

# LOCAL FAIR RULES & REGULATIONS

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.

## EXHIBITOR FAIR ADMISSION | \$18.00

A **\$18.00 four-day gate admission wristband** is available for **all exhibitors (livestock and still) at this special reduced rate.** Wristbands must be purchased at the time of entering. There are no unpaid or free passes for exhibiting in the Fair.

## DEFINITIONS

**American Judging System:** A judging process where each exhibit is not only judged on its own merit, but in comparison to other exhibits.

**Danish Judging System:** A judging process ranking each exhibit according to how well it meets that standard, rather than how it compares with other exhibits. Judging Scale: 1<sup>st</sup> Group being "Superior" receiving a Blue Ribbon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Group being "Good," receiving a Red Ribbon and 3<sup>rd</sup> Group being "Average" receiving a White Ribbon.

**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 El Dorado County Fair Board of Directors may prorate cash awards paid if the total amount to be paid exceeds budgeted amount. Judging Sheets will be used as evidence for payment of Cash Awards. Ribbons and tags are not acceptable as evidence.

**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.**

**Cash awards will not be awarded if there are less than three exhibits in a class.**

**Sponsored Cash Awards are not the responsibility of the Fair, if a Sponsor does not pay the Fair, those cash awards will not be awarded.**

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 in the Entry Guide. 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: "**Stars & Stirrups.**"
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 manager for consideration. Refunds may be granted within the limits of the State Rules: Refunds may be made only because of sickness, accident or death, cancellations of a class or return of entries for lack of exhibit space. For animal classes, request must be made prior to Fair week or event, whichever comes first and **MUST** be accompanied by a veterinarian's certificate.
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.”
18. No food and beverage entries may contain cannabis or cannabis related ingredients.

## **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 “State Rules for California Fairs” online at [www.cdffa.ca.gov](http://www.cdffa.ca.gov)