



COUNTY FAIR BEST OF SHOW
COMPETITION HANDBOOK

County Fair Best of Show 2016 Competition Handbook

Show Us Your Best!

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

Entry Deadline	June 27
County Fair Best of Show Horse Show	June 27
County Fair Best of Show Sheep Lead	June 27
County Fair Best of Show Poultry	June 27
County Fair Best of Show Large Animal Master Showmanship	June 27
County Fair Best of Show Small Animal Master Showmanship	June 27
Detailed Receipt Due	June 29

New for 2016

Horse Show

1. Miniature Horse Classes
2. Show days have changed to Saturday and Sunday, July 9-10, 2016
3. New Judge rotation
4. Horse & Rider Costume Contest
5. Overnight Stalls added

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Why Compete?

The County Fair Best of Show competition provides the opportunity to not only compete, but meet with like minded exhibitors. You will see the best of the best representing their county, citrus and district fairs competing to be the very best! This competition allows you to learn while having a great time.

Calendar for All 2016 Best of Show Competitions

The California State Fair would like to accommodate all exhibitors; however, due to the nature of the County Fair Best of Show program and the close proximity of entry deadlines to the opening of the State Fair, entry deadlines must be adhered to. If you have any questions, please call our Entry Office prior to traveling a great distance to deliver entries.

Monday, June 27

All Large Animal Master Showmanship, Small Animal Master Showmanship, Sheep Lead, and Junior Poultry and Horse Show, entry forms and fees must be submitted online.

Wednesday, June 29

Detailed Receipt is due for All Large Animal Master Showmanship, Small Animal Master Showmanship, Sheep Lead, Junior Poultry and Horse Show entries.

Friday, July 8

California State Fair opens

Saturday, July 9 (8 a.m.)

Youth Horse Show: English and Gymkhana (Cavalcade Arena)

Saturday July 9 (4 p.m.)

Entrants in the Junior Sheep Lead Class Competition must check-in at the Livestock Office no later than 4:00 pm on this date.

Saturday, July 9 (5:00 p.m.)

Judge Junior Sheep Lead Class Competition (L2)

Sunday, July 10

Equine Champion Challenge (Cavalcade Arena)

Sunday, July 10 (8 a.m.)

Youth Horse Show: Showmanship, Western (Cavalcade Arena)

Sunday, July 10 (12 Noon)

Youth Horse Show: Trail (Rodeo Warm Up Area)

Monday, July 11 (6:30-8:30a.m.)

Check-in County Fair Best of Show Poultry (Bldg 6)

Monday, July 11 (8:00a.m.)

Entrants in the Large Animal Master Showmanship Competition must check-in at the Livestock Office no later than 8:00 a.m.

Monday, July 11 (10 a.m.)

Judge Large Animal Master Showmanship Competition (L1)

Tuesday, July 12 (2:30 p.m.)

Judge County Fair Best of Show Poultry (Bldg 6)

Saturday, July 16

Entrants in the County Fair Best of Show Small Animal Master Showmanship Competition must check-in at the Fur & Feathers Office between Noon - 3:30 p.m. on this date.

Saturday, July 16 (4 p.m.)

Judge County Fair Best of Show Small Animal Master Showmanship Competition (Livestock Barn L1)

Sunday, July 24

California State Fair closes.

County Fair Best of Show Competition Overview

1. Entry in the California State Fair County Fair Best of Show competition is open to California residents only.
2. Any information desired and not found in this handbook may be obtained by writing to the Best of Show Competition, California State Fair, P.O. Box 15649, Sacramento, CA 95852, calling 916/263-3149 or e-mail to entryoffice@calexpo.com.
3. This handbook is produced in advance and is subject to any action that may cause revision or curtailment of classes, divisions, sections, awards, premiums, or regulations as listed.

Entry Fee

Refer to specific shows for entry fee amounts.

Entry Fees are NOT refundable.

Credential Admission Pass Policy

Each Livestock, Small Animal, Poultry and Sheep Lead Class exhibitor will receive 2 credential admission passes and one parking pass. Each Horse Show entrant will receive only one exhibitor credential admission pass for themselves and only one guardian credential admission pass as well as one parking pass for each day the exhibitor has entered. No Exceptions. Lost or stolen passes will not be replaced.

Awards

Refer to specific shows for award information.

How to Enter

Exhibitors are to enter online at **CASStateFair.org**. Upon completion of entry, mail Detailed Receipt with all required signatures to Livestock Office. Entries are not accepted until Detailed Receipt is received.

When registering, please consider how you input your information. It is a direct source for the publishing of names and titles for Award Recogni-

tion & Publications. Please pay special attention and use proper spelling, capitalization, full names of cities/counties, no abbreviations and correct contact and mailing outlets.

Take a moment to look through this Competition Handbook to see which competition your entry is eligible to compete in.

Note that sessions expire after 20 minutes of inactivity, so “save the cart” if you plan on leaving the computer for more than 20 minutes.

Everyone must register as a new exhibitor when logging in for the first time in any given year. If you entered last year, you will still enter as a first time exhibitor.

Final entry deadline Large Animal Master Showmanship: June 27, 2016.

Final entry deadline Small Animal Master Showmanship: June 27, 2016.

All entries must be submitted online prior to midnight on June 27. Detailed Receipts are due June 29 in our office.

Send Detailed Receipts to:

Junior Livestock
California State Fair
PO Box 15649
Sacramento, CA 95852-1538

or deliver to:

Administration Building
California State Fair Entry Office
1600 Exposition Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95815
Phone: 916/263-3149

Rules & Requirements

1. This competition is open to the “Best of Show” winners from throughout the California Fair industry. Only exhibitors winning a Best of Show at their county, district, citrus fair or other approved events are eligible to compete. (See Entry Requirements for each competition.) For clarification, only those fairs under the auspices of the California

Department of Food and Agriculture, Division of Fairs and Expositions will be recognized for entry.

