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TRADE MANUAL

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For full terms & conditions please see <https://winterfair.org.uk/trade-stands/exhibitor-downloads>

E-NET Account

When your stand is confirmed you will be invoiced and will receive access details to your online E-Net account. Please keep your login details safe.

On your E-Net account you will have access to:

- Invoices for additional items ordered
- Order additional wristbands if required
- Order corporate tickets if required
- Book advertising space in the show catalogue
- Complete your Risk Assessment
- Complete your Insurance details.

Electric, Plumbing and stand fitting items eg carpet etc should be ordered via links on our website as usual. <https://winterfair.org.uk/trade-stands/exhibitor-downloads>

Contact Details

Royal Ulster Agricultural Society
Eikon Exhibition Centre
Halftown Road
Lisburn
BT27 5RD Sat Nav use BT27 5RL
T: 028 90665 225 E: info@ruas.org.uk



Show Office (located inside the front of the Eikon):

from Tuesday 8 December only
before this date staff are located in usual RUAS Office behind the Eikon.

Trade Stand Enquiries

Jenny McNeill
T: 028 9068 6183 M: 07825 146 830 E: jenny@ruas.org.uk



Livestock Enquiries

Karen Hughes
T: 028 90 686 186 M: 07585 440 359 E: karen@ruas.org.uk



Marketing & Media Enquiries

Gemma Dickey
T: 028 90 686 181 M: 07825 146 840 E: gemma@ruas.org.uk

Opening Hours

Thursday 10 December 2026 9.00am – 5.30pm
Trade exhibitors will have access wearing official wristband from 7.30am.

Contractors / Service Providers

AV Equipment

Event AV (NI) Ltd T: 028 7035 1331 / 07825 512215

E: info@event-av.com

Focus AV T: 07874 006777

E: roy@focusav.co.uk

You can use any other supplier that you wish to use.

Caterers

Vanilla Black Catering

T: +44 (0) 7968 487264 E-mail: peter@vanillablackcatering.com

Exhibitors are permitted to provide only tea, coffee and biscuits for hospitality purposes on their stands. Any other catering required eg sandwiches, pastries, finger food, soup etc must be ordered through the official caterers Vanilla Black.

Carpet

Thre360 Group order form and pricing available on website

We do not provide carpet on stands in the Eikon or Logan Hall. If you wish to put carpet on your stand please ensure that you or your supplier uses NEC approved carpet tape. Other types of tape can be too sticky and cannot be removed from the floor. We can provide a roll of carpet tape at £8 each if required.

Electrics

Contractor to be confirmed. All electrical connections must be booked through the official contractor.

Plumbing

Ciaran Quinn Plumbing & Event Services

Order form available on website.

E: quinnplumbingandevents@yahoo.com T: [077033 23663](tel:07703323663)

Stand Fitters / Stand Design / Graphics / Furniture etc

Thre360 Group

T: 028 9600 1463 E: hello@thre360group.co.uk

To order any additional stand build items you may require or to see dimensions of shell scheme walls that can be around your stand etc see <https://winterfair.org.uk/trade-stands/exhibitor-downloads>

All smaller stands are built from a shell system provided by Thre360 Group. All panels are blue-tac compatible only. Strictly NO other fixing to be used direct to the panels and metalwork, including: Velcro, Sellotape, Pins, Nails, Screws & Staples. Any damaged / soiled panels will be charged at a replacement value of £35 each. Any adhesive residue will be charged at minimum £35

Other suggested stand fitters / designers / printers / graphics / signage

blacksheep

T: 028 9065 7407 E: info@blacksheepni.com

MAD Colour

T: 07778 467684 E: adam@madcolour.com

Excite Exhibition & Display

T: 028 92 673030 E: info@excitedisplay.co.uk

Platinum Expo

T: 028 90 817 555 E: victoria@platinumexpo.com

Redhead Conference & Exhibition

T: 028 38 832 889 E: info@redheadni.co.uk

Refrigeration Equipment

Lowe Refrigeration

T: 028 9260 4619 E: info@lowerental.com

Hospitality Units

UMEX

T: 028 42 772 300 E: james@umexhire.com

Butlers

T: 028 94 473 996 E: info@butlersevents.co.uk

Wi-Fi

Wi-Fi is available for all trade stands in the Eikon and Logan Halls and is a free service but we cannot guarantee either the speed or reliability of connectivity particularly at peak times.

