



CALIFORNIA HOMEBREW
COMPETITION HANDBOOK

Homebrew

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 8	Entries Open
May 6	Entries Closed
April 17-24	Brew Delivery Deadline Southern California
May 1-8	Brew Delivery Deadline Northern California
May 19-22	Judging

New for 2016

1. Competition will be held at Building 5 in the Expo Center on the California State Fairgrounds.

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Why Compete?

The Homebrew Competition offers you the opportunity to compete with all California Home Brewers and receive valuable feedback. Judges partner and work extraordinarily hard to evaluate the fruits of your labor. 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 Homebrew 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

Aim and Objective

The aim of this competition is to improve the art and science of home brewing and to encourage home brewing amongst California residents.

Entry Registration and Fees

1. Entry Registration: Entry registration (via online State Fair Homebrew Competition website noted below) All entries must be received by Friday May 6, 2016. No extension of the entry date is planned. Official guidelines are also available at **CAStateFair.org**.
2. Entry Fees: Registration fees are \$15.00 per entry. Payment must be via check, money order or PayPal. **NO CASH ACCEPTED FOR ENTRIES**. Do Not send payments with entries. Payment must be received in advance by the date above per one of the following methods:
 - a. PayPal – Using online Guilds State Fair Homebrew Competition website castatefair.org/homebrew: Before midnight May 6, 2016;
 - b. Check or money order payable to: “Northern California Brewers Guild” at NCBG c/o Homebrew entry 885 Stillwater Road, Suite 100, West Sacramento, CA 95605
3. Checks and money orders must be accompanied by a list of entry numbers for identification of sender. For any entries that are registered but not submitted, PLEASE notify the competition organizers immediately after the entry deadline. Refunds are available for those that miss the entry deadline and notify the organizers prior to the start of judging.

General Information

1. Additional Information: Should there be any information desired and not found in the prospectus, please contact Darrell Amerine, Northern California Brewers Guild (916)

201-4172 or darrellamerine@gmail.com or California State Fair, PO Box 15649, Sacramento, CA 95852 or phone: Don Callison (916) 263- 3636. dcallison@calexpo.com

2. Revisions: This is sent out in advance and therefore may be subject to revision or change.
3. Mailing List and Notification: Although we try to keep mailing lists current, we cannot be held responsible for any individual that is not notified or contacted.

Awards

Gold, Silver, and Bronze in each Category - Rosettes

Best of Show - Rosette and Golden Bear Trophy
Best Club of Show - Rosette and Golden Bear Trophy

Best of Show winning beer could potentially be brewed by a NCBG Brewery Member. Sours, barrel - aged and heavily modified beers will not be considered. The NCBG brewery will determine if winning beer will be brewed on their system within the year. Competition Organizer will contact winner and establish a connection with brewer who will brew the recipe. All fees associated with traveling, lodging and expenses for travel to brewery will be the responsibility of the participant, not the brewery.

Delivery & Shipping

1. Submission/receipt of entries begins Monday April 18, 2016 and ends at 5pm on Friday, May 6, 2016. Note the following:
 - a. Ship, or deliver in person, to:
California State Fair Homebrew Competition Warehouse
In Care Of: California State Fairgrounds at Ethan and Hurly, Gate 12
Expo Center #6, Sacramento CA 95815
Attn: Homebrew Competition Coordinator (Don Callison)
*** NO Saturday/Sunday deliveries to Cal Expo location. Instead, use a Sacramento homebrew shop on weekends.
 - b. Southern California & Central Valley locations will need entries dropped off to

selected location the week of April 17-April 24, 2016. Otherwise, send entries to above address. All entries will be shipped the following week.

- c. Please label correctly so staff knows they are Homebrew entries.
- d. Due to lack of staff to process your entries, entries will not be accepted outside of the days and times noted above.
- e. Additional entry drop off locations (e.g., Sacramento region, San Francisco Bay area and Southern California) will be available and the address, phone numbers and drop off times for each location included on the State Fair Homebrew Competition website at www.northerncalbrewers.com Note that the deadline for drop off at these locations is often prior to the deadline noted above and must be verified by the entrant as entries must be transported from these locations.
- f. For further assistance contact Darrell Amerine at (916) 201-4172 or darrellamerine@gmail.com

Homebrew Drop Off Locations

Homebrew Mart

Jeremy Kirby
5401 Linda Vista Rd, Suite 406
San Diego, CA 92110
1(619) 295-2337
jeremy@ballastpoint.com
<http://www.ballastpoint.com/home-brew-mart>
11:00 - 5:00pm Mon - Sun

