

EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL

2018 COMPETITION GUIDE

It's your moment to shine!
Enter today.

For more than 160 years the California State Fair has been a constant showcase of the talents and achievements of the people of California. Entering into the California State Fair's 2018 Competitive Exhibits Program allows you the opportunity to showcase your abilities, and revel in your accomplishments!

The California State Fair's friendly competitions are designed to recognize the best of the Golden State. Our Competitive Programs inspire talented Californians, as well as highlight the latest advances in technology, agriculture, and industry.

More than 750,000 visitors are expected at the State Fair this summer. Your work is an integral part of the State's celebration, and we look forward to placing your talent on display at the State Fair from July 13-29. We encourage you to enter today and begin making lasting memories for yourself, and for the hundreds of thousands of State Fair patrons!

Sincerely,



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California Agriculture Fair Season

On behalf of the State of California, I am pleased to welcome you to the 2018 season of California's agricultural fairs.

The vibrant fair culture of livestock competitions, educational exhibits, exhilarating carnival rides, live performances, and local community events is important to California. Fair exhibits and activities at the fairgrounds provide a crucial link to the agricultural community and the California farmers and ranchers that are part of this tradition.

Each unique fair conveys a distinctive aspect of California's heritage and values by displaying the local livestock, crops, artwork, baked goods, and crafts year-round. As a fair exhibitor, citizens rely on your expertise to showcase the resources that California provides to the nation and the world. Thank you for your participation and for playing a vital role in California's agricultural community.

Sincerely,


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

December 1, 2017

In the best of years, California's fairgrounds are alight with not just fairs but festivals, gatherings and events of every stripe. From the simplest reception to the grandest gala, our facilities are central to our agricultural and multi-cultural communities.

Alas, in some of our communities, 2017 was not "the best of years." Fires, in particular, were a focal point this past season and will remain so for many months as we recover and rebuild. As it turns out, though, our fairgrounds and our fair employees were just as central to their communities through these trying times as they are otherwise.

From Santa Rosa to Southern California, families fled and rescuers responded to a series of fires that was, in many respects, unprecedented. At one point, 17 of our California fairgrounds simultaneously served as emergency shelters, fire camps or both. Evacuees included approximately 2,000 people and 1,700 animals including all manner of livestock and pets – even a tortoise.

Our fairs mean so much more to their communities than just a celebratory week or two or three, once a year. Through our fairs and our fairgrounds, our agricultural communities have an opportunity to put our best foot forward. In my travels this year, both to annual fairs and through neighborhoods ravaged by wildfire, I've seen that firsthand.

In the best of years we would close with a sense of satisfaction and an optimistic look ahead at the exhibits and events to come. This year, though, we first must feel the weight of lives lost and a harvest marred by flame and ash. But we also remember the essential role that our fairgrounds, our workers and our farmers and ranchers have played in response and rescue and recovery. As you look ahead to the 2018 fair season, please accept my thanks for your service this past year, and for your continued readiness.

Yours truly,

Karen Ross
Secretary



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO KNOW

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Entry Dates:

January 16	Entries Open
March 2	Entries Close
February 20 - March 10	Lab Test and Oil Delivery Deadline
March 21	Judging Date
March 26	Results Available
June 22	Capitol Steps Press Event & Best of California Tasting

The California State Fair July 13-29, 2018

Showcasing the Best of the Best from all over the State!

- Winners get first priority to offer samples of their award-winning olive oil to hundreds of thousands of visitors at the California Extra Virgin Olive Oil Exhibit.
- Best of Show winners are awarded and announced on the steps of the State Capitol.
- Best of California winners are invited to showcase their olive oil during the Best of California tasting reception prior to the California State Fair Gala on June 21.

Why enter the Competition?

Inspire consumer confidence at the market shelf to select a quality product with official award stickers. Gain new customers by sampling and selling your award-winning oil during the California State Fair to over 750,000 annual visitors. Pride yourself in being one of California's Best Extra Virgin Olive Oils at an annual, high-profile press event on the steps of the Capitol, publicizing the Best of Show wine, beer, cheese, and extra virgin olive oil. Establish relationships and brand familiarity at the exclusive Best of California reception at the California State Fair Gala held at Cal Expo where producers mingle with the general public. The California State Fair is committed to supporting California Agriculture Businesses by showcasing the best!