Should you require a more robust Wi-Fi connection for your trade stand please **order via your E-Net account (Purchase Additional Trade Add Ons)**.

Costs

Hard Wired WIFI (up to 10 devices): £300 (incl VAT)

Wifi (3 devices) (card machines etc) £45 (incl VAT)

If you are using a PDQ machine please make sure they are up to date and within our Wi-Fi band specifications. PDQ machines that are not up to date may not be reliable on our network.

5Ghz Wi-Fi Spec:

We operate within the 5GHz frequency utilising Band A: 5150 – 5350 MHz (Channels 36 – 64) or Band B: 5470 – 5725 MHz (channels 100 – 140)

Wireless Security: WPA-Enterprise (WPA/WPA2, TKIP/AES)

2.4Ghz Wi-Fi Spec:

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Wireless Security: WPA-Enterprise (WPA/WPA2, TKIP/AES)

Most PDQ machines will work on the 5Ghz Wi-Fi network. Whilst there is availability of 2.4Ghz WiFi, we do not recommend PDQ devices that solely rely on this technology. 2.4Ghz devices are subject to interference from electrical items and are less likely to be reliable.

Best Trade Stand Competition

The purpose of the competition is to encourage exhibitors to create trade stands of a high quality that are interesting, creative, innovative and inviting to visitors. All stands are automatically entered into the trade stand competition.

Judging will take place on the morning, with presentations being made around lunchtime.

Presentations will be photographed and circulated on social media and the website.

Trade stands will be judged by an experienced judge.

Award Categories

1. Best Machinery display
2. Best Trade Stand, not displaying machinery, more than 24sqm in size

Reserve

3. Best Trade Stand, not displaying machinery, under 24sqm in size

Reserve

4. Most Festive Trade Stand

Directions & Accommodation

Directions to Balmoral Park

Balmoral Park borders the M1 motorway on the outskirts of Lisburn and is a short distance from Sprucefield Shopping Centre and Down Royal racecourse. From North, West and Belfast via M1 exit junction 7 or 8. Balmoral Park is 12 miles from Belfast city centre. See website for map. Balmoral Park is 20 miles from Belfast International Airport and approx. 15 miles from George Best Belfast City Airport.

Accommodation

The Haslem enquiries@haslemhotel.com or the Premier Inn Lisburn are the closest hotels to Balmoral Park. There is a variety of accommodation available in the surrounding area.

<https://www.visitlisburncastlereagh.com/places-to-stay>

Belfast City Centre is approx. 12 miles from Balmoral Park.

Winter Fair Layout

Tradestand plans can be found on our website and on your E-Net account.

Eikon

If your stand is located in the Eikon Exhibition Centre your stand number will start with **EK**...

The show office, first aid, media centre, a café, ATM, show ring and toilets are all located within this space.

Logan Hall

If your stand is located in this hall your stand number will start with **L**..

This space is a 5,000sqm building with a covered link to the Eikon Exhibition Centre. There will be a coffee dock and toilets in this hall. The entrance to the Winter Fair for all visitors is via the Logan Hall.

Additional catering units and bar will be located between the Logan Hall and the Eikon.

Build-up Times & Gates

ALL STANDS SHOULD BE IN AND BUILT BY WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER 8.00PM

Day	Time	GATE Access
From Wed 2 Dec – Fri 4 Dec (Large Machinery/Equipment only)	9.00 – 4.00pm (Wed & Thurs) 9.00 – 2.00pm (Friday)	Gate 3, Halftown Rd
Monday 7 December	8.30am – 5.00pm	Gate 1, Halftown Rd
Tuesday 8 December	8.00am – 6.00pm	Gate 1, Halftown Rd
Wednesday 9 December	8.00am – 7.00pm	Gate 1, Halftown Rd
Thursday 10 December (For small items that can be carried in only)	7.30am – 8.00am Show open to public at 9.00am	Gate 1, Halftown Rd

NO STAND WILL BE ALLOWED TO BUILD UP ONCE THE SHOW HAS OPENED AT 9AM ON THURSDAY MORNING. This is a health and safety issue.