Concord Morebeer

David Wonder
995 Detroit Ave Unit G.
Concord, CA 94518
1(925) 771-7107
davidw@moreflavor.com
<http://morebeer.com/about/retail>
10:00 - 4:00pm Mon - Sun

Los Altos

David Wonder
991 N. San Antonio Rd.
Los Altos, CA 94022
1(650) 949-2739
davidw@moreflavor.com

10:00 - 4:00pm Mon - Sun
Riverside
David Wonder
1506 Columbia Ave Suite 12
Riverside, CA 92507
1(951) 779-9971
davidw@moreflavor.com
10:00 - 4:00pm Mon - Sun

Bencomo's Homebrew Shop
Julian Bencomo
234 W. Olive Ave.
Fresno, CA 93728
1(559) 486-3225
homebrwman@aol.com
www.bencomohomebrewsupply.com
10:00 - 5:00pm Mon - Sat

South Bay Brew Supply
Daniel Teruya
1311 Post Ave,
Torrance, CA 90501
1(310) 328-2133
brew@southbaybrewing.com
www.southbaybrewingsupply.com
12:00 - 6:00pm Tues - Fri,
1:00pm - 3:00pm Sat/Sun

California State Fair
Don Callison
1600 Exposition Blvd,
Sacramento, CA 95815
1 (916) 263-3636
DCallison@calexpo.com
CAStateFair.org
11:00am - 4:00pm Mon - Fri

Brew Ferment Distill (BFD)
Tim Clark
3216 Martin Luther King Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95817
1 (916)476-5034
tim@brewfermentdistill.com
www.brewfermentdistill.com
11:00am - 6:00pm Mon, Weds - Sat

Drop Off Locations continued on following page.

Brewmeister
Erik Schmid
802 Reading Street,
Folsom, CA 95630
1(916) 985-7299
sales@shopbrewmeister.com
http://www.shopbrewmeister.com/
12:00 - 6:00 Mon - Fri,
10:00am - 4:00pm Sat/Sun

Handcraft Brewing Co.
Frank Crain
9183 Survey Road St. 104
Elk Grove, CA 95624
916-525-2739
handcraftbrewing@gmail.com
http://www.handcraftbrewing.com/index.html
1:00pm - 6:00pm Mon - Sat

Roseville Brewmeister
1031 Junction Blvd #802,
Roseville, CA 95678
1(916) 780-7299
sales@shopbrewmeister.com
www.shopbrewmeister.com
12:00pm - 6:00pm Mon - Fri, 10:00am -
4:00pm Sat/Sun

West Sacramento Brewmeister
1409 Shore St,
West Sacramento, CA 95691
1(916) 371-7299
sales@shopbrewmeister.com
www.shopbrewmeister.com
12:00pm - 6:00pm Mon - Fri, 10:00am -
4:00pm Sat/Sun

Eagle Rock Home Brewing Supply
4981 Eagle Rock Blvd,
Los Angeles, CA 90041
1(323) 258-2107
eaglerockhbs@yahoo.com
www.eaglerockhomebrewing.com
11:00am - 7:00pm M-Sat, 12:00pm - 4:00pm
Sun

Rules & Requirements

1. Brewers must be official residents of California and be at least 21 years of age. Beers must be made in the home for

private non-commercial use. Brews made at commercial brewery (e.g., nano or micro-brewery) or a Brew -on -Premise are not allowed.

2. Brewers are limited to three entries per category. Each entry, however, must be in separate subcategories.
3. Most categories are divided into distinct styles and beer will be judged as that style. Be sure to indicate on the registration form and the bottle entry form both the category of the entry and the style of the entry within the category. For example: Category:Standard American Beer: Cream Ale. Entries that do not specify a style on the entry form may be disqualified at the discretion of the Homebrew Committee.
4. Each entry consists of three (3) 12oz. bottles for all categories.
5. No other bottles will be accepted due to the inconvenience of handling. NIP bottles (6oz-8oz) are acceptable for strong ale, barleywine and meads entries only. Beers will be disqualified for entry requirement infractions. These beers will be judged and will receive completed evaluations but will be ineligible for awards or prizes.
6. Submission of Entry(s) to this competition implies acceptance of all rules and conditions as stated in the Homebrew Guidelines and the California State Fair General Rules which can be found at www.castatefair.org/homebrew.

