Official Instructions:** All guests are required to immediately follow instructions provided by fair personnel, security staff, and public safety officials during an event.

7. Enforcement

The Coastal Carolina Fair reserves the right to deny admission or eject any person whose conduct violates this policy, is disruptive, or compromises public safety, without refund of the ticket purchase price.

8. Policy Administration & Review

This policy is administered and maintained by the Board of Directors of the Exchange Club Fair of Charleston. The Board retains ultimate authority to modify, review, or amend these provisions to align with the operational needs of the Coastal Carolina Fair and the club's bylaws.

- **Effective Date:** October 1, 2026
- **Approving Body:** Board of Directors, Exchange Club Fair of Charleston
- **Contact Inquiry:** Fair Administrative Office | (843) 572-3161