2. It is not necessary to be entered in any other California State Fair Competition to be eligible for entry into the County Fair Best of Show Competitions.
3. Unless specifically stated otherwise in this Competition Handbook, exhibitors must be the bona fide owner of any entry they exhibit in the California State Fair. The Fair management may demand such proof of ownership as it deems necessary in each case.
4. Detailed Receipts must be endorsed with an authorized signature from the local County, District or Citrus Fair Manager or County Resource Horse Leader if the entrant qualified at an approved County 4-H Horse Show. (See specific competitions for any other required signatures.) The Detailed Receipt (formerly known as the Signature Acquisition Form) must obtain all required signatures and return the signed form to our office by the required deadline, June 29, 2016. Entries are not accepted until the Detailed Receipt is received by our office.
5. All signatures and information necessary to determine that an entry is eligible must be on the entry form. It shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor to correct all deficiencies in connection with entries or exhibiting which are required of them by the rules printed in this Competition Handbook. All deficiencies must be corrected by the entry delivery date. Awards will not be made for entries on which deficiencies have not been corrected. No entry will be judged if fees and or forms are outstanding on that entry.

Quick Reference Guide for Best of Show Divisions

(See individual Competitions for list of Classes)

Division	Competition
69	YOUTH - Large Animal Master Showmanship
72	YOUTH - Small Animal Master Showmanship

75	YOUTH - Junior Poultry
78	YOUTH - Junior Sheep Lead Class
81	YOUTH - 4-H Horse Show - Junior
84	YOUTH - 4-H Horse Show - Senior
85	YOUTH - 4-H Horse Show - Walk/Jog
87	YOUTH - 4-H Horse Show - Pony
90	YOUTH - FFA, Grange and Independent Junior Horse Show
91	YOUTH - Miniature Horse Novice
92	YOUTH - Miniature Horse Junior/Senior

Large & Small Animal Master Showmanship

General Information

Note: This competition will not replace the regular State Fair 4-H Master Showmanship or FFA Round Robin Showmanship.

Livestock Representative
Jay Carlson: 916/263-3109

Small Animal Livestock Representative
Nita Boatman: 916/263-3149

Show Dates
Large Animal: Monday, July 11
Small Animal: Sunday, July 16

Master Showmanship Awards

Award of Excellence: The following Awards of Excellence will be awarded in each designated Master Showmanship Class. Awards will be selected based on the American System of Judging.

First Award	Special State Fair Rosette
Second Award	Special State Fair Rosette
Third Award	Special State Fair Rosette
Fourth Award	Special State Fair Rosette
Fifth Award	Special State Fair Rosette

Master Showmanship Special Awards Large Animal Divisions

The Fair will recognize the superior 4-H and FFA showman in the large animal division of the County Fair Best of Show Master Showmanship competition.

First Place 4-H Large Animal Showmanship
.....Large Golden Bear Trophy

First Place FFA Large Animal Showman Large
..... Golden Bear Trophy

Small Animal Divisions

The Fair will recognize the superior 4-H and FFA showman in the small animal division of the County Fair Best of Show Master Showmanship competition.

First Place 4-H Small Animal Showman
..... Large Golden Bear Trophy

First Place FFA Small Animal Showman
.....Large Golden Bear Trophy

Master Showmanship Divisions & Classes Division 69

Large Animal Master Showmanship

Only exhibitors winning senior level Master Showmanship or Round Robin Showmanship in livestock competitions (beef, sheep, swine, horse, dairy cattle or all goats (dairy and meat excluding pygmy goats) at their county, district or citrus fair, between July 1, 2015 and June 27, 2016 are eligible to compete. Fairs occurring after June 27, 2016 shall be eligible for entry in the 2017 California State Fair Master Showmanship Competition.

Division 72

Small Animal Master Showmanship

Only exhibitors winning senior level Master Showmanship or Round Robin Showmanship in Small Animal Competitions (poultry, rabbit, cavy, pygmy goat and dog) at their county, district or citrus fair, between July 1, 2015 and June 27, 2016, are eligible to compete. Fairs occurring after June 27, 2016, shall be eligible for entry in the 2017 California State Fair Master Showmanship Competition.

Only exhibitors qualifying in a composite livestock or Small Animal Showmanship competition such as Master Showmanship or Round Robin Showmanship shall compete. Second place winners, alternates or Reserve Champion Showmanship winners are not eligible.

Exhibitors winning novice, junior or intermediate Master Showmanship or Round Robin Showmanship at their county, district or citrus fair are not eligible to compete in the County Fair

Best of Show Showmanship Competition.

An exhibitor can represent only one fair. If an exhibitor qualifies to represent more than one fair the exhibitor must choose which fair to represent. Entrants who have won both 4-H and FFA Master Showmanship and/or Open Junior Master Showmanship competitions at the local fair, are eligible to enter under only one Class in this competition.

Grange and Independent Junior exhibitors must have competed and won in a competition with a minimum of three (3) exhibitors competing and representing a minimum of three (3) species (i.e. beef, sheep, swine; horse, beef, meat goat, dairy goat; etc.). This rule applies to large and small animals.

Exhibitors may only qualify for one class. It is not necessary to be entered in any other State Fair competition to be eligible for this competition.

All exhibitors competing in this event must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, adult, 4-H leader or FFA advisor while on the fairgrounds.

All 4-H and FFA exhibitors must wear their official uniforms at the time of judging. Grange and Independent Juniors Exhibitors must wear whites.

The State Fair shall provide all animals for these competitions.

The State Fair shall provide all show equipment such as: halters, show sticks, canes, etc., for these competitions.

Entrant check-in procedure:

Large Animal

Large Animal Master Showmanship participants must check in at the Livestock Office by 8:00 a.m. Monday, July 11, 2015.

Judging of the Large Animal Master Showmanship Competition will be held in the Livestock Pavilion, L1, on Tuesday, July 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Small Animal

Exhibitors must check-in at the Fur & Feathers Office by 5:30 p.m., July 17, 2016.

Judging of the Small Animal Master Showmanship competition will be held in the Livestock Pavilion, L1, on July 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

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.

Judge's Decision

The judge's decision is final. The judge's decision cannot be protested. Protests shall be based on violation of State Fair rules.