Entry Requirements

1. Bottles must be clean and carry no labels or other identification, including silk-screened labels. Black out all commercial cap designs.
2. Attach the bottle entry forms that can be generated out of the Guilds State Fair Homebrew Competition website (preferred) or State Fair entry form (copies are ok) to each bottle with rubber bands only. Do not glue or tape your forms to the bottles. For consideration of Home Brew Club of the Year, ensure that your club affiliation is associated with each entry.
3. 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. If you are unsure of the category your beer should be entered in,

contact the head judge or a competition representative. Entries that do not specify a style on the entry form may be disqualified at the discretion of the Homebrew Committee. The Committee reserves the right to modify categories as needed.

- All entries must be submitted in 12oz bottles only. Due to the inconvenience of handling, no other bottles will be accepted. NIP bottles (6oz-8oz) will be accepted in the strong ale, mead and barleywine categories only. Corked bottles will be allowed for sours, Lambics or aged beers.

Judging

Judging Time and Place

- Judging will be held in Building 5 from Thursday, May 19th thru Sunday, May 22, 2016. Judging on May 19th will begin at 6pm. Judging on all other days will occur from 10am - 4:00pm with BOS winners chosen on Sunday afternoon.
- Experienced and BJCP Certified judges that are interested in judging must register via the Guilds State Fair Homebrew Competition website at www.northerncalbrewers.com
- Lodging is available for judges travelling from outside of the Sacramento region. Please contact competition organizers for more information. All judges must sign up on the Northern California Brewers Guilds website - <http://www.northerncalbrewers.com>

Basis of Judging

- The Homebrew competition uses the American system of judging. This judging system ranks beers against one another and awards one first place, one second place, etc. for each category.
- Scoring - BJCP judging criteria allows a maximum of 50 points to an entry (see www.bjcp.org/docs/SCP_BeerScoreSheet.pdf) as follows:

Judging Category (as appropriate for style)	Maximum Points Available
Aroma	/12
Appearance	/3
Flavor	/20
Mouthfeel	/5
Overall Impression	/10
Total	/50

Categories

Style Guidelines updated February 2015 as follows:

1 - Light Lager

- American Light Lager
- American Lager
- Cream Ale
- American Wheat Beer

2 - International Lager

- International Pale Lager
- International Amber Lager
- International Dark Lager

3 - Czech Lager

- Czech Pale Lager
- Czech Premium Pale Lager
- Czech Amber Lager
- Czech Dark Lager

4 - Pale Malty European Lager

- Munich Helles
- Festbier
- Helles Bock

5 - Pale Bitter European Beer

- German Leichtbier
- Kolsch
- German Helles Exportbier
- German Pils

6 - Amber Malty European Lager

- Marzen
- Rauchbier
- Dunkles Bock

7 - Amber Bitter European Beer

- Vienna Lager
- Altbier
- Kellerbier (Pale & Amber)

8 - Dark European Lager

- 8A. Munich Dunkel
- 8B. Schwarzbier

9 - Strong European Beer

- 9A. Doppelbock
- 9B. Eisbock
- 9C. Baltic Porter

10 - German Wheat Beer

- 10A. Weissbier
- 10B. Dunkles Weissbier
- 10C. Weizenbock

11 - British Bitter

- 11A. Ordinary Bitter
- 11B. Best Bitter
- 11C. Strong Bitter

12 - Pale Commonwealth Beer

- 12A. British Golden Ale
- 12B. Australian Sparkling Ale
- 12C. English IPA

13 - Brown British Beer

- 13A. Dark Mild
- 13B. British Brown Ale
- 13C. English Porter

14 - Scottish Ale

- 14A. Scottish Light
- 14B. Scottish Heavy
- 14C. Scottish Export

15 - Irish Beer

- 15A. Irish Red Ale
- 15B. Irish Stout
- 15C. Irish Extra Stout

16 - Dark British Beer

- 16A. Sweet Stout
- 16B. Oatmeal Stout
- 16C. Tropical Stout
- 16D. Foreign Extra Stout

17 - Strong British Ale

- 17A. British Strong Ale
- 17B. Old Ale
- 17C. Wee Heavy
- 17D. English Barleywine

