

2000 STATE RULES FOR CALIFORNIA FAIRS

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- a. Understand and have read these State Rules and local fair rules;
- b. Agree to abide by them;
- c. Certify that all information on the entry form is true and accurate; and
- d. Agree to comply with the fair's decision regarding any alleged violation of the state or local rules.
- e. In the event that it is determined there has been unethical treatment of animals or violation of state or federal regulations or of state or local fair drug policy rules, exhibitor names will be forwarded to the Division of Fairs & Expositions as well as given to the California Network of Fairs and to appropriate government agencies.

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PREFACE

1. The purposes of these rules are to:
 - a. Ensure educational and equitable competition;
 - b. Provide state-wide competition consistency; and
 - c. Maximize exhibitor and public safety.
2. These rules apply to all competitive exhibits conducted by district, citrus and county fairs that receive financial support from the State of California.
3. These rules cannot be waived or amended by anyone, including the fair board, management or judge.
4. The Division of Fairs & Expositions (F&E) is the final and absolute interpreter of these rules. Only a fair board of directors may request, in writing a variance on their own behalf or on behalf of an exhibitor to a specific rule. This request must be made prior to the start of the fair or specific competition for which a variance is requested. If F&E approves a specific variance request it may approve a conditional variance with specific conditions. Any approved variance shall expire at the conclusion of the annual fair.
5. F&E will distribute any corrections and additions to these rules to fairs. It is the fair's responsibility to make them available. F&E does not represent or endorse the accuracy, currentness or reliability of any advice, opinion, statement or other information displayed by the fair in the distribution of corrections and additions to these rules. True and correct copies of all rules and any additions or corrections are available upon request at F&E during business hours or by mail.
6. Fairs may create "local rules" that may be stricter than the State Rules but that may not circumvent the State Rules.
7. If a local rule is not printed in the premium book the applicable State Rule will apply.
8. Competition at the California State Fair is governed by State Fair's rules.

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS

I. DEFINITIONS

SEE ALSO JUNIOR and LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENTS.

1. **Amateur** - A person who engages in an event or activity as a pastime rather than a profession. (Does not apply to junior organizations and horse shows.)
2. **Cash Awards** - Monies paid to successful contestants.
3. (Synonymous with Premiums.)
4. **Class** - A group of like exhibits that are judged together; a subcategory of a division.
5. **Competition** - A contest between two or more exhibits.
6. **Division** - A generalized category of exhibits or a group of classes.
7. **Entry** - An object, animal or collection of objects or animals intended for exhibit.
8. **Exhibit** - An entry becomes an exhibit when it is shown or judged at the fair.
9. **Exhibitor** - The owner of the exhibit. Either the sole owner or the designated exhibiting owner as shown on the applicable Breeding Partnership Form.
 - a. In the senior department, members of a family are considered as one exhibitor and co-owners of exhibits. This includes mother, father, unmarried minor children (under 18 years of age) and minor foster children.
 - b. In the senior department, in classes that require that the exhibit be the creative work of the owner, husband and wife are considered separate exhibitors.

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10. **Extended Division** - A division or class open to legal residents or producers in the State of California and any additional territory that may be specified in the local rules. Unless otherwise designated, all divisions are "extended" and limited to the State.
11. **Judging Systems**-
 - a. American - The judging process to rank exhibits against one another and award one first placing, one second, etc.
 - b. Danish - The judging process to compare each exhibit on its own merit against the scorecard or recognized standard and award as many first placings, etc. as merited.
12. **Junior Department** - A department provided for youth. *See also Junior Department section.*
13. **Juried Show** - Competition where the juror(s) determines which exhibits will be displayed and judged for awards.
14. **Local Division** - A division or class open only to legal residents or producers in the county or district in which the fair is held, and any neighboring county/district(s) that may be specified in the local rules.
15. **Open Department** - See Senior Department.
16. **Open Junior Class** - A class open to all Junior exhibitors having no Junior organization affiliation requirement.
17. **Premium Book** - An entry book, prize list, contest book or other publication specifying rules and awards for fair contests.
18. **Producer** - One who, in the area specified, raises in normal marketable or commercial quantities, the specific type of animal or product entered.
19. **Professional** - A person who engages in an event or activity as a livelihood rather than as a hobby.
20. **Senior Department** - Any department not considered a junior department.