Division 69 - Large Animal Master Showmanship

1. 4-H Master Showmanship - Class shall include beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, market goats and dairy goats.
2. FFA Master Showmanship - Class shall include beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, market goats and dairy goats.

Note: Independent Juniors and Grange must pick Class 1 or 2 although exhibitors under 13 years must enter Class 1.

Division 72 - Small Animal Master Showmanship

Class

1. 4-H Master Showmanship - entrants shall compete together. Exhibitors must have won first place in the Senior Master Small Animal Showmanship competition at the local fair (Class shall include rabbits, pygmy goats, poultry, cavies and dogs)
2. FFA Master Showmanship - entrants shall compete together. Exhibitors must have won first place in the Senior Master Small Animal Showmanship competition at the local fair (Class shall include rabbits, pygmy goats, poultry, cavies and dogs)

Note: Independent Juniors and Grange must pick Class 1 or 2 although exhibitors under 13 years must enter Class 1.

Junior Poultry

General Information

This competition will not replace the regular State Fair Junior Poultry Show.

Fowl shall be judged by the latest revised edition of the American Standard of Perfection, copyrighted by A.P.A.

Livestock Representative
Jay Carlson: 916/263-3109

Small Animal Representative
Nita Boatman: 916/263-3149

Entry Fee

An entry fee of \$10.00 per class is required and must be paid online with a Visa or Mastercard.

Entry fees are NOT refundable.

Awards

Award of Excellence: The following Award of Excellence will be awarded in Classes 1-5 of Division 75 Awards will be selected based on the American System of judging.

First Award Special State Fair Rosette
Second Award Special State Fair Rosette
Third Award Special State Fair Rosette
Grand Champion of the Show: One bird will be selected for this award among all the first place winners in Classes 1-5.....Plaque

No monetary premiums are awarded for the County Fair Best of Show Competition.

Rules & Requirements

Final Entry Deadline: June 27, 2016

All entries must be submitted online prior to midnight on June 27, 2016. Detailed Receipts are due June 29, 2016 in our office.

Only exhibitors receiving a Best of Show award from fairs occurring from July 1, 2015 and June 27, 2016 shall be eligible for entry into this competition of the 2016 California State Fair County

Fair Best of Show Exhibition. Fairs occurring after June 27, 2016 shall be eligible for entry into the 2017 California State Fair.

Only exhibitors winning Best of Show Award (Large poultry, Bantam poultry, ducks, geese and turkeys) in a junior division competition at their county, district or citrus fair are eligible.

The following Best of Show categories are eligible:

1. Best Poultry of Show or Grand Champion Bird of Show
2. Best Large Poultry of Show
3. Best Bantam Poultry of Show
4. Best Duck of Show
5. Best Goose of Show
6. Best Turkey of Show

This competition qualifies the exhibitor, not the entry. The exhibitor may elect to bring any bird to compete in this competition so long as the bird is of the same breed and variety as that which was awarded Best of Show on the local level. There is no requirement for age or sex of the entry.

Age Requirements

Exhibitor age requirements for this competition are the same as for those of 4-H and FFA membership for exhibiting animals (see General Rules).

There are no restrictions as to the total number of entries a fair may submit, although entries must be eligible to compete in Divisions and Classes offered in this handbook. The exhibitor is restricted to one entry for each class that he/she qualifies for.

Ownership Requirement

Each animal entered by a junior must be owned by the exhibitor and be part of a project under the Exhibitor's care and management at least 60 days before the opening day of the State Fair, except where age of the bird determines length of ownership.

All junior exhibitors must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor while on the Fairgrounds.

Animals entered in this competition may not compete in any other State Fair competitions, including the regular junior and open poultry shows. All animals entered are at the owner's risk. The State Fair management and/or judges are not to be held responsible for death or injury of animals.

Exhibitor agrees to abide by the show rules and any decision by the State Fair management is final.

All poultry must be banded with regulation bands (plastic or metal) and the band number must correspond to the band number on the entry form. Breed and variety must be declared on the entry form.

Substitutions may be made only when the animal being substituted is of the same breed, variety, sex and age as the animal being withdrawn. Substitutions may only be made by the original exhibitor. Substitutions must be made prior to July 6. Substitutions must be made in writing and must include the signature of the parent, legal guardian, 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor. Best Opposite Sex or Reserve Champion winners are not eligible for this competition. Only exhibitors who actually qualify for this competition may enter a bird. Alternate exhibitors are not eligible.

Birds making up a Best of Show Meat Pen are not eligible for this competition.

Delivery, Release & Exhibiting Instructions

All poultry will be housed in the Fur & Feather Building, Building 6 in Expo Center.

All poultry must be checked in between 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. on Monday, July 11. Animals must pass a health check performed by the show committee before cooping.

Coop out date is July 14 at 10:00 p.m. No animals will be released before this time. See the Building Supervisor to obtain a release form and specific release information. Leg bands must be checked before release form is issued.

Credential information will be available after close of entries.

All poultry will be housed in Building 6, Expo Center for the duration of the Junior Poultry Show (July 11-14).

All poultry will be fed and cared for by the State Fair and the show committee.

The California State Fair is not responsible for poultry not picked up by 11:00 p.m. July 14, 2016.

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, per class.

Judge's Decision

The judge's decision is final. The judge's decision cannot be protested. Protests shall be based on violation of State Fair rules.

Junior Poultry Classes Offered

All breeds, varieties, ages, males and females will be judged together within each class offered.

Division 75 - Junior Poultry

1. Large Poultry. All breeds and varieties within the American, Asiatic, Continental, English, Mediterranean. All Other Standard Breeds.
2. Bantam Poultry. All breeds and varieties within the Old English, Modern Game, Rose Comb Clean Legged, Single Comb Clean Legged, All Other Combs Clean Legged, Feather Legged
3. Ducks. All breeds and varieties including Game and Bantam
4. Geese. All breeds and varieties including Game Waterfowl.
5. Turkey. All varieties.
6. Grand Champion of the Show (Do not enter this Class)

PLEASE NOTE: See pages 22 for GENERAL RULES applying to all competitions

Junior Sheep Lead Class

General Information

Only exhibitors winning first place in a Junior or Senior Sheep Lead Class at their county, citrus or district fair, between July 1, 2015 and June 27, 2016 are eligible to compete. Fairs occurring after June 27, 2016 shall be eligible for entry in the 2017 California State Fair County Fair Best of Show Junior Sheep Lead Class. Second place winners, alternates or Reserve Champion winners are not eligible.

