



CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL BEER
HANDBOOK

Commercial Beer Competition 2016 Competition Handbook

Invitation to Showcase the Best of California!

Thank you for your interest in the 2016 California State Fair Competitive Exhibits Program. As a showcase of the Best of California, the California State Fair has hosted competitions for more than 160 years. Our Competitive Exhibits Program is designed to promote achievement and inspire Californians across the Golden State.

From our beginning in 1854, the State Fair was the place to show the latest progress in technology, agriculture, home crafts, arts, education, entertainment, talent, etc. The State's rich tradition of celebrating the best will continue again this summer at your State Fair.

More than 800,000 visitors are expected to visit the State Fair over 17 days. Many of which, come primarily to see the various exhibits that will be on display. Your work is an integral part of our celebration and we look forward to showcasing your talent at the State Fair from July 8-24, 2016.

Sincerely,



Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.

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The State Fair

The California State Fair has always been an awe inspiring showcase of the state's finest, and ever since the first fair in 1854 California has upheld this tradition. People come from all over to witness the competition and innovation that our exhibitors produce. In addition to canning, baking and livestock, we add new and exciting programs to continue the tradition of showcasing California's very best!



Program Calendar

April 15	Entries Open
May 20	Entries Close
May 16-20	Southern California Delivery Dates
May 31-June 3	Northern California Delivery Dates
June 9-12	Closed session judging
June 13	Kegs available for pick-up
June 23	Winners Announced
July 16	Awards Ceremony
July 8-24	California State Fair

New for 2016

1. Entry Fees: \$45.00
2. Please note additional new categories on page 8.
3. Categories 31-35.

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Why Compete?

Judges are selected from respected craft brewmakers, craft brew merchants, writers, promoters and craft brew educators. The California State Fair recognizes the top award-winning brewers at the annual, high profile press event on the steps of the State Capitol, honoring the Best of Show wine, beer, cheese and olive oil. Selected Commercial Beer winners are invited to establish relationships and brand familiarity at the exclusive gold-medal tasting event at Cal Expo, where producers mingle with media, buyers and the general public at the Best of California tasting event held June 23rd at 5:30 on the grounds of Cal Expo.

Competition Overview

This competition is held in cooperation with and co-sponsored by the Northern California Brewers Guild.

Aims and Objectives

1. To offer the commercial craft brewers of California a venue by which their product may be evaluated by qualified judges and peer commercial craft brewers.
2. Encourage brewing in California and improve the knowledge of the art and science of brewing.
3. To provide the California public information about beer, beer styles and the art and science of brewing.
4. Enrich the reputation of California as a major contributor to the resurgence of craft brewing.
5. Acknowledge the prowess of California's commercial brewers who produce superior beers. This competition is held in cooperation with and co-sponsored by the Northern California Brewer's Guild.

Entry Requirements

Online registration and fees must be received by May 20th, 2016.

Registration fees are \$45.00 per entry, No extension of the entry date is planned. Official guidelines are also available at <http://www.castatefair.org/california-commercial-beer/>

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "Northern California Brewers Guild" 885 Stillwater Road, Suite 100, West Sacramento, CA 95605 /Online registration and payment are available at <http://www.castatefair.org/california-commercial-beer/>

Entries (bottles, cans, growlers, kegs, etc.) are due in Southern CA (L.A. & San Diego) from May 16th- May 20th, 2016 (See Drop off locations on page 4) and Northern CA beginning Tuesday May 31st, 2016 and no later than Friday June 3rd, 2016. (Entries will not be accepted prior to May 31st, 2016.) Ship, or deliver in person Monday thru Friday to: Commercial Craft Brewing Competition, In care of: DBI Beverage Company- 3500 Carlin Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95651 ph; 916-373-5700

*NCBG personnel will be on the premises each day between the hours of 11:00am- 4:00pm to receive entries.

No late entries will be accepted.

For more information, contact Darrell Amerine at (916) 201-4172 or darrellamerine@gmail.com

By submitting any entry to this competition the entrant:

1. Asserts that they have legal title to submit the entry.
2. Asserts the beer was brewed in the State and for commercial sale in the State of California.
3. Asserts the beer was available for at least 1 month in the State of California during the prior year.
4. Agrees to provide proof of such availability upon request.
5. Agrees to abide by the herein-stated policy on use of any awards or certificates in advertising.
6. Agrees to participate in judging and in any award presentation and make adequate beer available for such presentations as the Best of California Brewfest at the California State Fair on July 16th, 2016.

General Information

Should there be any need for additional information not found in the booklet, please write to Commercial Beer Competition, C/O Northern California Brewers Guild, 885 Stillwater Road, Suite 100, West Sacramento, CA 95605 or email; Darrell Amerine at darrellamerine@gmail.com

1. Handbook is posted in advance and therefore may be subject to revision or change.
2. Although we try to keep mailing lists current, we cannot be held responsible for any individual or company that is not notified or contacted.

Awards

Gold, Silver & Bronze in each category - Rosettes

Best of Show - Rosette & Golden Bear Trophy

Brewery of the Year - Golden Mash Paddle

Competition

Enclosed is the general information needed to enter this competition. Please read them carefully to avoid any potential problems. Some key points in this material are:

Fees must be received by the Northern California Brewers Guild by May 20th, 2016. Entries (bottles, cans, growlers, kegs, etc.) must be received by 4:00 p.m. Friday June 3rd, 2016.

Registration fees are \$45.00 per entry. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "Northern California Brewers Guild"

Entries may be bottled, canned, in growlers or kegged in either Cornelius or Sankey kegs.

Attach the bottle labels in 12-14 pt font please (copies are O.K.) to each bottle with clear packaging tape.

Do not remove any commercial labels from bottles.

Attach bottle labels to kegs in a secure manner allowing them to be easily read by competition officials so that appropriate code numbers can be placed on the keg. Shipping tape appears to have worked well. It helps to put them in plastic baggies also.

Entry Registration, Payment and Submittals

ENTRY REGISTRATION

Entry registration via online method for all entries must be received by May 20th, 2016.

ENTRY FEES

Registration fees are \$45.00 per entry. Payment must be via check, money order or PayPal.

NO CASH ACCEPTED FOR ENTRIES.

