

# LOCAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

THERE ARE NO UNPAID OR FREE PASSES FOR THE 2010 FAIR. A FOUR (4) DAY GATE ADMISSION CREDENTIAL WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR ALL JUNIOR AND ADULT EXHIBITORS AT A SPECIAL REDUCED RATE. WRISTBANDS/PASSES MUST BE PURCHASED AT THE TIME OF ENTERING.

JUNIOR and ADULT EXHIBITORS.....\$15.00  
LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS WRISTBAND.....\$15.00  
PARENTS OF 4-H, FFA, AND JUNIOR EXHIBITOR (tickets or wristbands)...\$15.00  
EACH PARENT OR GUARDIAN IS ENTITLED TO ONLY ONE (1) PASS.

ALL THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. CASH AWARDS MAY BE WITHHELD IF COMPLIANCE WITH PRINTED STATE AND LOCAL RULES IS NOT FULLY MET.

## DEFINITIONS

**American Judging System:** A judging process ranking exhibits against one another and award one first placing, one second placing, etc.

**Danish Judging System:** A judging process ranking each exhibit on its own merit against the scorecard or recognized standard and award as many first placings, etc. as merited.

**Junior:** Exhibitors ages 18 and under. The departments are divided into: Youth (13 and under) and Teen (14-18 years of age).

## CASH AWARDS

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY PRORATE CASH AWARDS PAID IF THE TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID EXCEEDS BUDGETED AMOUNT.

**NOTE: Cash award checks WILL NOT be mailed, checks not picked up with entries must be picked up at the fair office during regular fair office hours. Checks will be combined.**

Judging Sheets will be used as evidence for payment of Cash Awards. Ribbons and tags are not acceptable as evidence.

1. Entries must be mailed to El Dorado County Fair, P.O. Box 1537, Placerville, CA 95667, or presented in person at the Fair Entry Office, El Dorado County Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Drive, Placerville 95667. All entries must be postmarked or in the possession of the El Dorado County Fair no later than the dates and times indicated. Entries should be made as early as possible. Entry fees and other required papers must accompany entry forms at the time of entry, and will be accepted anytime following distribution of the Entry Guide. Checks should be payable to "EDCF" or "El Dorado County Fair Association". All livestock registration papers are checked upon registration of entries.
2. All classes are open to the world, except Junior Livestock, unless otherwise stated.
3. The theme of the 2010 Fair is: **"FAIRCATION – A World of Fun!"**
4. The fair management shall reserve the right to limit entries in ALL classes to facilities available and may limit the number of entries made by an exhibitor. Any return of entries under this rule will be done generally and without discrimination.
5. Checks for awards in all classes will be made out in the name and address appearing on the entry form.
6. **ALL PREMIUM CHECKS ARE VALID FOR SIX MONTHS FROM DATE OF ISSUE.**
7. All discrepancies in payment of Cash Awards must be reported to Fair Management in writing, no later than 30 days after the close of the fair or they will not be considered. Ribbons will not be replaced by the fair after once being awarded.
8. All booths and exhibits will be constructed with the use of **non-flammable** material or material treated with flame retardant chemical.
9. No person or exhibitor will be permitted to distribute printed or advertising material or put up signs on the grounds without written permission of the fair manager.
10. No cash awards may be paid for articles not named in the premium list; such articles may be accepted by the management and placed on exhibition and if considered by the judges to be worthy, they may be awarded a special ribbon.
11. Any display or exhibit not in keeping with the standards for division or class entered will not be allowed to remain on display after judging. Fair Management, who will be the sole judge of these standards, will make this decision. No refund of entry fees will be made for exhibits eliminated under this rule.
12. No organization will be eligible for competition in sweepstakes.
13. No entry will be accepted in the following departments if said article or exhibit has been exhibited and placed at any previous El Dorado County Fair: Home Arts, Arts & Crafts, and Youth Department exhibits other than Livestock or Horse Show. If said article is accepted by mistake, no Cash Awards will be paid, and the exhibitor will forfeit the entry fee.
14. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to correctly fill out his own entry forms and thereby accepts responsibility for all errors thereon. Office personnel assist and answer questions but under no circumstances will complete entry forms for exhibitors. Judges may move items to classes that they feel exhibit fits better in. Although, it is not the responsibility of the staff or of the judges to move items that have been entered incorrectly. Entering classes correctly is sole responsibility of exhibitor. Exhibits entered incorrectly may be deemed ineligible before, during or after judging.
15. The Board of Directors will extend a grace period after the entry deadline to accept late entries in the office for all departments except Wine, Open Horse, Farming Science/Horticulture, and Floriculture, with a \$25.00 penalty.