18 - Pale American Ale

- 18A. Blonde Ale
- 18B. American Pale Ale

19 - Amber & Brown American Beer

- 19A. American Amber Ale
- 19B. California Common
- 19C. American Brown Ale

20 - American Porter & Stout

- 20A. American Porter
- 20B. American Stout
- 20C. Imperial Stout

21 - IPA

- 21A. American IPA
- 21B. Specialty IPA
- 21C. Specialty IPA: Brown IPA
- 21D. Specialty IPA: Rye IPA
- 21E. Specialty IPA: Red IPA
- 21F. Specialty IPA: White IPA
- 21G. Specialty IPA: Black IPA
- 21H. Specialty IPA: Belgian IPA

22 - Strong American Ale

- 22A. Double IPA
- 22B. American Strong Ale
- 22C. American Barleywine
- 22D. Wheatwine

23 - European Sour Ale

- 23A. Berliner Weiss
- 23B. American Strong Ale
- 23C. Oud Bruin
- 23D. Lambic
- 23E. Gueuze
- 23F. Fruit Lambic

24 - Belgian Ale

- 24A. Whitbier
- 24B. Belgian Pale Ale
- 24C. Bier de Garde

25 - Strong Belgian Ale

- 25A. Belgian Blond Ale
- 25B. Saison
- 25C. Belgian Golden Strong Ale

26 - Trappist Beer

- 26A. Trappist Single
- 26B. Belgian Dubbel
- 26C. Belgian Tripel
- 26D. Belgian Dark Strong Ale

27 - Historical Beer

- 27A. Gose
- 27B. Kentucky Common
- 27C. Lichtenhainer
- 27D. London Brown Ale
- 27E. Piwo Grodziskie
- 27F. Pre-Prohibition Lager
- 27G. Pre-Prohibition Porter
- 27H. Roggenbier
- 27I. Sahti

28 - American Wild Beer

- 28A. Brett Beer
- 28B. Mixed Fermentation Beer
- 28C. Wild Specialty Beer

29 - Fruit Beer

- 29A. Fruit Beer
- 29B. Fruit and Spice Beer
- 29C. Specialty Fruit Beer

30 - Spiced Beer

- 30A. Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer
- 30B. Autumn Seasonal Beer
- 30C. Winter Seasonal Beer

31 - Alternative Fermentables Beer

- 31A. Alternative Grain Beer
- 31B. Alternative Sugar Beer

32 - Smoked Beer

- 32A. Classic Style Smoked Beer
- 32B. Specialty Smoked Beer

33 - Wood Beer

- 33A. Wood-Aged Beer
- 33B. Specialty Wood-Aged Beer

34 - Specialty Beer

- 34A. Clone Beer
- 34B. Mixed-Style Beer
- 34C. Experimental Beer

35 - Standard Cider & Perry

- 35A. New World Cider
- 35B. English Cider
- 35C. French Cider
- 35D. New World Perry
- 35E. Traditional Perry

36 - Specialty Cider & Perry

- 36A. New England Cider
- 36B. Cider with Other Fruits
- 36C. Applewine
- 36D. Ice Wine
- 36E. Cider with Herbs/Spice
- 36F. Specialty Cider/Perry

37 - Traditional Mead

- 37A. Dry Mead
- 37B. Semi-Sweet Mead
- 37C. Sweet Mead

38 - Fruit Mead

- 38A. Cyser
- 38B. Pyment
- 38C. Berry Mead
- 38D. Stone Fruit Mead
- 38E. Melomel

39 - Spiced Mead

- 39A. Fruit and Spiced Mead
- 39B. Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Mead

40 - Specialty Mead

- 40A. Braggot
- 40B. Historical Mead
- 40C. Experimental Mead

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

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

6. 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

7. 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

8. 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

9. 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

10. 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

11. 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

12. 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

13. 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

14. 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

15. Entry Fees **ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.**

Late Entries

16. 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

17. 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

18. 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.

19. 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.
20. 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

21. 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

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22. 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

23. 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

24. 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

25. 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

26. 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

27. 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

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28. 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

29. 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

30. 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.

31. 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.)

32. 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

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

Chief Judge Policy

34. 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

35. 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

36. 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

37. 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

38. 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

39. 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

40. 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).

41. 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.
42. 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.
43. California Grange: California Grange youth shall be considered Independent Juniors for Livestock, Dairy, Small Animal and Still Exhibits.

Independent Junior and Grange Age Requirements

44. (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

45. 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.
46. 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:

47. 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

48. 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

49. 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:

50. 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

- 51. (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

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

Adult Supervision Requirement

53. 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

54. 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

55. 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

56. 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.
57. 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

58. 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

59. 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

60. 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 **CAStateFair.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.