All exhibitors shall compete together (boys, girls, 4-H, FFA, Grange and independent). This competition will be held in place of the California State Fair Junior Sheep Lead Class.

Livestock Representative
Jay Carlson: 916/263-3109

Entry Fee

An entry fee of \$10.00 per class is required and must be paid online with a Visa or Mastercard.

Entry fees are NOT refundable.

Awards

Award of Excellence: The following Awards of Excellence will be awarded in each designated Junior Sheep Lead Class. Awards will be selected based on the American System of Judging.

First Award of ExcellenceSpecial Award & State Fair Rosette
Second Award State Fair Rosette
Third Award State Fair Rosette

No monetary premiums are awarded in this program by the California State Fair.

Rules & Requirements

Final Entry Deadline: June 27, 2016

All entries must be submitted online prior to midnight on June 27, 2016. Detailed Receipts are due June 29, 2016 in our office.

Commentary

Entrants must provide their commentary sheet based on the qualifying event. The commentary must be typed double spaced on one side of an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper and written in "Third Person". The commentary must be included with the Detailed Receipt due on June 29, 2016. A copy of the commentary must also be available upon arrival if requested by Fair Management.

Age Requirements

Exhibitor age requirements for this competition are the same as for those of 4-H, FFA and Grange membership.

Juniors and Seniors will compete together in one class.

All exhibitors competing in this event must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, 4-H leader, FFA advisor or Grange leader while on the fairgrounds.

An exhibitor can represent only one fair. If an exhibitor qualifies to represent more than one fair the exhibitor must choose which fair to represent.

It is not necessary to be entered in any other State Fair competition to be eligible for this competition.

Sheep Requirements

Each entrant shall be responsible for providing their own sheep (any age ewe or wether, no rams), or arrange to borrow one from a 2016 California State Fair Junior Sheep exhibitor. It shall be the sole responsibility of said entrant to make any and all arrangements pertaining to borrowing an animal from a junior exhibitor entered and competing in the 2016 California State Fair Junior Sheep Show. Each participant must designate at time of entry, whether they will be bringing their own animal or borrowing one from another exhibitor.

If the entrant chooses to provide their own animal, a veterinarian provided by the Fair shall check all animals upon arrival and before unloading for proper health certificates, signs of com-

municable disease, external parasites, any unsightly disease condition and any wounds, open or closed, that may be contagious. Any animal found to be in a unsafe or unsightly condition will be quarantined in a designated area and then dismissed from the grounds as soon as possible. The State Fair veterinarian's decision shall be final. Please refer to "Animal Health Rules" and "Animal Care Rules" in the Junior Livestock Handbook.

Entrant Responsibilities

Sheep must be conditioned, fitted and trained to show at halter. All grooming preparation for show must be done by the entrant.

Equipment

All other necessary equipment must be supplied by the entrant.

Garment Requirements

All necessary garments must be supplied by the entrant. Entries will be judged on mode of dress selected, which must be appropriate, attractive and lend elegance to the Class. Entrants must furnish their own outfit, which must be made of either 100% wool or a minimum of 70% wool and no more than 30% synthetic fiber.

Outfits do not have to be made by the entrant. Garments worn in this competition are not eligible in any Clothing Class at the California State Fair. Exhibitor must wear the same outfit they qualified in at their county, district or citrus fair.

Entrant Check In

All Junior Sheep Lead participants must check-in at the Livestock Office by 4:00 pm on Saturday, July 9, 2016. Judging of the Sheep Lead Competition will be held in the Livestock Pavilions, L2, on Saturday, July 9, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Those exhibitors choosing to provide their own animal and are not entered in the regular State Fair beef, sheep, swine and market goat classes must arrive by Saturday, July 9, 2016 by 8 a.m.

For those exhibitors that are not already entered in regular State Fair Livestock Competitions please contact the Livestock Office by June 29, to

confirm arrival of animal and stalling request.

Lead Class Criteria

Junior Lead Class will be judged according to the following criteria:

General Appearance

- Coordination of ensemble (use of wool)
- Suitability of style
- Presentation of garment
- Coordination of outfit with sheep
- Eye appeal

Showmanship

- Ability to lead
- Handling of sheep
- Appearance of animal

Personal Presentation

- Poise
- Gracefulness

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 or third, per class.

Judge's Decision

The judge's decision is final. The judge's decision cannot be protested. Protests shall be based on violation of State Fair rules

Class Offered

DIVISION 78 - JUNIOR SHEEP LEAD CLASS
Class

1. Junior & Senior Exhibitors

Sheep Lead Sponsors

California Wool Growers Association
Erica Sanko, Executive Director
1225 H Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

Will provide a wool pelt to the winner of the Best of Show Sheep Lead Class.

Paul, Stacy & Matthew Gorajewski
918 John Murray Wy
Folsom, CA 95630

Will provide a jacket to the winner of the Best of Show Sheep Lead Class.

Equestrian Show

Final Entry Deadline - Monday, June 27, 2016

English & Gymkhana - July 9th

Western & Trail - July 10th

County Fair Best of Show - July 9-10

Show Days:

Saturday, July 9 - English & Gymkhana

Sunday, July 10 - Western, Trail

Show Location - Cal Expo Horse Arena,
California State Fairgrounds

Entry Fee

An entry fee of \$12.00 per class is required and must be paid online with a Visa or MasterCard.

Drug Fee

A \$5.00 per horse drug fee is required and must be included with online entries. Exhibitors will not be eligible to complete until these fees are paid in advance.

Entry Fees are not refundable except with veterinary certificate.

Show Schedule details will be announced after the close of entries:

Judging Schedule is on Calendar, Page 19.