Brewers must use online registration. Payment must be received in advance by the date above per one of the following methods:

1. PayPal – Using online State Fair Competition website: Before midnight 5/20/16;
2. Check or money order payable to "Northern California Brewers Guild" PO Box 92, Wilton, CA 95693. Mail must be postmarked no later than 5/20/16.

3. Checks and money orders must be accompanied by a list of entry numbers for identification of sender.
4. For any entries that are registered but not submitted, PLEASE notify the competition organizers immediately after the entry deadline.

ONLINE ENTRY REGISTRATION AND ONLINE PAYMENT:

1. Access the Guild's State Fair Commercial Competition online website for entry registration on the California State Fair webpage at <http://www.castatefair.org/california-commercial-beer/>
You must register your entries using this site.
2. Payment via PayPal can be made at this website. Additional PayPal processing fees may apply.

SUBMITTING ENTRIES:

Northern California

Submission/receipt of entries (bottles, cans, kegs, growlers, etc.) begins Tuesday, May 31st, 2016 and ends at 4 pm on Friday, June 3rd, 2016.

Note the following:

Entries will not be accepted prior to Tuesday, May 31st, 2016.

If you paid using paypal please include a copy of your receipt with your entries

NCBG personnel will be on the DBI premises each day between the hours of 11:00am- 4:00pm to receive entries.

Ship, or deliver in person Monday thru Friday to:
Commercial Craft Brewing Competition
In care of: DBI Beverage Company
Attn: Rose & CA State Fair
3500 Carlin Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95691
916-373-5700.

Southern California drop-off locations:

San Diego Area – Stone Brewing Co
2865 Executive Place, Escondido, CA 92029
Please contact DC-SD@stonebrewing.com prior to delivering to the warehouse to schedule an appointment

Entries will be accepted May 16th – May 20th
ONLY to allow driver time for delivery
Los Angeles Area

Angel City Brewery
216 S. Alameda, Los Angeles CA 90012
8-4pm
Layton Cutler (Lead Brewer) - 347.563.5596
Renee Rubin (Operations) - 213.622.1261 x200
Joe Moakley (Facilities) - 310.503.3858
Alex Kennedy (Brewer) - 714.321.5903

No late entries will be accepted.
Northern CA deadline is June 3rd
Southern CA deadline is May 20th
For more information, contact Darrell Amerine at
(916) 201-4172 or darrellamerine@gmail.com

Most categories are divided into distinct styles and each beer will be judged as that style. When appropriate, be sure to indicate the style of each beer in the space provided on the entry forms. Entries that do not specify a style on the entry form may be disqualified at the discretion of the Organizing Committee. The Committee reserves the right to modify categories as needed.

Any entry may be submitted in: 12oz. bottles/cans with bottle label attached (minimum of 6 bottles/cans per entry) or; 22oz. bottles with label attached (minimum of 6 bottles per entry) or; Growlers (2 minimum) or; Cornelius Kegs, ball or pin lock (minimum 1 gallon - maximum 5 gallons) or; Sankey Kegs (max 7.5 gallons); disposable/recyclable kegs preferred (5 gallon).

Judging

(Closed Session)

The judging will be held in closed sessions on June 9th – 12th, 2016. Any final round judging will take place on June 12th. Winners will be presented during the California State Fair on Saturday, July 16th, 2016. For more information, contact Darrell Amerine at (916) 201-4172 or darrellamerine@gmail.com

The entrant agrees by submitting any entry to abide by the rules of the competition and rules regarding the use of any awards and certificate endowed by this competition.

All breweries entering the competition are invited and encouraged to participate at the **Best of CA Brewfest where the awards ceremony will be**

held on July 16th, 2016.

All judging will be done whenever possible with panels combining qualified judges and commercial brewing peers. Brewers or judges may not judge on panels in which they have entries or a conflict of interest. At least one judge who has been certified by the Beer Judge Certification Program will sit on each judging panel.

Beers will be disqualified for entry requirement infractions. These beers will be judged and will receive evaluations but will be ineligible for awards.

Kegs submitted will be available for pickup on June 13th, 2016. Every attempt will be made to return kegs, however, Organizers and the State Fair cannot be held responsible for loss of equipment not picked up. We encourage the use of disposable/recyclable kegs for the competition.

Special Rules

Brewers must be:

1. Official residents of California,
2. Brewery must hold a valid commercial brewing license and
3. Brewers must be at least 21 years of age.
4. PERSONS SUBMITTING ANY ENTRY MUST HAVE A DIRECT ASSOCIATION WITH THE BREWING OF THE ENTRY, BEING BREWER, OWNER, OR MANAGEMENT. DISTRIBUTORS ARE NOT CONSIDERED DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE PRODUCTION OF BEER AND MAY ONLY SUBMIT ENTRIES IN THE NAMES OF THEIR CLIENTS, WITH THEIR CLIENTS APPROVAL.
5. Contract brews may only be entered by the brewery which produced them.
6. Entrants or their qualified representative may participate in the judging on any panel they are not entered.

Beers must be made in the State of California for commercial sale and been available in the State of California for one (1) month during the previous year. Beers available throughout the year are considered standard entries while beers available for less than three months are

considered seasonal entries. No pilot batches are allowed.

Number of beer entries per brewery:
Each brewery is limited to three entries per category where each is in a separate subcategory.

DO NOT REMOVE ANY COMMERCIAL BOTTLE LABELS. DO NOT black out any commercial or identifying designs or text on caps of entries. This facilitates the Cellar.

Attach the bottle label from competition website (copies are O.K.) to each bottle/can with tape. Do not glue your labels to the bottles/cans and please use shipping tape to attach labels to kegs. Place bottle label on kegs so it may be easily read when processed. (Plastic bags may be used to keep forms dry.)

Each entry for each category shall consist of a minimum six (6) 12oz bottles/cans or six (6) 22oz bottles or one (1) 5 gallon cornelius or sankey keg not to exceed 7.5 gallons or (2) 64 oz. Growlers.

All judging will be done whenever possible with panels combining qualified judges and commercial brewing peers. Brewers or judges may not judge on panels in which they have a conflict of interest. At least one judge who has been certified by the Beer Judge Certification Program will sit on each judging panel.