COMPETITION OVERVIEW



The California State Fair Extra Virgin Olive Oil Competition celebrates the olive-growing and olive oil producing industries in California. This competition is open to Extra Virgin and Flavored Olive Oils made from 100% olives which are grown, pressed and packaged in California.

How to Enter

Go to **CAStateFair.org/competitions** and click on the Extra Virgin Olive Oil icon on the competitions page and follow the instructions. Use a Visa or Mastercard to pay entry fees.

Rules and Requirements

1. Entry Fee: \$80 per entry.
2. Entry Size: Submit for each entry four identical bottles of 250 ml to 500 ml (send five bottles if less than 250 ml) Two bottles are reserved for judging, one is used for display, and any remaining bottles are used for tasting events and demonstrations during the California State Fair.
3. A chemical analysis report must arrive with each EVOO entry. Copies are accepted. (Free Fatty Acids must be \leq .5%)
4. Only oils made from 100% olives which are grown, processed and packaged in California are eligible for this competition.
5. Only oils which are commercially available for public purchase are eligible for this competition.
6. Entries may only be submitted by the original producer of the oil. Oils purchased from other producers and rebranded are not accepted.
7. Entries are limited to those produced in the current harvest season.
8. Entries become the property of the California State Fair.
9. Single Variety entries must contain 90% of the named variety.
10. Blends must arrive with the percentage of each variety listed.

11. All entries must abide by CDFA Grade and Labeling Standards (2014).
12. Divisions Defined:
 - Delicate** - Very little to no bitterness and/or pungency; predominately ripe fruit character.
 - Medium** - Some bitterness and/or pungency; pronounced ripe and/or green fruit flavors.
 - Robust** - Distinct bitterness and/or pungency; predominately green fruit flavors.
13. Definitions (Notice of Issuance of Grade and Labeling Standards for Olive Oil, Refined Olive Oil, and Olive Pomace Oil CDFA 2014)

Olive Oil is the oil obtained solely from the fruit of the olive tree (*Olea europaea* L.), solely by mechanical or other physical means under conditions, including thermal conditions, that do not lead to alterations in the oil, and which has not undergone any treatment other than washing, crushing, malaxing, decantation, pressing, centrifugation, and filtration and to the exclusion of oils obtained using solvents or re-esterification processes and of any mixture with oils of other kinds.

Extra Virgin Olive Oil is olive oil that has a free acidity, expressed as free oleic acid, of not more than 0.5 grams per 100 grams, a median of defects equal to 0, and the other characteristics which correspond to the limits fixed for this grade in these standards. Extra Virgin Olive Oil is fit for consumption without further processing.

DELIVERY & SHIPPING

Please include entry receipt with entries. (See calendar on page 6)

Shipping & Hand Delivery

All Olive Oil & Checks sent via courier (FedEx, UPS, etc.)

California State Fair Olive Oil Competition Warehouse
c/o California State Fairgrounds

Attn: Olive Oil Competition
Ethan and Hurley, Gate 12
Expo Center #6
Sacramento, CA 95815

Open Mon - Fri., 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM



JUDGING

Please include entry receipt with entries. (See calendar on page 6)

1. Blind Judging: Judges will taste oils out of a standard, blue olive-oil tasting glass, labeled only with the division, class and a randomly assigned identification code.
2. Double Gold, Gold, Silver & Bronze Awards are given based on individual merit, using a points system. Aroma - 35 points, Flavor - 45 points, Final - 20 points
3. Best of Show, Best of Class and Best of California Awards are given by a comparison tasting among eligible entries.
4. The decision of the Judges is final. No changes will be made after judging is complete.
5. Judging Sheets are confidential and are not provided.
6. Judges reserve the right to create divisions if warranted by the number of entries.
7. Judges reserve the right to transfer entries to another division or class, if appropriate.

AWARDS CATALOGUES

Each entry will be awarded a State Fair Rosette representing the highest award won. Bottle stickers and duplicate ribbons will be available for purchase if desired.

Best of Class - 58 awards available, one in each class of each division, selected from only gold medal winners with scores of 94+.

Double Gold Award - score of 98-100

Gold Award - score of 86-97

Silver Award - score of 76 - 85

Bronze Award - score of 65-75

Best of California Awards

Selected from only Best of Class winners.