Horse Show Office:

Michelle Solorzano

916/263-3174, 415/307-3580 (cell)

Horse Credential Policy

Each Exhibitor will receive only one exhibitor admission credential pass for themselves and only one guardian admission credential pass for each show date. Horse Haulers upon request of leaders only.

Stall Information

There will be stabling available on the Fairgrounds. To reserve stabling, we recommend that you call 916/163-3174, 415/307-3580 (cell). Horses will be released from the California State Fairgrounds when they have completed showing.

Awards

Award of Excellence

The following Awards of Excellence will be awarded in each designated Class. Awards will be selected based on the American System of Judging.

First - Special State Fair Rosette

Second - Special State Fair Rosette

Third - Special State Fair Rosette

Fourth - Special State Fair Rosette

Fifth - Special State Fair Rosette

1. No monetary premiums are awarded in this program by the California State Fair.
2. 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, fourth, or fifth per Class.
3. The awards presentation for all entrants (including Class winners) will take place at the conclusion of each Class.
4. A special high point award will be given in the 4-H Junior, 4-H Senior, 4-H Pony Divisions, Walk/Jog Division, FFA, Independent Junior and Grange Divisions and Mini Division based on highest cumulative points.
5. Any and all decisions of the judges shall be final. The judge's decision on awards cannot be protested. Protests will be considered only if there has been a violation of California State Fair rules. No exhibitor shall be allowed, under any circumstances, to interfere with the judge or judges, during their adjudication, or with the Fair's staff and management.

Rule & Requirements

Final Entry Deadline

Overnight mail (or personal delivery) may be necessary if your show date falls too close to the entry deadline. All entries must be submitted online through ShoWorks and fees paid with Visa or MasterCard by midnight on June 27, 2016.

Entry Deadline: June 27, 2016.

If entering online, Detailed Receipt is due in our office by June 29, 2016. No entries will be accepted after the closing date of entries.

Send Detailed Receipt to:
California State Fair
Best of Show Competition
Horse Show
P.O. Box 15649
Sacramento, CA 95852

Entry Qualifications

4-H Horse Show

This special competition is open to 4-H "Best of Show" class winners and Reserve Place Winners from throughout the California Fair industry and designated approved 4-H County Horse Shows. Only 4-H exhibitors winning a Class or placing 2nd (listed in this Horse Show Section) at their County, District or Citrus Fair, or designated, approved County 4-H Horse Show between July 1, 2015 and June 27, 2016 are eligible to compete. For clarification, only those 4-H Horse Shows approved by the local County 4-H Office and State Fair officials will be recognized for entry, and only those fairs (with an approved show) under the auspices of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Division of Fairs and Expositions will be recognized for entry. An official listing of sanctioned shows is available by contacting the California State Fair 4-H Horse Show Office. Final approval of any show shall only be given by the California State Fair.

Qualifying 4-H Shows

All qualifying shows should be exclusively 4-H Horse Shows with 4-H Classes offered. Shows offering Classes in which 4-H members compete against other non 4-H entrants can be used to qualify if and only if:

1. The show is held in conjunction with the Fair
2. A minimum of three (3) 4-H members actually competed in the Class for which the winner qualifies. This does not apply in Pony Division.
3. One of the competing 4-H members was named first or second place in the Class (no exceptions).
For clarification, if the Class is an Open Class,

the only way a 4-H member can qualify is if he/she wins first or second place in the Class.

Qualifying 4-H Classes

Qualifying Classes at the County, District, Citrus Fair or sanctioned 4-H Horse Show must be of Senior or Junior Level. No restricted Classes will qualify for this special competition. (i.e. Novice, "Green", Maiden Beginner, Preliminary or Intermediate Classes defined by USEF)

4-H members winning a class or 2nd place at any approved qualifying show are only eligible to show in the 4-H Horse Show. No cross entering between 4-H or FFA, Grange and Independent Junior Divisions will be permitted.

FFA, Grange, Independent Junior Horse Show

This special competition is open to the FFA, Grange, and Independent Junior "Best of Show" Class Winners and Reserve Place Winners from throughout the California Fair industry. Only exhibitors winning a Class or 2nd place (listed in this Horse Show Section) at their County, District or Citrus Fair between July 1, 2015 and June 27, 2016 are eligible to compete. For clarification, only those Horse Shows approved by the California State Fair officials will be recognized for entry, and only those fairs (with an approved show) under the auspices of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Division of Fairs and Expositions will be recognized for entry. An official listing of sanctioned shows is available by contacting the California State Fair Horse Show office. Final approval of any shows shall only be given by the California State Fair.

Qualifying FFA, Grange, and Independent Junior Shows

All qualifying shows must be exclusively County, District, or Citrus Fair Horse Shows with FFA, Grange, or Independent Junior Classes offered. The FFA, Grange, or Independent Junior must be named first in the Class or 2nd place - no exceptions.

Qualifying FFA, Grange, and Independent Classes

Qualifying classes at the County, District, Citrus Fair Horse Show must be of Senior or Junior

Level. No restricted Classes will qualify for this special competition. (i.e. Novice, "Green", Maiden Beginner, Preliminary or Intermediate Classes as defined by USEF) FFA, Grange, and Independent Junior exhibitors winning a Class at any approved qualifying show are only eligible to show in the FFA, Grange, and Independent Junior Horse Show. No cross entering between 4-H or FFA, Grange and Independent Divisions will be permitted. No cross entering with those listed and Pony or Walk Jog.

Pony Requirements

Entries in pony Classes must be 14-2 hands or under with 1/4" allowance for shoes. USA Equestrian Pony cards will be accepted. Ponies may be measured prior to start of show. Ponies are to be shown in pony Classes only.

Entry Limits

Each exhibitor shall be limited to entering the Classes for which they qualify with the horse they qualified on and two additional Classes of their choice for each Class in which they qualify. (The only exception will be if the exhibitor has a signed veterinary note stating the horse is not allowed to be shown at this time. This must be stated in a written request made to and approved by the California State Fair.) For example, if the exhibitor wins Showmanship or takes 2nd place at the County Fair, they may enter Showmanship and two other Classes of their choice at the State Fair. If they win Showmanship and Western Horsemanship, the exhibitor may enter Showmanship, Western Horsemanship and four other Classes of their choice at the State Fair. Entries may be limited after the close of entries based on space and time availability.