Beers will be disqualified for entry requirement infractions. These beers will be judged and will receive evaluations but will be ineligible for awards.

Kegs submitted will be available for pickup after the closed session judging June 13th, 2016. Every attempt will be made to return kegs however, organizers and the State Fair cannot be held responsible for loss of equipment not picked up.

All beers will be decanted prior to presentation to the judges. Kegs will be served off 5' quarter inch tubing at 10 psi.
Brewers are required to use online registration

and payment: <http://www.castatefair.org/california-commercial-beer/>

Please include with shipment packaging or delivery, a summary of your entries. This can be printed from the online entry submission software.

Advertising

The only allowable use of Awards and Certificates given by the California State Fair Commercial Craft Brewing Competition for advertising purposes shall be as follows:

1. Any advertising use must clearly state the name and year of the competition, (i.e. Best of California Commercial Craft Brew Competition 2016).
2. Must clearly state the level and category of award, (i.e. Silver Certificate Stouts... Sweepstakes Winner or 1st Place Light Ales).
3. One Best of Show will be awarded by the judges of the competition; no one else may use the designation "Best of Show" in any advertising using the name of this competition or its awards.
4. The term "Best Beer in California shall not be used in conjunction with any awards made by this competition.

Failure to comply with these guidelines will be a basis for revocation of awards or certificates by organizers and the publication of such revocations to the general public.

Best of Show winner will have winning beer featured in California State Fair Beer Garden. Oventions will buy beer from winner and arrange for shipping for entire 3 weeks of fair.

Categories

Style Guidelines updated February 2015 as follows:

1 - Light Lager

- 1A. Lite American Lager
- 1B. Standard American Lager
- 1C. Premium American Lager
- 1D. Munich Helles
- 1E. Dortmunder Export

2 - Pilsner

- 2A. German Pilsner (Pils)
- 2B. Bohemian Pilsener
- 2C. Classic American Pilsner

3 - European Amber Lager

- 3A. Vienna Lager
- 3B. Oktoberfest/Marzen

4 - Dark Lager

- 4A. Dark American Lager.
- 4B. Munich Dunkel
- 4C. Schwarzbier (Black Beer)

5 - Bock

- 5A. Maibock/Helles Bock
- 5B. Traditional Bock
- 5C. Doppelbock

6 - Light Hybrid Beer

- 6A. Cream Ale
- 6B. Kolsch
- 6C. American Wheat or Rye Beer

7 - Amber Hybrid Beer

- 7A. Northern German Altbier
- 7B. California Common Beer
- 7C. Dusseldorf Altbier

8 - English Pale Ale

- 8A. Standard/Ordinary Bitter
- 8B. Special/Best/Premium Bitter
- 8C. Extra Special/Strong Bitter
- 8D. English Pale Ale

9 - Scottish & Irish Ale

- 9A. Scottish Light 60/-
- 9B. Scottish Heavy 70/-.
- 9C. Scottish Export 80/-
- 9D. Irish Red Ale
- 9E. Strong Scotch Ale

10 - American Ale

- 10A. American Amber Ale
- 10B. American Brown Ale

11 - English Brown Ale

- 11A. Mild
- 11B. Southern English Brown
- 11C. Northern English Brown Ale

12 - Porter

- 12A. Brown Porter
- 12B. Robust Porter
- 12C. Baltic Porter

13 - Stout

- 13A. Dry Stout
- 13B. Sweet Stout
- 13C. Oatmeal Stout
- 13D. Foreign Extra Stout
- 13E. American Stout

14 - American India Pale Ale

- 14A. American IPA

15 - German Wheat & Rye Beer

- 15A. Weizen/Weissbier
- 15B. Dunkelweizen
- 15C. Weizenbock
- 15D. Roggenbier (German Rye Beer)

16 - Belgian & French Ale

- 16A. Witbier
- 16B. Belgian Pale Ale
- 16C. Saison
- 16D. Biere de Garde
- 16E. Belgian Specialty Ale

17 - Sour Ale

- 17A. Berliner Weisse
- 17B. Flanders Red Ale
- 17C. Flanders Brown Ale/Oud Bruin
- 17D. Straight(Unblended) Lambic
- 17E. Gueuze
- 17F. Fruit Lambic

18 - Belgian Strong Ale

- 18A. Belgian Blond Ale
- 18B. Belgian Dubbel
- 18C. Belgian Tripel
- 18D. Belgian Golden Strong Ale
- 18E. Belgian Dark Strong Ale

19 - Strong Ale

- 19A. Old Ale
- 19B. English Barleywine
- 19C. American Barleywine

20 - Fruit Beer

21 - Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer

- 21A. Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer
- 21B. Christmas/Winter Specialty Spiced Beer

22 - Smoke-Flavored/Wood-Aged Beer

- 22A. Classic Rauchbier
- 22B. Other Smoked Beer
- 22C. Wood-Aged Beer

23 - Specialty Beer

24 - Standard Cider and Perry

- 24A. Standard Cider or Perry
- 24B. Specialty Cider or Perry

25 - Session Beer ≤ 5%

26 - Wood-Aged Beer

(In a barrel less than or equal to 20% ABV)

27 - Wood-Aged Beer

(In a barrel greater than or equal to 20% ABV)

28 - Chili Beer

29 - Imperial IPA

30 - Specialty IPA

New Categories for 2016:

31 - American Pale Ale

32 - Blonde Ale

33 - Russian Imperial Stout

34 - 100% Brett Beer

35 - Mixed-Fermentation Beer

2016 General Rules

California Exposition & State Fair

These rules are printed, mailed and posted on the fair's website in advance of the entry deadline(s). Each rule is subject to any action that may cause revision or curtailment at any time prior to each competition or judging. The most current General Rules will be found on the California State Fair website **CASStateFair.org**, under each competition. Upon signing the official entry form, either online or hardcopy, the exhibitor acknowledges that they have read and understand these rules and all others of the competition in which they enter and are further responsible for viewing, reading and understanding all revisions or curtailments on the fair's website prior to the competition. Exhibitors may request a copy of the most current rules by contacting the entry office:
email: entryoffice@calexpo.com or
phone: 916/263-3149.