- Best California Delicate Single Variety EVOO
- Best California Medium Single Variety EVOO
- Best California Robust Single Variety EVOO
- Best California Delicate Blend EVOO
- Best California Medium Blend EVOO
- Best California Robust Blend EVOO
- Best California EVOO by a Micro producer (less than 500 gallons)
- Best California EVOO by an Artisan Producer (501- 4,999 gallons)
- Best California EVOO by a Large Producer (more than 5,000 gallons)
- Best California Co-Milled Flavored Olive Oil
- Best California Infused Flavored Olive Oil

Best of Show:

Two (2) awards given, one in the Extra Virgin Olive Oil Show and one in the Flavored Olive Oil Show. Best of Show winners will receive an engraved Golden Bear Trophy.

Capitol Steps Press Event and Best of California Tasting

Best of Show winners will be formally announced at a Capitol-steps media event. Best of California winners will be invited to participate at the Best of California tasting reception before the California State Fair Gala.

Fairtime Sampling and Sales

Sample and sell your oils at the California Extra Virgin Olive Oil Exhibit during the California State Fair. Priority registration is offered to 2018 competition winners, starting with Best of Show winners.

DIVISIONS & CLASSES

Single Variety entries must contain 90% of the named cultivar.
Select your blend class according to the dominant cultivar.

Extra Virgin Olive Oil

DIVISION 1100: Evoo Single Variety Delicate

CLASSES

- | | |
|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Mission |
| 2 | Manzanillo |
| 3 | Sevillano |
| 4 | Ascolano |
| 5 | Arbequina |
| 6 | Arbosana |
| 7 | Koroneiki |
| 8 | Any other Cultivar |

DIVISION 1115: EVOO Blend Delicate

CLASSES

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|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Mission |
| 2 | Manzanillo |
| 3 | Sevillano |
| 4 | Ascolano |
| 5 | Arbequina |
| 6 | Arbosana |
| 7 | Koroneiki |
| 8 | Any other Cultivar |

DIVISION 1105: EVOO Single Variety Med

CLASSES

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|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Mission |
| 2 | Manzanillo |
| 3 | Sevillano |
| 4 | Ascolano |
| 5 | Arbequina |
| 6 | Arbosana |
| 7 | Koroneiki |
| 8 | Any other Cultivar |

DIVISION 1120: EVOO Blend Medium

CLASSES

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|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Mission |
| 2 | Manzanillo |
| 3 | Sevillano |
| 4 | Ascolano |
| 5 | Arbequina |
| 6 | Arbosana |
| 7 | Koroneiki |
| 8 | Any other Cultivar |

DIVISION 1110: EVOO Single Variety Robust

CLASSES

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|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Mission |
| 2 | Manzanillo |
| 3 | Sevillano |
| 4 | Ascolano |
| 5 | Arbequina |
| 6 | Arbosana |
| 7 | Koroneiki |
| 8 | Any other Cultivar |

DIVISION 1125: EVOO Blend Robust

CLASSES

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|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Mission |
| 2 | Manzanillo |
| 3 | Sevillano |
| 4 | Ascolano |
| 5 | Arbequina |
| 6 | Arbosana |
| 7 | Koroneiki |
| 8 | Any other Cultivar |

Flavored Olive Oil

DIVISION 1130: Co-milled Flavored Oil

CLASSES

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|---|--------------------------|
| 1 | Citrus Flavored Oil |
| 2 | Herbal Flavored Oil |
| 3 | Chili-based Flavored Oil |
| 4 | Garlic Flavored Oil |
| 5 | Any Other Flavored Oil |

DIVISION 1135: Infused Flavored Oil

CLASSES

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1 | Citrus Flavored Oil |
| 2 | Herbal Flavored Oil |
| 3 | Chili-based Flavored Oil |
| 4 | Garlic Flavored Oil |
| 5 | Any Other Flavored Oil |

2018 GENERAL RULES

California Exposition & State Fair

General Rules are subject to any action that may cause revision or curtailment at any time before each competition or judging. Upon submission of online entry and signature on detailed receipt if applicable, the exhibitor acknowledges that they have read and understood 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 State Fair's website before the competition. Exhibitors may request an additional 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 submissions and information necessary to determine that the exhibit is eligible must be submitted online, uploaded if necessary, 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 Guide.

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 for Junior Livestock, Open Livestock, Ag Mechanics, 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 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 Guide.