Membership Requirement

All 4-H entrants must be official, current members of a California 4-H Club. All FFA entrant must be official, current members of a California FFA Chapter. All Grange Entrants must be official, current members of a California Grange. Independent Junior entrants are not required to be members of or affiliated with any club or organization.

4-H Age Requirement

Exhibitors shall show in their respective Divisions

based upon their age at any particular qualifying show. Juniors will be defined as 13 years of age or under. Seniors will be defined at 14 years or older as of December 31, 2015. The division you qualify at county level is the division you show at state level. General Rules concerning age applies.

FFA, Grange, and Independent Junior Age Requirement

Exhibitors shall show in their respective Divisions based upon their age as of January 1, 2016 regardless of their age at any particular qualifying show. General Rules concerning age applies. The division you qualify at County level is the division you show at state level.

It is not necessary to be entered in any other State Fair competition to be eligible for entry into these special competitions.

4-H Uniform Requirements

1. Appropriate attire and tack for the Western, English, and Gymkhana Classes must be used. Please note: all USEF rules will be followed. All juniors riding in the Jumpers, Hunter Hack, Equitation Over Fences and the Hunters must wear protective headgear passing testing standards while riding in the designated schooling area, the show ring and while jumping anywhere on the grounds. Harness must be secured and if said headgear has a brim, it must be flexible or semi-flexible. Any rider violating this rule at any time will immediately be prohibited from further riding until his/her headgear is properly in place.
2. A hard hat is defined as a hunt cap or a riding hat with a hard shell.
3. The 4-H uniform must be worn during Showmanship Classes. Uniform for the girls consists of white or off-white pants, a white blouse with official 4-H green collar or a white shirt with a green 4-H tie. Uniform for the boys consists of white or off-white trousers, white shirt, and a green 4-H tie. All exhibitors must wear boots, a belt and a 4-H cap or a white or off-white Western straw hat. Advertising of any form on the 4-H uniform is not permitted.
4. An approved helmet will be required for all riding events. **No exceptions.**

FFA, Grange, and Independent Junior Uniform Requirements

1. Appropriate attire and tack for Western, English and Gymkhana Classes must be used. Please note: USEF rules will be followed. All juniors riding in the Jumpers, Hunter Hack, Equitation Over Fences and the Hunters must wear protective headgear passing testing standards while riding in the designated schooling area, the show ring and while jumping anywhere on the grounds. Harness must be secured and if said headgear has a brim, it may be flexible or semi-flexible. Any rider violating this rule at any time will immediately be prohibited from further riding until his/her headgear is properly in place.
 2. A hard hat is defined as a hunt cap or a riding hat with a hard shell.
 3. FFA and Grange entrants must wear their official FFA or Grange uniform during showmanship classes. Independent Juniors uniform for the girls consists of white or off-white pants and a white blouse. The independent Junior uniform for the boys consists of white or off-white trousers and a white shirt. All exhibitors must wear boots, a belt and a white or off-white Western straw hat. Advertising of any form on the uniform or clothing is not permitted.
 4. An approved helmet will be required for all riding events. **No exceptions.**
5. as to the eligibility of a project shall contact the State Fair Show Office.
 2. All exhibitors competing in this event must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian and or adult club or chapter leader while on the fairgrounds.
 3. Each entrant will provide all necessary equipment and horse or pony to compete in this competition.
 4. Any changes in the Horse Show scheduling will be announced at the Horse Show Arena on the day of the show. Such announcements shall be deemed sufficient notice to exhibitors.
 5. If any person leaves the arena for any reason, he/she cannot come back into the Class.
 6. Exhibitors are not eligible if they or their horses have trained under the judge within 90 days of the show date.
 7. Exhibitors of horses will comply with provision of the Horse Protection Act of 1970 (P.O. 91540) and all rules adopted by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to carry out all of its provisions.
 8. Exhibitors must declare any medications given to their horses when they check-in at the Horse Show Office.
 9. Substitutions are permitted only in case of illness or injury of animal with a Veterinarian's Certificate. The substitute must be member's project animals.
 10. Exhibitors are required to care for, prepare for showing and show their own animals. A horse or pony may be shown by one exhibitor only. Adult help (including parents/trainers) in grooming, exercising and preparing for show, or actually showing of the animals at this Horse Show may cause the member and/or animal to be disqualified. (Disqualification consists of withholding ribbons or awards, elimination from further competitions and removal from the fairgrounds.)
 11. State Fair Management is not responsible for finding errors in entries.
 12. 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 that organization.
 13. The Fair shall not be responsible for exhibits

Entrant Check-in Procedure

Exhibitor must check-in at the Horse Show Office at least one hour prior to judging of class(es) that he/she is qualified to ride in.

Youth Horse Show Special Rules

1. The horse shown must be the exhibitor's project at least 120 consecutive days prior to the show but need not be owned by or registered to the exhibitor (i.e. leasing of horses to youth is acceptable). Please bring lease papers. They may be required or requested. New: Horses owned as a joint project may only be shown by one designated exhibitor at an individual show. Any questions as to eligibility of a project shall be determined by the exhibitors leader. (independent Juniors with questions

remaining on Fairgrounds after designated release time.

14. The judge may disqualify any animal that is not sufficiently gentle to be shown with safety. The judge may not make any awards to any animal which shows visible evidence of disease, deformity or lameness. No award will be made to entries eliminated under this rule. All animals in the Horse Show must be serviceably sound.
15. No animal shall be admitted or remain on the grounds that show any evidence of any communicable disease or any unsightly disease conditions. No animal shall be admitted to the Fairgrounds from any premises under quarantine for rabies or any other disease. The management reserves the right to require health inspections and diagnostic tests to be made before or after animals are on the fairgrounds or to inaugurate disease control procedures which may be necessary in emergencies.
16. Unless other rules are specified, rules and definitions for conducting each judged Class as contained in the USEF Rule Book, and for each Gymkhana Class as contained in the California Gymkhana Rule Book will apply to this horse show. Decisions of the Horse Show management will be final. 4-H rules do not govern this show.
17. The State Fair management reserves the right to return entries and cancel any Division or Class which, in its judgement, the entries are insufficient to assure adequate competition.
18. Horses will be released from the California State Fairgrounds when they have completed showing.