Exhibitors Entry Responsibilities

Still Exhibits

1. All signatures and information necessary to determine that the exhibit is eligible must be submitted online and entry fees paid by Visa or MasterCard by the entry deadline. It shall be the responsibility of the exhibitors to correct all deficiencies in connection with entries or exhibiting which are required of them by the rules printed in the Competition Handbook. Entries will not be judged if deficiencies have not been cleared or fees paid.

Livestock & AG Mechanics

2. All signatures and information necessary to determine that the exhibit is eligible must be submitted online or on the entry form and all fees (including penalties) must be paid by the entry deadline date for Junior Livestock, Open Livestock, Best of Show and Small Animals. All Livestock, Small Animal, Best of Show and

Ag Mechanics exhibitors will be required to submit a **Detailed Receipt** with all required signatures within one week of entry deadline. It shall be the responsibility of the exhibitors to correct all deficiencies in connection with entries or exhibiting which are required of them by the rules printed in the Competition Handbook. A deficiency penalty of \$20 per entry must be paid for any deficiency or fees which have not been paid by June 15 for Livestock and Small Animals, this includes not returning the detailed receipt by due date. Entries will not be judged if deficiencies have not been cleared or fees paid. This rule shall apply to all equine shows with a requirement for their fees, forms and signatures being submitted by the entry deadline date within each equine section of any competition handbook.

Entry Limit

3. The State Fair management shall reserve the right to limit entries displayed and/or exhibited to facilities available and may limit the number of entries made by an exhibitor. Entries may also be limited or not displayed based on size, content, subject material, or for any reason determined not in the best interest of the California State Fair. Any return of entries under this rule will be done at the sole discretion of the State Fair management.

Ownership of Entry

4. Unless specific provisions are otherwise made in the Competition Handbook (printed or on the web), exhibitors must be the bona fide owner of their entries. The management may demand such proof of ownership as it deems necessary in each case.

Exhibitor Liability

5. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by him/her. Exhibitor agrees to indemnify, and hold harmless, the State of California, California Exposition & State Fair and all officers, agents, and employees there of

1. from all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, or liability costs suits or actions of every name, kind and description, brought forth from or on account of, injuries to death of any person including but not limited to workers, and the public, or damage to property resulting from the performance of the exhibitor or entries. Neither party shall request apportionment of liability by a jury.

No Guarantee

2. The State Fair cannot guarantee that all exhibition requirements of an entry can be provided (i.e. electricity, a showcase, a pedestal, special lighting, special location, total space requirements, water source, computer services, or any other special requirements).

Division/Class Cancellation

3. The State Fair management reserves the right to return entries and cancel any division or class in which, in its judgment, the entries are insufficient to secure adequate competition.

Entry Errors

4. Fair management is not responsible for finding errors in entries. Exhibitors are responsible for any and all errors which were submitted online or on entry and summary forms. No exhibitor shall be entitled to an award which has been disallowed as the result of his own error. The Fair management shall withhold the payment of awards for exhibits that are ineligible and may recover awards that have been paid for ineligible entries that are disclosed during post audits of Fair records. However, exhibitors with cause are entitled to question the validity of any disallowance. Such exhibitors should inform the Fair management immediately, in writing, giving their name, address, complete description of the entry and the reason for requesting reconsideration. Requests will not be considered later than ninety (90) days after receiving notice of disallowance.

Substitution

5. Substitutions may be made in still exhibits only in the same division of the original entry class of the original exhibitor, and may be made only if completed by the entry delivery date. Substitutions for livestock must be in the same division of the original entry by the original exhibitor. Substitutions must be made at time of check-in to avoid penalty. Fees may apply for substitutions in excess of two per division. The State Fair or the judge may disqualify or transfer to the correct class any entry which is not a true representative of the division or class in which it is entered.

Previously Entered Entry

6. Any non-animal (still exhibit) entry that has been exhibited at a previous California State Fair is not eligible for entry in the California State Fair. Once a still exhibit has been entered and judged at the California State Fair it cannot be reentered for competition in any California State Fair Competition.

Verification

7. Exhibitors wishing to verify that the State Fair has received submitted entry forms and fees must include a self-addressed/stamped postcard when submitting entry forms. Online submissions will receive a confirmation code once entries are submitted.

Responsibility

8. The Fair shall not be responsible for exhibits remaining on the fairgrounds after designated release times. All Still Exhibits or display elements remaining on the fairgrounds after designated release time will be treated as abandoned property and will be disposed of on or before September 1 of the same year.

Removal of Entries

9. An exhibitor may not remove his or her entry from the California State Fair once it has been accepted. Entries must be on exhibit at the official opening of the Fair or at any other time specified in the Competition Handbook and shall not be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the release date printed in the

handbook, except (at the discretion of the Fair management) in cases of positive evidence of sickness, accident and/or death, or other circumstances that are in the best interests of the Fair.

Dishonored Checks

10. A penalty of \$25.00 per dishonored check must be paid if a check for payment of entry fees or other applicable fees is refused by the bank. Only cash, certified check or money orders are acceptable for penalty payment.

Entry Fees

11. Entry Fees **ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.**

Late Entries

12. Late Entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the California State Fair under the following conditions:

- a. Late Entries will not be accepted for California Creative Arts, Fine Art, Youth Arts, Industrial and Technology Education, California Baking & Canning and Youth Baking & Canning.
- b. If the department accepts late entries, the completed entry form(s) and other completed required forms, signatures and full payment for all required fees must arrive at the California State Fair Entry Office (by Certified Mail or Hand Delivery) no later than five calendar days after the official entry deadline requirement of the competition. For example, if the Official Entry Deadline is June 7, the last day and time a late entry may be eligible is June 12 at 4:00 PM. If late entries arrive after 4:00 PM on that fifth day, they will NOT be considered.
- c. Open Livestock Late Entries will be accepted until July 1, 2016 with an additional \$100 per entry. Payment must be received no later than 5 pm on July 1, 2016.
- d. All late entries must be accompanied with the entry fee as listed within the program in addition to a late fee of \$20 per entry for all Junior, Open Livestock and Horse entries and a late fee of \$10 per entry for non livestock competitions and small

animals (Fur and Feathers and dogs). Acceptable forms of payment are Visa, Master Card, check or money order.

