

SHOWMANSHIP

Only animals owned, fitted and exhibited by Junior Exhibitors may show in Junior Department Livestock Divisions. Fair Management reserves the right to use any animals entered in the referenced divisions and classes for any exhibitor competing in Master Showmanship. The individual species sections indicate when each species is judged for showmanship. Exhibitors shall be on hand and ready to exhibit at the time called for judging.

Livestock shown in showmanship must be owned (or leased for horse/llamas) by the exhibitor, entered by the exhibitor and shown in an appropriate market, breeding or performance class. If the exhibitor has an animal that was weight sifted and could not show in the market class, they may use that animal for showmanship, only if that animal is the only animal the exhibitor brought to fair.

NOTE: All exhibitors selling at auction MUST participate in that SHOWMANSHIP class.

NOTE: All Exhibitors are required to adhere to the official show dress code.

Exhibitors are Required to pre-enter for Showmanship on same entry form as their livestock entry. It is not necessary to register for Master Showmanship as this class is selected following Individual Showmanship classes.

AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING
NO ENTRY FEE - RIBBONS ONLY – NO CASH AWARDS

NOVICE DIVISIONS

Novice: An Exhibitor who has not previously entered and shown in a class **IN THAT CATEGORY (i.e. LARGE ANIMAL OR SMALL ANIMAL)** at ANY California Fair. Any age or year is eligible. Novice is for first year exhibitors in the specific category.

INTERMEDIATE & SENIOR DIVISIONS

Intermediate: An Exhibitor who has not reached their 14th birthday by January 1, of this year and has not previously won first place in Intermediate Showmanship **in that species**. The winner of Intermediate must show in the Senior Division next year with winning species.

Senior: An Exhibitor who has reached their 14th birthday as of January 1, of this year, or is otherwise ineligible for Novice or Intermediate Showmanship. First place showman will be eligible for Master Showmanship; the second place winner will be eligible as an alternate, if the first place winner is unable to compete.

INDEPENDENT EXHIBITORS

Independent exhibitors are not affiliated in their specific project with a club or chapter. Exhibitors must be at least 9 years old and no older than 19 on January 1. Exhibitors 14 – 19 will show in the FFA classes and 9 – 13 will show in the 4H classes. In those classes, only one winner will move on to Master Showmanship, either FFA or Independent in FFA classes and either 4H or Independent in 4H classes.

**DIVISION 600 - 4-H NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP
LARGE ANIMAL**

**DIVISION 601 - FFA NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP
LARGE ANIMAL**

**DIVISION 602 - 4-H INT. SHOWMANSHIP
LARGE ANIMAL**

**DIVISION 603 - 4-H SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP
LARGE ANIMAL**

**DIVISION 604 – FFA SHOWMANSHIP
LARGE ANIMAL**

CLASS

Large Animals:

1. Beef
2. Dairy Cow
3. Sheep
4. Swine (up to 7 months)
5. Dairy Goats
6. Market Goats
7. Llama/Alpaca

**DIVISION 605 - 4-H NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP
SMALL ANIMAL**

**DIVISION 606 - FFA NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP
SMALL ANIMAL**

**DIVISION 607 - 4-H INT. SHOWMANSHIP
SMALL ANIMAL**

**DIVISION 608 - 4-H SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP
SMALL ANIMAL**

**DIVISION 609 – FFA SHOWMANSHIP
SMALL ANIMAL**

**DIVISION 614 – PRIMARY (Ribbons Only)
SMALL ANIMAL**

CLASS

Small Animals:

1. Poultry – Show Birds
2. Poultry – Meat Birds
3. Turkeys – Meat Birds
4. Rabbits
5. Cavies
6. Pygmy Goats
7. Nigerian Dwarf Dairy Goats
8. Dog

**DIVISION 610– 4-H MASTER SHOWMANSHIP–LARGE
(Do Not Register for this class, exhibitors will be moved up from Showmanship classes)**

First place winners of Senior Showmanship Beef, Dairy Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Llama/Alpaca, Dairy & Market Goats, and Horse. Exhibitors will not handle Alpaca/llamas in Master Showmanship. *Sunday 8 AM – Barn Rotation*

**DIVISION 611 – FFA MASTER SHOWMANSHIP– LARGE
(Do Not Register for this class, exhibitors will be moved up from Showmanship classes):**

First place winners in the FFA Showmanship Division Beef, Dairy Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Llama/Alpaca, Dairy & Market Goats, and Horse are eligible to enter. Exhibitors will not handle Alpaca/llamas in Master Showmanship. *Sunday, 8 AM – Barn Rotation*

**DIVISION 612– 4-H MASTER SHOWMANSHIP–SMALL
(Do Not Register for this class, exhibitors will be moved up from Showmanship classes):**

First place winners of Senior Showmanship Rabbits, Show Birds, Meat Birds, Turkey's, Cavies, Dog, Pygmy & Dwarf Goats, and Best Overall Dog Showmanship. Exhibitors will not handle meat birds or turkeys during Master Showmanship. *Sunday 11 AM – Goat Barn*

**DIVISION 613 – FFA MASTER SHOWMANSHIP– SMALL
(Do Not Register for this class, exhibitors will be moved up from Showmanship classes):**

First place winners in the FFA Showmanship Division Show Birds, Meat Birds, Turkeys, Rabbits, Cavies, Dog and Pygmy & Dwarf Goats are eligible to enter. Exhibitors will not handle meat birds or turkeys during Master Showmanship. *Sunday, 11 AM – Goat Barn*

All buckles, banners and special awards are supplied by each club/group. Independents and Clubs may purchase awards on their own. The Fair only supplies Rosettes and ribbons in Livestock Classes.

NOTE: Youth Organizations (FFA, 4H, Grange) may have different qualifications and expectations for their members associated with showing at the annual county fair. These organizations also may fundraise to award “their” highest placing member of “their organization,” a special award. Because of this, a 2nd place (or lower) exhibitor may be awarded a Championship Buckle “from” their organization, not the fair.

This does not change the placing in the “Fair contest,” the 1st place fair exhibitor will move on to the Master Showmanship competition, either Independent/ 4H or Independent/FFA.

California State Fair Best of Show Master Showmanship

The California State Fair Best of Show Competition is open to exhibitors winning the Master Showmanship in large and small animal competitions at their County, District or Citrus Fair. Exhibitors that have won both 4H and FFA at the local fair are eligible to enter under only one class in this competition. Second place winners, alternates or Reserve Champion Showmanship winners are not eligible. To obtain a premium book, entry form and further information go online to www.castatefair.org

Exhibitors that belong to FFA, GRANGE , 4H and INDEPENDENTS with different species may compete in their species Showmanship Class. If he/she wins more than one class, he/she may enter the Master Showmanship class in GRANGE, FFA and 4H as long as the GRANGE, 4H and FFA classes are judged separately and as long as the exhibitor exhibits in appropriate uniform for all classes.