

LOCAL FAIR RULES AND REGULATIONS

THERE ARE NO UNPAID OR FREE PASSES FOR THE 2017 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.....\$16.00

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS WRISTBAND.....\$16.00

PARENTS OF 4-H, FFA, AND JUNIOR EXHIBITOR (tickets or wristbands)...\$16.00

EACH PARENT OR GUARDIAN IS ENTITLED TO ONLY ONE (1) PASS.

Livestock RV Parking for Fair: Applications are due in the fair office no later than April 1 of current year. Spaces will be assigned based on where applicants live. The furthest away will be placed first, and then there will be a lottery for the applicants that live close by.\$40.00 (No hook-ups)

A RV spot is reserved for the RV itself & any vehicle ATTACHED to it. Parking spaces are not an extension of space.

Livestock trailers are NOT to be left in Livestock parking area, due to space constraints. PLEASE be courteous to your fellow exhibitors and take your trailers off grounds during Fair Week.

Livestock parking passes: Due to limited space, one pass per "Family" will be issued

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 placing, 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, 100 Placerville Drive, 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.
3. The theme of this year's Fair is: "**Ribbons and Rides.**"
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. Requests for checks to be reissued will be subject to a \$20 handling fee. All unclaimed premium checks as of December 31 will be considered donations to the El Dorado County Fair Association.**
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. 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.
11. 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. Entering classes correctly is sole responsibility of exhibitor. Exhibits entered incorrectly may be deemed ineligible before, during or after judging.
12. The Board of Directors may extend a grace period after any & all deadlines to accept late submissions with a \$25.00 penalty.

13. 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.
14. Overpayment of entry fees totaling \$10.00 or less will not be refunded.
15. No entries will be released without the official tag or ID proving ownership.
16. 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.
17. No entries may be nude studies or "non -family friendly."

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 "2016 State Rules for California Fairs" booklet OR online at www.cdfa.ca.gov



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

California Agriculture Fair Season

I am honored to welcome you to the 2017 season of California's agricultural fairs.

The vibrant culture of livestock competitions, educational exhibits, exhilarating carnival rides and live performances is vitally important to this state. Each fair and fairground exhibit offers an important link to the agricultural community and to the California farmers and ranchers that are a part of this tradition. Every fair showcases a unique aspect of California and the local heritage through its events and activities.

Exhibits showcase local livestock, crops, artwork, baked goods, and arts-and-crafts year round. As a fair exhibitor, local citizens and visitors rely on your expertise to showcase the amazing resources that California provides.

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, 2016

Here in California, it's always "fair season." It's just one of the many reasons our agricultural community is so fortunate to live and grow in a place so well-suited to what we do. A new year is just around the corner, and that means it's almost time to cut the ribbon on our 2017 season of California's agricultural fairs.

You make that happen. Each year, when the gate closes on the annual fair, our exhibitors set about creating their piece of the next one. In a way, it's a lot like being a farmer: even as we close the barn door on this year's harvest, we are thinking of the blank slate and the new opportunity that awaits us in the season to come.

Fairs and farms are tied together that way, as they always have been. Exhibits and shows, art and innovation, competitions and carnival rides, and my personal favorite: education. Fairs are perhaps our best chance to show-and-tell the story of farming to an audience that may not often think about what agriculture means beyond the pristine produce at the market. Thank you for the role you play in creating a fair full of fun, memorable, educational moments.

Each fair in our state has its own flavor, its own sense of place. The variety of our local fairs mirrors the variety of our state's agriculture, and it reminds us just how diverse and unique California's communities are. As you look forward to your exhibits for 2017, please know that I and our farmers and ranchers appreciate the creativity, innovation and effort that you bring to the fair.

Yours truly,

Karen Ross
Secretary