- e. No entries will be accepted beyond the capacity of the facility.
- f. All other entry requirements as well as any rules, regulations and schedules shall apply.
- g. No entry is a guarantee of acceptance and it is the exhibitor's responsibility to confirm that the fair has accepted any and all entries.
- h. The California State Fair expressly reserves the right to reject any and all entry forms for any reason whatsoever.

Design

13. The California State Fair assumes total design control over the presentation of the exhibits. Entries designed for hanging and not so equipped will be hung in a manner deemed appropriate by the Fair. No exhibit changes will be made once the entries have been displayed. Once an entry has been received by the Fair, no further handling of entry by exhibitor shall be permitted. Relocation and final placement shall be accomplished by Fair personnel. Entries requiring assembly/disassembly must include detailed instructions and sketches for assembly/disassembly. Instructions should indicate lifting points, unsecured parts and any other information required for such handling. Where necessary bank pins will be utilized to attach exhibits for display.

Juniors Entering Senior Department

14. All divisions and classes within Junior Departments are intended for Juniors exclusively. Entry into the Junior Department is regulated by age and youth organization requirements as outlined within this competition handbook. In no case may a person, group or organization outside of these age requirements (younger or older) be allowed to enter and compete in the Junior department.

However, Juniors may elect to enter, exhibit and compete (animal or non-animal) in the

Senior Department when the rules of that department, division or class allow for such. Such entries shall be restricted to:

- a. A class for the exhibit that is not provided in the Junior Department.
- b. Junior Livestock Exhibitors in Breeding Beef, Breeding Sheep, Breeding Swine, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Boer Goats, and Market Barrows that officially enter and show in the Junior Livestock Show are eligible to compete in the Open Show as long as the same exhibit/animal is entered and shown in the Junior Show and the same exhibit/animal is entered and met all Open Division entry deadlines and guidelines.
- c. Open classes or divisions that allows for participation of Juniors due to the open competition being a specialty, feature, regional or national show sanctioned by the fair and/or recognized organization. In this case, the Junior exhibitor must also enter and compete (with the same exhibit) in the current year's Junior department, division, class offered for the exhibit. This provision must be printed specifically within the rules of the feature show within this handbook.

15. Anyone under the age of 18 who meets the California State Fair age requirements and is planning to exhibit in a Senior department must have their parent or legal guardian sign their detailed receipt. If the exhibitor is required to be on the fairgrounds, the Junior must be supervised by their parent or legal guardian while at the fair.

16. Exhibit animals owned in partnership between Seniors and Juniors shall not affect the Junior's eligibility when the Senior partner is the exhibitor. When violations of this rule occur, the junior exhibitor will not be eligible to compete at the current and following years California State Fair.

Fair Employee Participation

17. No employee of the State Fair will be permitted to enter an exhibit for competition. No

person shall be an exhibitor or sign an entry form as an agent in any Division or Department in which the exhibitor is a department head, judge, or paid employee.

Disqualification

Disqualification

18. The State Fair management shall reserve the right to vacate, declare ineligible for competition, and/or order the removal of any entry which is not in the best interest of the Fair, is unsightly, unhealthy, injured, lame, unsound, endangers public safety, violates the Fair's Animal Welfare Policies, or has been entered in violation of these rules and regulations.

Entry Disqualifications/Transfers

19. A complete exhibit eligible in more than one Division and/or Class shall be entered and judged only in the Division and/or Class for which it best qualifies. The State Fair or the judge may disqualify or transfer to the correct Class (at his/her discretion) any exhibit which is not a true representative of the Division or Class in which it is entered. It is not, however, the responsibility of the State Fair or judge to transfer an entry to the correct Division and/or Class.

Disqualifications

20. In the event an entry or an exhibitor is disqualified for any rule or policy violation (including but not limited to practices or procedures that are unethical, those in violation of the Fair's Residue Avoidance Program, DNA Testing Program and those not adhering to the Fair's schedule for the program), any or all of the following actions may take place:

- a. The entry or exhibitor that is disqualified will be declared ineligible and will not receive awards, premium money and/or any sale proceeds. Further, the exhibitor shall be responsible for payment of any fees, fines due or costs incurred by the State as a result of disqualification.

- b. The owner/exhibitor and members of his/her immediate family will not be eligible to compete in subsequent California State Fair Programs. The extent and degree of future eligibility shall be determined by Fair Management.
- c. Fair Management reserves the right (but does not guarantee) to move entries up in placing after judging has taken place when an award void is created by a disqualification. This process of moving up judged entries shall only take place, however, when it is clear what the judge's placing would have been had the disqualified entry not been in competition. For example, when a Champion is disqualified, the Reserve shall move up and be named the Champion; however, no other changes shall take place below the Reserve Champion. The same shall apply in the case of a class, section or division winner when 2nd place has been clearly indicated by the judge. If it is not possible to clearly determine a new placing, no change shall take place. When a placing change does take place the entry moving up will receive all the awards, appropriate titles and all premiums of the disqualified entry but will not receive any of the original placing awards or premiums won in the second category. In other words 2nd place will now receive 1st money and "no" entry will receive 2nd money.

Cooperation

- 21. Exhibitors, their immediate family, leaders, advisors and agents thereof, not cooperating with security personnel or any other Fair officials in all matters of policy, including but not limited to parking, stall/pen/space assignments and appearance, judging and/or animal care will have their entries cancelled and will be ordered to remove their exhibit from the grounds immediately and forfeit all awards, premium monies and sale proceeds. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in being banned from the State Fair.

Public Disturbances

- 22. Exhibitors causing public disturbances, those who are uncooperative and/or unsportsmanlike, those not following good animal welfare practices as determined by management, or those found in violation of rules or in practices unethical or inimical with the Fair program and/or policies/procedures shall be penalized by forfeiture of premiums awarded, any and all awards, payments of fines and/or damages to State Property, privileges, and/or disqualification at this or subsequent State Fairs as may be deemed appropriate by the Fair Management and/or the Board of Directors. Further, if the exhibitor and/or exhibitor's adult supervisor, parent or family member's actions are deemed to be illegal, inhumane or unethical to livestock, the proper authorities will be notified for further investigation by those agencies for possible prosecution and/or civil penalties.