A deficiency penalty of \$20 per entry must be paid for any deficiency or fees which have not been paid by June 30 for Livestock and Small Animals, this includes not returning the detailed receipt by the due date.

Entries will not be judged if the detailed receipt is not received.

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 guide.

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 Guide (printed or on the web), exhibitors must be the bonafide 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 thereof 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. State Fair management is not responsible for finding errors in entries.
9. Exhibitors are responsible for any and all errors which were submitted online.
10. No exhibitor shall be entitled to an award which has been disallowed as the result of his own error.
11. The State 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 State Fair records.

However, exhibitors with a cause are entitled to question the validity of any disallowance.

Such exhibitors should inform the State 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

12. Substitutions may be made in still exhibits only in the same division of the original entry of the original exhibitor, and may be made only if completed by the entry delivery date.
13. Substitutions for livestock must be in the same division of the original entry by the original exhibitor.
14. Substitutions must be made at the time of check-in to avoid penalty.

15. Fees may apply for substitutions in excess of two per division.
16. 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

17. Any non-animal (still exhibit) entry that has been exhibited at a previous California State Fair is not eligible for entry in the 2018 California State Fair.

VERIFICATION

18. Online submissions will receive a confirmation once entries are submitted.

RESPONSIBILITY

19. The State Fair shall not be responsible for exhibits remaining on the fairgrounds after designated release times.
20. All Still Exhibits or display elements are 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

21. An exhibitor may not remove his or her entry from the California State Fair once it has been accepted.
22. **Judged or Accepted**
Entries must be on exhibit at the official opening of the State Fair or at any other time specified in the Competition Guide and shall not be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the release date printed in the guide, except (at the discretion of the State Fair management) in cases of positive evidence of sickness, accident and/or death, or other circumstances that are in the best interests of the State Fair.

DISHONORED CHECKS

23. 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 the penalty payment.

ENTRY FEES

24. Entry Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE.
25. If a mistake is made when entering online, you must contact the entry office within two hours of submitting your entries for your refund to be considered.

LATE ENTRIES

26. 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 Crafts, Fine Art, Student Showcase, Photography, 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, Hand Delivery or Electronically) no later than five calendar days after the official entry deadline requirement of the competition.

For example, if the Official Entry Deadline is June 14, the last day and time a late entry may be eligible are June 19 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 3, 2018, with **an additional \$100 per entry.** Payment must be received no later than 5 pm on July 3, 2018.
 - 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 State 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

27. The California State Fair assumes total design control over the presentation of the exhibits.
28. Entries designed for hanging and not so equipped will be hung in a manner deemed appropriate by the State Fair.
29. No exhibit changes will be made once the entries have been displayed.
30. Once an entry has been received by the State Fair, no further handling of entry by exhibitor shall be permitted.
31. Relocation and final placement shall be accomplished by State Fair personnel.
32. Entries requiring assembly/disassembly must include detailed instructions and sketches for assembly/disassembly.
33. 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

34. 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 in this competition guide. 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.
35. 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 the participation of Juniors due to the open competition being a specialty, feature, regional or national show sanctioned by the State Fair and/or recognized organization.

- d. 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.
 - e. This provision must be printed specifically within the rules of the feature show within this guide.
36. 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.
37. If the exhibitor is required to be on the fairgrounds, the Junior must be supervised by their parent or legal guardian while at the State Fair.
- Exhibit animals owned in partnership between Seniors and Juniors shall not affect Junior's eligibility when the Senior partner is the exhibitor.

STATE FAIR EMPLOYEE PARTICIPATION

38. 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

ENTRY DISQUALIFICATIONS/TRANSFERS

39. 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 judges to transfer an entry to the correct Division and/or Class.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

40. 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 State Fair, is unsightly, unhealthy, injured, lame, unsound, endangers public safety, violates the State Fair's Animal Welfare Policies, or has been entered in violation of these rules and regulations.

41. 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 State Fair’s Residue Avoidance Program, DNA Testing Program and those not adhering to the State 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 State Fair Management.
 - c. State 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 a 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

42. Exhibitors, their immediate family, leaders, advisors and agents thereof, not cooperating with security personnel or any other State 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

43. 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 State 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 State 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

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

Judging

JUDGING

45. 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

46. 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

47. 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 State 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 competition and be subject to such additional penalties, including cancellations of awards, as the State Fair management shall consider appropriate.