Large free build stands / Machinery stands:

If your stand is a large build, displays large equipment or machinery or requires the use of a forklift, you must have it in place by 6pm on **Tuesday 8 December**. Access to stands with a forklift in the Eikon or Logan Hall may not be possible after this time as shell etc will be in place on stands which limits access. **Access for large machinery/equipment/free build stands is possible from Wednesday 2 December**. If we need you in place by a certain day due to access to your stand we will be in touch well in advance of the event.

Contractors building stands – should note that where the back of a stand is visible to the public they must ensure that it is made presentable and not left uncovered or unfinished looking.

Machinery Exhibits displayed in an elevated position

Exhibitors of Loaders, Telehandlers, Excavators, Cranes or machinery attachments displaying their machine in an elevated position must ensure that mechanical ram props are in place, even if the machine incorporates safety check valves on main lift rams or other standard safety features. This point of safety will be strictly enforced. Exhibitors should supply the Society with a letter from the manufacturer which covers the recommended method of elevated display in crowded show scenarios for each specific machine.

Forklift

JCB 2550 available to lift loads up to max 2.5 tonnes. The service is offered first come first served. Please be patient during busy periods. All deliveries that require unloading must arrive no later than 4pm each day and 1pm on Friday.

Loading Ramp

A loading ramp is available on site. It is only available until 5.00pm on Tuesday 8 December. Contact Davy Browne, Grounds Manager, 07825 146 810 on arrival or the Show Office.

Height Restriction

Maximum height of any stand is 3m. Please contact jenny@ruas.org.uk if you wish your stand to be higher than 3m for approval.

Breakdown Times

Exhibits can breakdown after Show close at 6.00pm until 9pm and Friday 11 December – 8.00am – 3.00pm via Gate 1. **All exhibits including large machinery must be removed from Balmoral Park by 3pm on Friday 11 December**. We may have an event building up in the halls on Saturday 13 December and the halls must be cleared.

Corporate Tickets (available via your ENET account from October)

Available to Trade Exhibitors only - Invite your prospective clients or customers to the Winter Fair. Order tickets via your E-Net account. Tickets cost £8.75 + vat each.

How it works - Eg 50 tickets ordered, only 30 scanned at the gates; you will get a partial refund for the 20 tickets not used. A minimum order of 25 tickets applies. You are always charged for the first 25 tickets.

Tickets must be paid in full when ordering. Your company name will be printed on the ticket. Logos cannot be printed on tickets.

NB: Tickets cannot be resold or offered for resale. If a ticket is sold or used in breach of this condition, the tickets will be cancelled without a refund and the ticket holders of the tickets will be refused admission. Full details of terms & conditions can be found on our website.

Advertising in Show Catalogue

Advertising space is available within the Show catalogue. We produce a free full colour (1,500 copies) catalogue for visitors at the event. Full page and half page ad space is available. An excellent way to advertise to your target market. Please order advertising space via your ENet account. All adverts should be emailed to jenny@ruas.org.uk and should be received no later than 12 November.

Ad Costs

Full page cost £175 + vat
Half page cost £100 + vat

Ad sizes

Full page 148mm x 210mm
Half page 148mm x 100mm

Wristbands

Exhibitor wristbands allow trade exhibitors access to the exhibition areas on Winter Fair day. No wristbands are required for build-up.

Stand Size

1-9sqm	4 wristbands
10-18sqm	6 wristbands
19+sqm	10 wristbands

If you require additional wristbands you can order on your ENET account at £8 each.

Parking

Free parking within Balmoral Park will be available during build up, on Winter Fair day and at breakdown.