Probation

- 23. Any exhibitor found in violation of any rule may be placed on probation for a period of one year or longer if Fair management deems appropriate.

Judging

Judging

- 24. The judge(s) shall award first, second or third place, etc., according to merit and if without merit the judge shall make no award under any circumstances. This rule applies whether there are one or more entries in the class.

Judge/Exhibitor Information

- 25. No person shall act as a judge in any Division in which he/she or a member of his/her immediate family is an exhibitor, is in charge of an exhibit or division, in charge of a group of exhibitors, or is a member of a group of exhibitors.

Judge/Fraternization/Criticism

- 26. Judges should avoid unnecessary fraternization with exhibitors. No person

shall be allowed, under any circumstances, to interfere with the judge, or judges, during their adjudications, or with the Fair's staff, or to offer any criticism of any exhibit of another. Violators of this rule shall be excluded immediately from the judging area and from competition and be subject to such additional penalties, including cancellations of awards, as the State Fair management shall consider appropriate.

27. No exhibitor shall receive more than two cash awards in any one class. For the purpose of this rule only, a husband, wife, and unmarried children (including foster children) under 18 years of age shall be considered as being one exhibitor, except that brothers and/or sisters shall be considered as being separate exhibitors in Junior Department classes. This rule shall have no bearing on consideration in the placing of entries by judges. Ribbons shall be presented in the order of placing by the judges. The management shall, however, pay third money to fourth winner, etc., when the third winner is prohibited from receiving third cash award under the provisions of this rule. (Any entry or exhibit in which one or more members of the family described above has a financial interest shall be included in the limitation of not more than two cash awards per class.)

28. Management reserves the right to combine or to divide classes in a manner it deems necessary in order to assure adequate competition. In the event of a show change, as a result of this rule, or where classes are established after the close of entries, premiums and awards will be distributed, divided or eliminated in a manner as deemed necessary by Fair Management.

Judge's Decision

29. The judge's decision is final. The judge's decision cannot be protested.

Chief Judge Policy

30. A Chief Judge will be assigned by the Fair, for still exhibits only, to mediate in the event there

is a conflict during the judging process. All decisions of the Chief Judge shall be final and may not be protested.

Protests

31. For still exhibits and horse only - Any protest must be submitted in writing and given to the Fair's executive staff member responsible for the Competitive Program in question within 24 hours of the time of the cause of the protest. Protests must be based on a violation of rules. The judge's decisions on awards cannot be protested. No protest shall be considered by the management unless accompanied by a deposit of \$100.00 (Cash, money order or certified check). The deposit shall be forfeited if the protest is not upheld. Protests shall be adjudicated by Fair management. Fair management will consult with a member of the California State Fair Board of Directors who shall be designated by the Chairman of the Board. The decision of Fair Management shall be final and unappealable. See special livestock rules for protests in the Livestock Program.

Rejudging

32. Under no circumstance will any entry which has been previously judged be "rejudged" due to the disqualification or removal of another entry.

Awards

Special Awards

33. Special Awards contributed by businesses or individuals are offered in some California State Fair Competitive Programs. These Special Awards are the obligation of the contributor/donor. The California State Fair is not responsible for redemption of these awards.

Tax Laws

34. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to investigate and adhere to State and Federal tax laws/regulations regarding premiums paid and awards received. As an out-of-state payee who earns \$1500 or more, we

must withhold 7% for State taxes. You can request an exemption or a reduction of this withholding by filling out and submitting the Nonresident Withholding Waiver Request, California Form 588.

Premium Awards

35. Awards, ribbons, tags or cards have no value as payment. Premiums are paid only from the records of the judges sheets. Premium checks will be issued as soon as auditing, drug testing, if applicable, and processing can be completed. If checks are not received by November 15, please phone or write the State Fair. Checks must be cashed within six months of the date of issue. Exhibitors have until December 31 of the same year, to claim checks returned to the State Fair. Checks will not be reissued after this date.

Age Requirements

Junior Exhibitors Membership Age and Affiliation Requirements

36. Organization affiliation requirements:

If a Junior (youth) exhibitor has been a member of a junior organization for 60 days immediately prior to the opening date of the State Fair (May 9, 2016), and their project or entry was produced or conducted at anytime during the year of 2015 under the supervision of the organization, the Junior must enter the divisions or classes designated for that organization. If, however, the project or entry was not produced or conducted under the supervision of the organization, the Junior must enter as an Independent Junior for that project or entry. Example: If a 4-H member wishes to enter a Market Steer competition and a baked goods competition, in a situation where, they are only enrolled in a 4-H Beef project, the entry is as follows: Enter 4-H for the Market Steer competition and Independent Junior for the Baked Goods competition (even though the exhibitor is a 4-H member, the baked goods project was not produced or conducted under the supervision of the organization).

37. Non-designated "Junior" shows or divisions: If a show or division offered is not specified as 4-H or FFA, Junior exhibitors who are enrolled in a 4-H or FFA project relating to that show or division must still enter as members of their respective organizations and follow all applicable rules and regulations of the department.

38. All 4-H exhibitors must be 9 years old by December 31, 2014 and not be older than 19 years old as of December 31, 2014. Exhibitors must also meet age and membership requirements of their organizations when entering as a member of an organization. Exhibitors must also meet ownership and all other requirements of the competition to be eligible for entry.

39. California Grange: California Grange youth shall be considered Independent Juniors for Livestock, Dairy, Small Animal and Still Exhibits.

Independent Junior and Grange Age Requirements

40. (This rule applies to Indoor non-animal Exhibits only)

Independent Junior and Grange exhibitors may enter California State Fair classes and divisions in indoor (Still Exhibit) competitions if they are 5 years old as of January 1, 2016. Independent exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31 of the year in which they turn 18 years of age. Grange exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31 of the year in which they turn 19 years of age. Exhibitors must meet ownership and all other requirements of the competition to be eligible for entry.

FFA Age Requirements

41. The first year of eligibility will be determined by the FFA advisor; however, exhibitor must have graduated from the 8th grade as of July 1, 2016. FFA requirements allow exhibitors to enter FFA classes through the year following the year in which they graduate from high school.