Definitions

General Rules concerning ages applies.

Junior - an exhibitor who is 13 years of age or under as of December 31, 2015 for 4-H and January 1, 2016 for Independent.

Senior - an exhibitor who is 14 years of age or older as of December 31, 2015 for 4-H and January 1, 2016 for Independent.

Pony - Pony and mixed pony breeds, 14-2 hands and under.

Walk/Jog - Any age.

Youth Horse Show

Divisions & Classes

Division 81, 84, 85, and 87 - 4-H Horse Show

Divisions Offered

- 81 - Junior - Exhibitors are 13 years of age and under as of December 31, 2015
- 84 - Senior - Exhibitors are 14 years of age and older as of December 31, 2015.
- 85 - Walk/Jog Division (See rules page 8)
- 87 - Ponies - 14-2 hands and under for pony or pony mixed breeds. Ponies are to be shown in pony Classes only.
- 91 - Miniature Horse Novice
- 92 - Miniature Horse Junior/Senior

Division 81 - 4-H Juniors Classes

1. Showmanship
2. English Equitation
3. English Pleasure
4. Hunter Hack (2'3" jumps)
5. Equitation Over Fences (to 2' 3" jumps)
6. Working Hunters (to 2' 3" jumps)
7. Jumpers (to 2' 3" jumps)
8. Bareback Equitation
9. Western Equitation
10. Western Horsemanship
11. Western Pleasure
12. Trail
13. Single Stake Race
14. California Pole Bending
15. California Speed Barrels
16. Cloverleaf Barrels
17. Bi-rangle Stake Race

Division 84 - 4-H Seniors

1. Showmanship
2. English Equitation
3. English Pleasure
4. Hunter Hack (2'3" jumps)
5. Equitation Over Fences (to 2'3" jumps)
6. Working Hunters (to 2'3" jumps)
7. Jumpers (to 2'3" jumps)
8. Bareback Equitation
9. Western Equitation
10. Western Horsemanship

11. Western Pleasure
12. Trail
13. Single Stake Race
14. California Pole Bending
15. California Speed Barrels
16. Cloverleaf Barrels
17. Bi-rangle Stake Race

Division 85 - Walk/Jog Classes

1. Walk/Jog Showmanship - Western or English
2. Walk/Jog Bareback Equitation - Western or English
3. Walk/Jog Western Pleasure
4. Walk/Jog Western Equitation
5. Walk/Jog Hunter Hack
6. Walk/Jog English Pleasure
7. Walk/Jog English Equitation
8. Walk/Jog Trail

Rules for Division 85

1. Exhibitors will be eligible to compete in the Walk/Jog Division for one year only.
2. Exhibitors may be any age within the 4-H, FFA, Grange and Independent divisions.
3. Exhibitors may not have qualified or shown at the County Fair Best of Show Youth Horse Show prior to 2016.
4. Exhibitors must have qualified at their California State Fair approved horse show in the Walk/Jog Open Division.
5. Exhibitors must have qualified on an approved project horse.
6. Exhibitors may choose TWO Walk/Jog classes for each class they qualified in. They must not be qualified in any classes in any other division.
7. Please note: The Walk/Jog exhibitors may have qualified for Walk/Jog Equitation in either Walk/Jog Western Equitation or Walk/Jog Western Horsemanship at their County fair shows. There will not be a pattern in this class.
8. Walk/Jog novice at County Shows will NOT count - must be Walk/Jog OPEN.

Division - 87 - Pony Classes

1. Showmanship
2. English Equitation
3. English Pleasure
4. Hunter Hack (ground pole)
5. Equitation Over Fences (to 2'0" jumps)
6. Working Hunters (to 2'0" jumps)
7. Jumpers (to 2'0" jumps)
8. Bareback Equitation
9. Western Equitation
10. Western Horsemanship
11. Western Pleasure
12. Trail
13. Single Stake Race
14. California Pole Bending
15. California Speed Barrels
16. Cloverleaf Barrels
17. Bi-rangle Stake Race

Classes may also be adjusted based on safety concerns.

Division 90 - FFA, Grange and Independent Junior Horse Show

Open FFA, Grange and Independent Junior exhibitors (Open - any FFA, Grange or Independent Junior exhibitor between the age of 9 and 19 years of age as of January 1, 2016.

Classes

1. Showmanship
2. English Equitation
3. English Pleasure
4. Hunter Hack (2'3" jumps)
5. Equitation Over Fences (to 2'3" jumps)
6. Working Hunters (to 2'3" jumps)
7. Jumpers (to 2'3" jumps)
8. Bareback Equitation
9. Western Equitation
10. Western Horsemanship
11. Western Pleasure
12. Trail
13. Single Stake Race
14. California Pole Bending
15. California Speed Barrels
16. Cloverleaf Barrels
17. Bi-rangle Stake Race

Classes may also be adjusted based on safety concerns.

(New Classes) Miniature Horse Division 91 - Miniature Horse Novice Division 92 - Miniature Horse Junior/Senior

1. Showmanship
2. Western Horsemanship
3. Trail Course
4. Jumping
5. Single Stake Race
6. California Pole Bending
7. Bi-Rangle Stake Race

This is the first time Miniature Horse Classes are offered and classes may be adjusted due to entries and class safety.

State 4-H Youth Development

Chris Fahey
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Davis, CA 95616-8575

The California 4-H Youth Development Program is proud to acknowledge the Outstanding achievements of our Senior High Point Winner at the 2016 Best of Show Horse Show with a buckle.

Ironstone Concours Foundation

Gail Kautz
5490 E Bear Creek Road
Lodi, CA 95240

The Ironstone Concours Foundation will provide funding for the Equine Champion Challenge Supreme Champion Exhibitor \$1,000 Award.