General Information (also see full Terms & Conditions on website)

- **Advertising Banners etc**

Please note that the Roads Service has notified us that Article 87 of the Roads (NI) Order 1993 states that it is an offence for “any person who without lawful authority displays any advertisement, upon the surface of the road or upon any tree, structure or other works in or on a road”.

Banners and branding can only be placed within your stand area and not in any other area of the event.

- **Alcohol**

Due to licencing laws in Northern Ireland alcohol is not permitted on stands at the Winter Fair.

- **ATM**

Available inside the front of the Eikon.

- **Cleaning of Stands**

It is the responsibility of exhibitors to clean their own stand space prior to show opening.

- **Cancellation Policy**

Where an exhibitor cancels a trade stand booked for any reason, written notification must be sent by email to jenny@ruas.org.uk.

Below indicates the percentage of stand rental which will be refunded.

2026 dates	Refund of stand costs
On or before 31 October	full refund if space is resold.
1 November – 10 December	No refund

- **Drones** – drones are not permitted to be used on site due to the close proximity to the Air Ambulance.

- **First Aid**

The First Aid room is located beside the Show Office at the front of the Eikon.

- **Gas Installations**

Butane gas may be used within the halls but must be removed overnight. Propane gas must be piped into the building from an exterior location, agreed in advance and under no circumstances will propane gas be permitted in any buildings or marquees. All trade stands with an LPG installation will be required to provide a Gas Safe certificate confirming the safety of the LPG installation.

- **Generators**

No generators are permitted on site. Electric supply must be booked through the official electrical contractor.

- **Third-Party Partnerships and Stand Sponsorship**

Trade exhibitors wishing to partner with a third party or secure sponsorship for their exhibition stand **must obtain prior written approval** from the Event Organiser before confirming or promoting any such arrangement.

To request approval, please contact Jenny (jenny@ruas.org.uk) with details of the proposed third-party partnership or sponsorship no later than 30 September 2026.

This requirement is in place to ensure that any proposed third-party branding, sponsorship, or promotional activity does not conflict with existing event sponsorship agreements, commercial partnerships, or exhibitor exclusivity arrangements.

The Event Organiser reserves the right to approve or decline any proposed third-party partnership or stand sponsorship at its sole discretion. Failure to obtain prior approval may result in the exhibitor being required to remove unauthorised branding, promotional materials, or sponsorship activations from their stand.

Livestock on Stands

All livestock to be exhibited on trade stands must be delivered and unloaded between 6.30am & 7.30am on Thursday 10 December and must remain on the stand until permission has been given by the Show Organisers that it is safe to move the animals after the Winter Fair closes at 5.30pm. No animal must be moved during the event. Please let Jenny McNeill know if you intend to have an animal on your trade stand in advance of the Show.

Animals on stands must be securely tethered in pens which are not open ended. Clean bedding, water and feed must be provided. Should an animal become agitated or require a vet during the event please contact the Show Office. **Under no circumstances should the exhibitor attempt to remove the animal without contacting the Show office first.**

It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure that any animal brought to the Winter Fair has all the correct paperwork to travel to and from the event. Please refer to the Prize Schedule available online for full details. Only animals free from disease restrictions, including Tuberculosis, Brucellosis, Bluetongue and Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (herd or individual animal restrictions) may be permitted to move to a Show.