42. Independent Still Exhibits Exhibitors: Persons, who are "not" 4-H, FFA or Grange members may enter the Junior competitions provided

they meet age requirements for youth exhibitors in the competition they are entering. These Juniors are considered Independent Juniors and must enter Independent Junior classes or divisions when the classes or divisions are designated as such in the Indoor (Still Exhibits) Competitions. Exhibitors who enter Independent of an organization must not be older than 18 years old as of January 1, 2016.

Independent and Grange Animal Exhibitors:

43. Persons who are “not “ 4-H or FFA members may enter the Junior Livestock Show provided they meet age requirements for animal exhibitors at the State Fair. These Independent exhibitors shall enter 4-H or FFA classes as follows:
- Independent Junior exhibitors who are 13 years of age or under (as of show day) shall compete in the appropriate 4-H divisions only.
 - Independent Junior exhibitors who are 14 years of age (as of show day) or are incoming freshmen in high school shall be placed by Fair Management in either 4-H or FFA divisions.
 - NEW: Independent Junior exhibitors are eligible to enter 4-H or FFA Showmanship. Independent Juniors are not eligible for County or Chapter Groups or Outstanding Exhibitor.

Member Standing and Ownership Requirements

44. Juniors who are members of 4-H, FFA or Grange must be in good standing with their organization and projects entered as such must have been conducted under the supervision of the organization and must be owned by the exhibitor (unless otherwise stated).

Eligibility Questions

45. Any questions as to the eligibility of an entry shall be determined by the exhibitor’s advisor (for 4-H, FFA or Grange) instructor (for Industrial & Technology Education) or parent or guardian (for Independent Juniors). Not with standing the foregoing, the State Fair shall make final determination of eligibility in

all cases.

4-H Age Requirements:

46. The levels of membership for 4-H aged based. Each level is defined as follows:
- Primary Level: Must be 5 years old as of December 31, 2015. Primary membership ends when members qualify as junior members. Exhibitors who are under 9 years of age on or before December 31, 2015 are not eligible to compete in animal competitions at the California State Fair.
 - Junior, Intermediate & Senior: Must be 9 years old by December 31, 2015. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31 of the year in which they turn 19 years of age.
 - Home Schooled Children: Age criteria, as listed in 1 and 2, only will apply to home schooled children. Grade level will not be a consideration. (Exhibitors who are under 9 years of age as of December 31, 2015 are not eligible to compete in animal competitions at the California State Fair.)

Independent Junior and Grange Age Requirements

- 47. (This rule applies to Animal Exhibitors)** Independent Junior and Grange animal exhibitors must be 9 years old as of January 1, 2016 and are eligible to compete through December 31 of the year in which they turn 19 years of age. Independent Juniors and Grange exhibitors shall enter 4-H or FFA animal classes.

No Dual Affiliation in Competition

48. Under no circumstances may an exhibitor show the same species or project in more than one Division of the Junior Department.

Adult Supervision Requirement

49. All Junior exhibitors, required to be on the State Fairgrounds, must be accompanied and supervised by an adult while on the State Fairgrounds. Instructors, advisors, leaders and other adults in charge of Junior exhibitors shall be responsible for their conduct at all times.

FFA Supervision Requirements

50. All FFA exhibitors entered as such must be supervised by their agricultural instructor. Any deviation from this rule must be taken up with the State Agriculture Education unit representative in charge. The CATA Curricular Activities Code shall govern the conduct and eligibility of FFA exhibitors and their projects.

Industrial and Technology Education Students

51. Industrial and Technology Education students must meet age and enrollment requirements as established by the California Department of Education. Exhibitors must be enrolled in an Industrial and Technology Education class (grade 7 through Community College) during the current school year as defined by the Department of Education and receive approval from the instructor to enter. Age of exhibitor does not determine eligibility. Eligibility is based on course level. Eligible ROP adults may enter in the Adult (Community College) Class 4 of the Industrial and Technology Education Program.

Uniforms

52. Uniform requirements for Independent youth shall be the same as required for 4-H and FFA members excluding insignia. The official show uniform for animal exhibitors at the California State Fair will be white pants, trousers or dress and a white blouse or shirt.

53. No exhibit owned by a chapter or club, or conducted, as a joint project by two or more individuals is eligible in the Junior Department unless the division/class specifically states. Free Speech

Free Speech Activities Guideline

54. The California Exposition & State Fair (Cal Expo) hereby finds that these guidelines are intended to set forth in writing Cal Expo's long-standing policy governing the conduct of Cal Expo employees and exhibitors, as well as members of the public, under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I of the California Constitution, on Cal Expo's grounds. These guidelines are not intended to enlarge upon nor create any rights guaranteed by existing law nor waive any

defense or rights available to Cal Expo, nor do they represent any admission that the facilities of Cal Expo are open as a public forum. It is the policy of Cal Expo to allow within the parameters set forth herein, reasonable access to its grounds and designated free speech expression zones for demonstrations for free speech activity as allowed by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I to the California Constitution.

For further information regarding Free Speech Activities at the California Exposition & State Fair please write to: Chief of Police, California Exposition & State Fair, P.O. Box 15649, Sacramento, CA 95852.

Miscellaneous

55. Should contractors, associations, clubs or individuals desire to arrange for beverages and food services, all such arrangements must be coordinated through Ovations/FanFare, the State's Master Food & Beverage Contractor. No exceptions. Contractor shall be responsible for expenses related to these services, if any. Alcoholic beverage service areas/facilities will only be allowed in designated locations. Only persons 21 years or older will be allowed to consume alcoholic beverages. Further, no alcoholic beverages may be brought onto the grounds. These products may only be acquired at Ovations/FanFare locations of the grounds. Individuals that endanger themselves or others will be reported to authorities.

Definitions

56. The following definitions apply to this handbook

American System of Judging: Each entry in a class is judged in comparison to the other entries in the class. Entries are placed first, second, third, etc. according to relative merit. There will be no more than one first, second, third, etc. per class.

Danish System of Judging: Each entry in a class is judged on its own merit. Entries are placed first, second, third, etc., depending on

points received based on the score card. There may be more than one first, second, third, etc. per class.