Schedule of Events

Saturday, July 9 8:00 am

English Equitation - Walk/Jog
English Equitation - Pony
English Equitation - Junior
English Equitation - Senior
English Equitation - FFA/Grange/Independent Jr.
English Pleasure - Walk/Jog
English Pleasure - Pony
English Pleasure - Junior
English Pleasure - Senior
English Pleasure - FFA/Grange/Independent Jr.
Hunter Hack - Walk/Jog
Hunter Hack - Pony
Hunter Hack - Junior
Hunter Hack - Senior
Hunter Hack - FFA/Grange/Independent Jr.
Equitation over Fences - Pony
Working Hunters - Pony
Equitation over Fences - FFA/Grange/Independent Junior
Working Hunters - FFA/Grange/Independent Junior
Equitation over Fences - Senior
Working Hunters - Senior
Jumpers - Miniatures
Jumpers - Pony
Jumpers - Junior
Jumpers - FFA/Grange/Independent Junior
Jumpers - Senior

Saturday July 9 (after lunch)

Single Stake Race - Miniatures
Single Stake Race - Pony
Single Stake Race - Junior
Single Stake Race - Senior
Single Stake Race - FFA/Grange/Independent Junior
California Pole Bending - Pony
California Pole Bending - Junior
California Pole Bending - Senior
California Pole Bending - FFA/Grange/Independent Junior
California Speed Barrels - Pony
California Speed Barrels - Junior
California Speed Barrels - Senior
California Speed Barrels - FFA/Grange/Independent Junior
Bi-rangle Stake Race - Miniatures
Bi-rangle Stake Race - Pony
Bi-rangle Stake Race - Junior
Bi-rangle Stake Race - Senior
Bi-rangle Stake Race - FFA/Grange/Independent Junior

Saturday Evening we invite all the exhibitors and competitors to join in and enter the costume contest for Horse/Riders.

Sunday July 10 8:00 am

Showmanship - Miniatures
Showmanship - Walk/Jog
Showmanship - Pony
Showmanship - Junior
Showmanship - Senior
Showmanship - FFA/Grange/Independent Junior
Bareback Equitation -Walk/Jog Western or English
Bareback Equitation - Pony
Bareback Equitation - Junior
Bareback Equitation - Senior
Bareback Equitation - FFA/Grange/Independent Junior
Western Equitation - Walk/Jog
Western Equitation - Pony
Western Equitation - Junior
Western Equitation - Senior
Western Equitation - FFA/Grange/Independent Junior
Western Horsemanship - Miniatures
Western Horsemanship - Pony
Western Horsemanship - Junior
Western Horsemanship - Senior
Western Horsemanship - FFA/Grange/Independent Junior
Western Pleasure - Pony
Western Pleasure - Junior
Western Pleasure - Senior
Western Pleasure - FFA/Grange/Independent Junior

Sunday, July 10 12 Noon

Trail - Miniatures
Trail - Walk/Jog
Trail - Pony
Trail - Junior
Trail - Senior
Trail - FFA/Grange/Independent Junior

Trail will be set up in the East End of the Arena with a second judge. The arena will be open after the competition of the Mini Classes. Exhibitors will go to the trail arena and work at will whenever it fits their schedule. There will be no order of classes in the trail arena, or order of exhibitors. Please report to the Trail Course no later than 12:30 pm.

Equine Champion Challenge - Division 86

Mission

The Mission of the Equine Champion Challenge is to expand and enhance the education element of the youth equine program and to reward those outstanding exhibitors who possess the skills and knowledge essential for the efficient and humane care and management of horses in California.

Objectives

1. Evaluate the youth participant's knowledge and skills of his/her project and related industry.
2. Expand on the exhibitor's communication skills.
3. Provide a learning laboratory which will enhance the exhibitor's knowledge of their equine project and related industry.
4. Develop the youth's problem solving and critical thinking skills.
5. Recognize outstanding youth exhibitors who possess the skills and knowledge essential for the efficient and humane care and management of horses within the California equine industry.
6. Promote additional educational opportunities through the awarding of college scholarships and/or savings bonds to event champions.
7. Emphasize the exhibitor's involvement and success in the educational program and focus on the youth exhibitor rather than the animal.

Requirements for Exhibitors

This competition will take place on Sunday, July 10, 2016. All Champions of the divisions of the Best of Show Horse Show will be **REQUIRED** to compete in this competition. Other California State Fair Exhibitors may compete by taking the exam. All other youth in California may enter by taking the exam after paying an entry fee of \$10.00. The exam will take place between 8-11:30 am on Sunday, July 10, 2016. The staff will work around your class schedule to allow anyone who wishes to take the exam. The following exhibitors will be eligible to compete in the Equine Champion Challenge.

1. Champion and Reserve Champion of the

following divisions in the County Fair Best of Show Youth Horse Show:

4-H Juniors, 4-H Seniors, Pony, FFA/Grange/Independent, and Walk/Jog

2. 2016 State Fair Exhibitors not qualifying by winning a division belt buckle who have qualified by testing.
3. Any youth in California not exhibiting in the State Fair Horse Show by paying \$10.00 entry fee and qualifying through the Champion Challenge Exam.

Areas evaluating performance in practical exercises and exams:

1. Conformation and physiology
2. Equine health management
3. Nutrition
4. Breeds and breed characteristics
5. Disciplines and horsemanship skill
6. Tack and proper usage
7. Reproduction practices

Awards

Supreme Champion Equine Exhibitor - \$1,000
Reserve Supreme Champion Equine Exhibitor - \$500

Champion 4-H Junior Exhibitor - \$125

Champion 4-H Senior Exhibitor - \$125

Champion Pony Exhibitor - \$125

Champion FFA/Grange/Independent - \$125

Champion Walk/Jog Exhibitor - \$125

Schedule of Events

(subject to change)

Written Exam - Sunday July 10, 8-11:30 am

Mandatory Meeting - July 10, 3:00 pm

Round 1 - July 10 followed by Round 2

Final Interview - July 10, following Round 2

Awards Presentation - July 10

Supreme Champion will be awarded one time only.

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.