16. Request for refunds must be formally written and presented to the fair board for their consideration. Refunds may be granted within the limits of the State Rules.
17. Overpayment of entry fees totaling \$3.00 or less will not be refunded.
18. No entries will be released without the official claim check.
19. Best of Show, is an award given to the "best" exhibit in all of the classes listed in the division.
20. Sweepstakes, is an award given to an Exhibitor that received the most points totaling from Divisions stated in premium book. Points are awarded as follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place – 5 points
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 3 points
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 1 pointSweepstakes are awarded only when there are at least three separate Exhibitors who have achieved at least a combined total of 25 points. To receive Sweepstakes Awards, an Exhibitor must have a minimum of 10 points. Sweepstakes points will only be awarded to the Exhibitor whose name is on the entry form.
21. Each exhibitor shall be solely responsible for any direct or consequential loss, injury or damage done to or occasioned by and rising from animals or articles exhibited by him, and shall indemnify the association against any legal proceedings in regard thereto. All property of every kind entered for competition or display or for any purpose being on the fairgrounds shall be subject to the control of this association. The association will exercise care and precaution for its safe preservation, but in no case will this association or its officers or agents be liable for damages or injury to a person or property of any exhibitor or patron of the fair, or be responsible for any accident, loss or damage of whatsoever nature that may occur on the fairgrounds or at any other place or time. Should property owners desire protection against loss or damage or injury from fire or other causes, they must make their own arrangements.
22. Any exhibit left after release date and times will be forfeited.
23. Please see "Junior Livestock Rules" for rules concerning livestock exhibits.

**DISPUTES:** THE MANAGEMENT RESERVES THE FINAL AND ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO INTERPRET THE RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND TO ARBITRARILY SETTLE QUESTIONS OR DIFFERENCES.

Protests/Disputes will only be considered if there has been a violation of State or Local Rules. Decisions of judges, veterinarians, weigh masters, tail dock officials and timers cannot be disputed and are final.

Protests (must be in writing) must be accompanied by a deposit of \$100 or \$200 if the protest relates to violations of State Rules X-XA (Animal Health Rules). The deposit will only be returned if the protest is upheld. Protest must be filed within 24 hours of the time of the cause of the protest. For more complete Protest Rules see "2010 State Rules for California Fairs" booklet.

## Fair and Exhibit Fire Marshall Requirements

The following provisions **SHALL BE** applicable to all shows and exhibits:

- All decorative materials, including, drapes, signs, banners, overhanging table cloths/coverings, hay, straw, moss, plastic cloth, canvas, cloth, cardboard, leaves and similar combustible materials, **SHALL BE** made from non-flammable material or treated and maintained in a flame-retardant condition by means of a flame-retardant solution or process approved by the Fire Marshall.
- Materials that cannot be made flame-retardant are **PROHIBITED**.
- Literature on display shall be limited to “reasonable” quantities. Reserve supplies shall be kept in closed containers.
- Aisles and exits **SHALL BE** maintained clean, clear and free of obstructions.
- Fire Extinguishers, hose cabinets, fire hose connections, exit signs and other fire appliances **SHALL BE** maintained clearly visible and unobstructed at all times.
- Booths, stands and other like construction shall be substantial and fixed in position in specified areas (according to approved plans) for the duration of the exhibit/show.
- Electrical extension cords **SHALL BE** approved three wire grounded type capable of carrying the intended ampacity of the combined appliances, and shall not be affixed to structures; extend through walls, ceilings, floors, under doors or floor coverings; or be subject to environmental or physical damage.
- **SMOKING IS PROHIBITED** in all buildings, public display areas, stages, restrooms, assembly areas and where posted “No Smoking”.
- The show manager **SHALL BE** responsible for adequate rubbish removal.
- Exhibitors shall maintain their respective areas clean of combustible rubbish.
- All tents, awnings and fabric enclosures shall be labeled flame-resistant or flame-resistant treated as approved by the Fire Marshall.
- Heating and cooking equipment shall not be located within 10 feet of exits, aisles, passageways or combustible rubbish. Outdoor cooking that produces sparks or grease-laden vapors shall not be within 20’ of tents or canopies.
- All compressed gas cylinders shall be secured in the upright position (chained).

*Special notes:*

1. *The Fire Chief (or his authorized representative) upon finding any overcrowded conditions; or obstruction in aisles, passageways or other means of egress (exiting); or upon finding any condition which constitutes a serious threat to life, SHALL cause the performance, presentation, or entertainment to be stopped until such conditions or obstruction is corrected.*
2. *Any automobile, truck motorcycle or other motorized vehicle displayed, SHALL have its batteries removed (or battery cables disconnected) and its fuel supplies reduced to not more than one quarter tank full. All motor vehicle tanks, which have ever contained fuel, SHALL BE furnished with a locking type cap or sealed with tape. Garden tractor’s chain saws, power plants and other gasoline-powered equipment SHALL BE safeguarded in a similar manner.*

## Exhibit Inspections

Periodic fire and life safety inspections **SHALL BE** conducted by the El Dorado County Fire Protection District and may include:

- Inspections with the “Show Manager” or authorized representative prior to move in/set-up period to insure fire hydrant and emergency vehicle access and egress.
- Familiarization and pre-incident planning.
- On-going site and vendor inspections to insure compliance of fire and life safety requirements of Titles 19 and 24 of the California Code of Regulations, National Fire Protection Association and California edition of the Uniform Fire Code.
- During closing and removal of exhibits to insure emergency access and egress.

Any problems or violations **SHALL BE** corrected immediately. Non-compliance **SHALL BE** grounds for possible citation and/or removal. The show or exhibit manager may be notified to assist in obtaining compliance. Fire and life safety **SHALL BE** the basis for any alternatives in conformity with applicable laws and ordinances. Direct any questions or comments to the Fire Protection Bureau or the Administrative Office at (530) 644-9630.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in anticipation of a successful, fire safe event.