Senior Departments: California Fine Art, California Crafts, California Baking & Canning, Student Showcase, Photography, Commercial Wine, Commercial Craft Brew, Home Brew, California Cheese, California Olive Oil, Open Livestock by species and Open Small Animals by species.

Junior Departments: Youth Arts, California Youth Baking & Canning, Student Showcase, Photography Junior Livestock by species and Junior Small Animals by species.

Senior/Open Exhibitor: An exhibitor who is no longer eligible to be a Junior Exhibitor or enter a Junior Department.

Junior Exhibitor: An exhibitor who is a member of 4-H, FFA, Grange, or an Independent Youth Exhibitor who meets the requirements of Independent Junior divisions offered. See specific show and General Rules for exceptions to this definition.

Entry Office: The California State Fair Entry Office is located at 1600 Exposition Blvd., Sacramento. Contact may be made by phone, mail, email or personal contact. Questions regarding competitions may also be directed to the Entry Office. (916) 263-3149 - entryoffice@calexpo.com.

Still Exhibits: All competitive exhibits which are typically indoor and not involving animals, such as art, quilts, foods, crafts, sewing, metal work, jewelry, graphics, drafting, sciences, etc.

Livestock & Small Animals: All competitive exhibits which animals are the entry; such as beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, goats, llamas, cavies, rabbits, poultry, dogs, etc.

Online Entry: Combines the Summary Form and Entry Form for the department and allows exhibitor to pay fees and submit entries online.

Entry Form: An official form used in submitting an entry in the California State Fair (All Competitions).

Summary Form: An additional official form identifying the exhibitor used in submitting an

entry in the California State Fair Competitions (California Creative Arts, California Baking & Canning, Student Showcase, California Youth Baking & Canning, Open and Junior Livestock & Open Livestock).

Detailed Receipt (formerly known as Signature Acquisition Form (SAF): An official form used in submitting an entry/exhibit in the California State Fair when entry/exhibit was entered online. The Detailed Receipt is only required for Open and Junior Livestock, Fur & Feathers, Best of Show and Ag Mechanic exhibitors.

Entry Fees: A fee charged to enter a competition. All entry fees must be paid online when entries are submitted. If entries are mailed or hand delivered, there may be a processing fee added to your entry fees.

Entry/Exhibit: Terms used to define the item entered in the competition or contest.

Entrant/Exhibitor: Terms used to define the person entering the competition.

Premium: A cash award given to winners of a competition.

Department: Competition you wish to enter, ie, California Crafts, Fine Art, Youth Arts, etc. which is comprised of similar shows.

Shows: Generalized sections of a competition.

Division: Categories within a show.

Class: Specific categories within a division.

Competition Handbook: a printed or electronic (web) book, prospectus, or flyer which contains information for entry into the California State Fair competitions. Competition Handbooks can be a printed document or as an electronic document found on the California Exposition & State Fair website **CASStateFair.org**.

Bonafide Ownership of Exhibit - ownership is the state or fact of exclusive rights and control over property considered an entry or exhibit. This definition includes livestock, small animals and horses although not limited to that type of property. Objects/products created or produced are also included as well as intellectual property. Proof of such ownership may be required by management.

California State Fair Competitive Programs

Send request for information to:
California State Fair, Competitive Programs
Attn.: (choose appropriate name from above)
PO Box 15649, Sacramento, CA 95852
Phone: 916/263-3146
Fax 916/263-7914
CAStateFair.org
Email: entryoffice@calexpo.com

California Crafts

Attn.: Carol Mundy
cmundy@calexpo.com
Adult Creative Arts including clothing, crafts, collections,
textiles, etc.

California Fine Art

Attn.: Carol Mundy
cmundy@calexpo.com
Adult Fine Arts including all media.

California Youth Baking & Canning

Attn.: Michelle Johnson
mjohnson@calexpo.com
Youth food and preserved foods.

California Baking & Canning

Attn.: Michelle Johnson
mjohnson@calexpo.com
Adult Cooking including food, preserved foods, etc.

California Cheese

Attn.: Entry Office
entryoffice@calexpo.com
Produced at commercial facilities intended for retail sale.

California Extra Virgin Olive Oil

Attn.: Michelle Johnson
mjohnson@calexpo.com
Produced and intended for retail sale.

Commercial Craft Brew

Attn.: Darrell Amerine
Produced at commercial facilities intended for retail sale.

Commercial Wine

Attn.: Entry Office
entryoffice@calexpo.com
Produced from bonded wineries intended for retail sale.

Counties Exhibits

Attn.: Natalie Minas
nminas@calexpo.com

County Fair Best of Show

Attn.: Entry Office - entryoffice@calexpo.com
Livestock Showmanship, Sheep Lead Class, Horse Show
and Poultry Show.
Participants must have qualified at the local Fair.

Equestrian

Attn.: Michelle Solorzano
entryoffice@calexpo.com
Open and Junior: Western and English.

FFA Ag Mechanics

Attn.: Entry Office
entryoffice@calexpo.com
Mechanical science projects.

Fur & Feathers

Attn.: Eunita Boatman
eboatman@calexpo.com
Open and Junior includes Poultry, Rabbits, Cavies, Exotics
and Junior Dog Show.

Home Brew

Attn.: Darrell Amerine
entryoffice@calexpo.com
Produced for non-commercial use.

Home Wine

Attn: Thomas and Rebecca Ramme
homewine@calexpo.com
Wines produced for non-commercial use.

Student Showcase

Attn.: Alison Wells
awells@calexpo.com
The Student Showcase recognizes outstanding California
Youth in Art, Science, Crafts, Industrial Education and Tech-
nology

Livestock

entryoffice@calexpo.com
Open and Junior includes Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy
Cattle, Dairy Goats, Llamas, Boer Goats, Nigerian Dwarf
Goats, Angora Goats, etc.

Photography

Attn.: Sabrina Araujo
saraujo@calexpo.com
Accessible to youth & adult amateur photographers.

Friends of the Fair Scholarship

Attn.: Natalie Minas
nminas@calexpo.com
\$50,000 available in 2016 to California residents enrolled in
community college, state college, university and graduate
programs. Application deadline is March 3, 2016.

