

# LOCAL FAIR RULES & REGULATIONS

## Please read all rules & regulations.

ALL THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

PRIZE MONEY MAY BE WITHHELD IF COMPLIANCE WITH PRINTED STATE AND LOCAL RULES IS NOT FULLY MET.

### LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR FAIR ADMISSION | \$20.00 – Will Call must be picked up no later than Friday, June 6, 2025 at the Fair Office.

A \$20.00 four-day gate admission wristband is available for all livestock exhibitors and immediate family. All wristbands must be purchased at the time of entry form submission and no later than May 7. There are no unpaid or free passes for exhibiting in the Fair. **Only those with livestock wristbands will be admitted in and out of the livestock gate. Fair tickets will not be accepted at Livestock gate.**

### 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. Youth, ages through 12 are judged using the Danish System of Judging. Exhibitors, 13 through 18 years of age are judged using American System of judging. Adults are judged using the American System. Some categories may use one or the other and not be based on age, adult or junior.

**Junior:** Exhibitors ages 18 and under. The departments are divided into: *Youth* (5 years and under), (6 thru 10), (11 thru 13) and *Teen* (14-18 years of age) in most cases. Please see the individual category for detailed information and differences.

**Best of Show:** There must be at least 3 entries in a division to award a Best of Show Ribbon. If not, no award will be given.

### PRIZE MONEY

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

**NOTE:** 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 through October 1<sup>st</sup> of the current fair year or will be considered a donation to the El Dorado County Fair Association.

Prize money will be combined into one check.

Prize money will not be awarded if there are less than three exhibits in a class.

- A. Entries must be entered online at [eldoradocountyfair.org](http://eldoradocountyfair.org), 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 Competition Handbook. Entries should be made as early as possible. Entry fees and other required documents must accompany entry forms at the time of entry and will be accepted anytime following distribution of the Competition Handbook. Checks should be payable to "EDCFA" or "El Dorado County Fair Association".
- B. All classes are open to the world, except Junior Livestock.
- C. The theme of this year's Fair is: **"Moovin' n' Groovin'"**.
- D. 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.
- E. Checks for awards in all classes will be made out in the name and address appearing on the entry form.
- F. **ALL AWARD CHECKS ARE VALID UNTIL OCTOBER 1, 2025. Requests for checks to be reissued will be subject to a \$20 handling fee.**  
**All unclaimed and unpaid award checks as of October 1 will be considered donations to the El Dorado County Fair Association.**
- G. All discrepancies in payment of award checks 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 they have been awarded.
- H. All booths and exhibits will be constructed with the use of **non-flammable** material or material treated with flame retardant chemical.
- I. No person or exhibitor will be permitted to distribute printed or advertising material or put up signs on the grounds without written permission of fair manager.
- J. 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.
- K. 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 more appropriate for an exhibit. Entering classes correctly is sole responsibility of exhibitor. Exhibits entered incorrectly may be deemed ineligible during judging.
- L. The Board of Directors may extend a grace period after any and all deadlines, to accept late submissions with a \$25.00 penalty.
- M. 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.
- N. Overpayment of entry fees totaling \$10.00 or less will not be refunded.
- O. No entries will be released without the official tag or ID proving ownership.
- P. 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.
- Q. No entries may be nude studies or "non-family friendly."
- R. Any Exhibitor that participates in bullying or harassment in person, in writing, on any form of social media, or any other manner, will be disqualified from any competition, required to vacate the fairgrounds, and forfeit any prizes awarded. Bullying or harassment is defined as abuse and mistreatment of another person.
- S. No food and beverage entries may contain cannabis or cannabis related ingredients.
- T. ALL Livestock exhibitors (exception, Primary members) MUST attend and present at registration, a certificate of completion of the Certified Quality Assurance Program pertaining to their age. This is an annual requirement.

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#### **ART SALES:**

If professional or semi-professional artwork is for sale entries must be labeled "FOR SALE" and the price indicated on the entry form. If it is not listed for sale on the entry form and price, it will not be listed. El Dorado County Fair will retain a 20% commission. Sales will be handled through the Fair Office. Sales must occur during Fair & the purchaser must pick up the item on the release date, Monday following the close of Fair. Artists will be paid by check approximately two weeks following the Fair. **NOTE:** Sales price may not be changed after the entry form is submitted.

#### **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.cdfa.ca.gov](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov).

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### **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**.
- Aisles and exits **SHALL BE** maintained clean, clear and free of obstructions.
- Fire Extinguishers, hose cabinets, fire hose connections, exit signs and Other, not listed above fire appliances **SHALL BE** maintained clearly visible and unobstructed at all times.
- Booths, stands and Other, not listed above 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".
- 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:**

*The Fire Chief (or his authorized representative) upon finding any overcrowded conditions; or obstruction in aisles, passageways or Other, not listed above 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.*

*Any automobile, truck motorcycle or other, not listed above 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, not listed above 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.