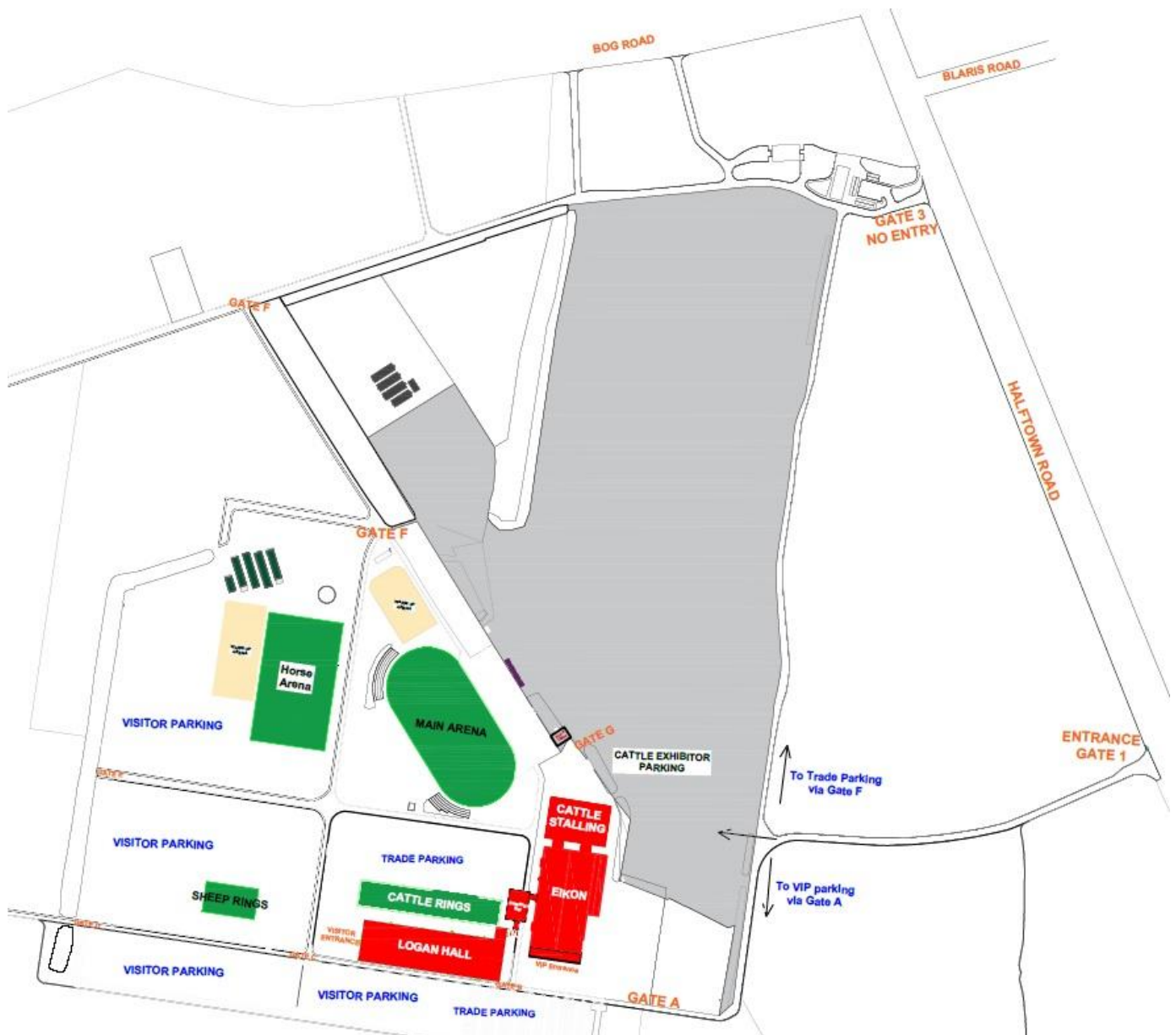
To minimise the risk to their own herd, exhibitors are encouraged to quarantine show animals and have them tested for Tuberculosis by their Private Veterinary Practitioner at least 42 days after their last appearance at a show and before re-integration to the main herd.

Procedures for movement of cattle are listed in the Show Guidance for exhibitors. A copy can be downloaded from the DAERA website.

Exhibitors from outside Northern Ireland

It is the sole responsibility of cattle exhibitors from outside Northern Ireland to ensure that their animals meet all current veterinary import and export regulations to enable their animals to travel to the Royal Ulster Winter Fair, and return, with the necessary import and export certification.

Balmoral Park Site Plan





Celebrating 40 years of growing together.

For Northern Ireland farmers, working with Danske Bank has become second nature, with relationships spanning generations. As we celebrate 40 years of partnership with the Royal Ulster Agricultural Society at the Winter Fair, we remain proud to support the agri sector, championing innovation and helping shape a strong future for Northern Ireland farming.

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