48. No exhibitor shall receive more than two cash awards in any one class. For 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 the 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.)

49. 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 State Fair Management.

JUDGE'S DECISION

50. The judge's decision is final.
51. The judge's decision cannot be protested.

CHIEF JUDGE POLICY

52. A Chief Judge will be assigned by the State 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

53. **For still exhibits and horse only** - Any protest must be submitted in writing and given to the State Fair's 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, and you must reference the rule in your protest. 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 State Fair management.

State 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 State Fair Management shall be final and unappealable. See special livestock rules for protests in the Livestock Program.

Awards

SPECIAL AWARDS

54. 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

55. 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 7.5% 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

56. Awards, ribbons, tags or cards have no value as payment. Premiums are paid only from the records of the judges' sheets.
57. 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.
58. Checks must be **cashed within six months** of the date of issue.
59. 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

60. 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 (July 13, 2018), and their project or entry was produced or conducted at any time during the year of 2018 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).
61. 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.

62. All 4-H exhibitors must be 9 years old by December 31, 2018, and not be older than 19 years old as of December 31, 2018. Exhibitors must also meet age and membership requirements of their organizations when entering as a member of an organization. Exhibitors must also meet the ownership and all other requirements of the competition to be eligible for entry.

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

INDEPENDENT JUNIOR AND GRANGE AGE REQUIREMENTS

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

63. 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, 2018.
64. Independent exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31 of the year in which they turn 18 years of age.
65. Grange exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31 of the year in which they turn 19 years of age. Exhibitors must meet the ownership and all other requirements of the competition to be eligible for entry.

FFA AGE REQUIREMENTS

66. The first year of eligibility will be determined by the FFA advisor; however, the exhibitor must have graduated from the 8th grade as of July 1, 2018.
FFA requirements allow exhibitors to enter FFA classes through the year following the year in which they graduate from high school.
67. Independent Still Exhibit 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, 2018.

INDEPENDENT AND GRANGE ANIMAL EXHIBITORS:

68. Persons who are “not” 4-H or FFA members may enter the Junior Live-stock 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:

- a. Independent Junior exhibitors who are 13 years of age or under (as of show day) shall compete in the appropriate 4-H divisions only.
- b. Independent Junior exhibitors who are 14 years of age (as of show day) or are incoming freshmen in high school shall be placed by State Fair Management in either 4-H or FFA divisions.
- c. **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

69. 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

70. 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 Student Showcase) or parent or guardian (for Independent Juniors). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State Fair shall make the final determination of eligibility in all cases.

4-H AGE REQUIREMENTS:

71. The levels of membership for 4-H are aged based. Each level is defined as follows:
- a. **Primary Level:** Must be 5 years old as of December 31, 2018. Primary membership ends when members qualify as junior members. Exhibitors who are under nine years of age on or before December 31, 2018, are not eligible to compete in animal competitions at the California State Fair.
 - b. **Junior, Intermediate & Senior:** Must be 9 years old by December 31, 2016. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31 of the year in which they turn 19 years of age.

- c. **Home Schooled Children:** Age criteria, as listed in 1 and 2, only will apply to homeschooled children. A grade level will not be a consideration. (Exhibitors who are under 9 years of age as of December 31, 2018, are not eligible to compete in animal competitions at the California State Fair.)

INDEPENDENT JUNIOR AND GRANGE AGE REQUIREMENTS

(This rule applies to Animal Exhibitors)

72. Independent Junior and Grange animal exhibitors must be 9 years old as of January 1, 2018, 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

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

ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT

74. 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

75. 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.

UNIFORMS

76. 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.

77. 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 ACTIVITIES GUIDELINE

78. 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

79. Should contractors, associations, clubs or individuals desire to arrange for beverages and food services, all such arrangements must be coordinated through Spectra, 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 Spectra locations of the grounds. Individuals that endanger themselves or others will be reported to authorities.

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to this guide

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 the 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, metalwork, 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: Commitment to enter and abide by rules.

Detailed Receipt: An official form used in submitting an entry/exhibit in the California State Fair. 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.

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 is given to winners of the competition.

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

Shows: Generalized sections of the competition.

Division: Categories within a show.

Class: Specific categories within a division.

Competition Guide: a printed or electronic (web) book, prospectus, or flyer which contains information for entry into the California State Fair competitions. Competition Guides 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.