II. ELIGIBILITY

Entry Process

1. By signing and submitting an entry form the exhibitors and their agents, parents and leaders acknowledge and agree that they:
 - a. Understand and have read these State Rules and local fair rules;
 - b. Agree to abide by them;
 - c. Certify that all information on the entry form is true and accurate; and
 - d. Agree to comply with the fair's decision regarding any alleged violation of the state or local rules.
 - e. In the event that it is determined there has been unethical treatment of animals or violation of state or federal regulations or of state or local fair drug policy rules, exhibitor names will be forwarded to the F&E as well as given to the California Network of Fairs and to appropriate government agencies. (F&E will not be notified if the fair takes action in this case.)
2. Exhibitors are responsible to obtain entry form & rules from fair, and submit the form & any required fees by the closing date as specified by fair management.
3. No entry form or entry will be accepted after the closing date for entries.
4. Entry deadlines can be extended by the fair's Board of Directors only if the extension is made prior to the original closing date. *See also Horse Show Department.*
5. If the check for the entry fee is refused by the bank, a penalty of \$10.00 per check must be paid before judging the class(es) entered.

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6. Substitutions can only be made within a division. Substitutions must be made when the exhibit arrives at the fairgrounds, or for livestock, when registration certificates are checked. In the livestock department a minimum \$5 penalty must be paid prior to judging for each substitution made by the exhibitor in excess of two in the division. *See also Horse show.*
7. Requests for refunds must be made in writing to the fair, and may be granted only upon approval of the Fair Board of Directors.
 - a. Refunds may be made only because of sickness, accident, or death, cancellation of a class or return of entries for lack of exhibit space.
 - b. Non-selected exhibits in a juried show are not eligible for refunds.
 - c. For animal classes, request must be made prior to the event. Requests involving health or soundness of an animal must be accompanied by a veterinarian's certificate.
8. Ownership. Unless otherwise allowed in the premium book, exhibitors must be legal owners of all entries. *See also Junior and Horse Show Departments.*
9. A complete exhibit eligible in more than one division and/or class will be entered and judged only in the division and/or class for which it best qualifies. Any exhibit not properly entered may be transferred to its proper class by fair management, whose decision may be changed only by the judge.
10. The fair management has the right to limit entries to facilities available and/or cancel any division or class in which there are not enough entries. Any return of entries or fees under this rule will be done on a nondiscriminatory basis. The decision of fair management under this rule is only appealable to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), whose decision is final.
11. Fair management may combine classes of 4 or less entries for meaningful competition.
12. Exhibitors may not submit the same entries to two or more fairs that require them to be on exhibit at the same time unless prior written approval has been obtained from both fairs. A copy of this approval must be submitted with entry forms.

Participation

13. The fair management shall deny entry or disqualify and remove any exhibit or exhibitor that is ineligible for competition under State and Local Rules or endangers the public or has violated state and local rules. The fair may require removal of the exhibitor and/or exhibit (including animals) from the fairgrounds. Failure to comply shall be reported to F&E and to California Network of Fairs, which may be cause for any fair to deny entry of any exhibit.
14. Exhibitors, leaders, advisors and parents found, after a chance to provide evidence and be heard before the fair management (CEO and staff) of unethical practices as set forth in the state and local rules or in actions inimical with the fair program shall result in the exhibit being disqualified and the forfeiture of any awards and/or privileges as may be deemed appropriate to the circumstances by the fair management. If the judging for the exhibit has not yet commenced the exhibitor, leaders, advisors and parents may be denied entry in any exhibitions at the fair. The fair management shall report any such incidences of unethical or inimical behavior established by the fair as provided for in this rule, to F&E in writing and such reports may become the basis for any California fair to refuse entries from the exhibitor, leaders, advisors or parents for 12 months following the infraction.
15. Exhibits must be on exhibit as specified in the premium book. Fair management may allow late exhibit delivery or early removal of exhibits when it is in the best interest of the fair. Exhibits will not be removed from the fairgrounds before the release date printed in the premium book except as determined by fair management in cases of sickness, accident, death, disciplinary actions requested by a youth program supervisor, or other circumstances which are in the best interests of the fair.

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16. The exhibitor agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the fair, the county and the State of California from and against any liability, claim, loss or expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of any injury or damage which is caused by, arises from or is in any way connected with participation in this program or event, excepting only that caused by the sole active negligence of the Fair. The fair management shall not be responsible for accidents or losses that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at the fair. The exhibitor (or parent or guardian of a minor) is responsible for any injury or damage resulting from the exhibitor's participation in the program or event. This includes any injury to others or to the exhibitor or to the exhibitor's property.

Conflict of Interest Avoidance

17. Directors, fair management, and/or their spouses are not eligible to exhibit at their own district, county or citrus fair except in timed events. Under no circumstances shall a director, manager and/or their spouse be eligible to collect awards.
18. Department heads, judges, staff, anyone directly involved in the judging process, and their spouses are not allowed to exhibit or sign entry forms in any division in which they or their spouse are directly involved.
19. Minor children of Directors, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Department Supervisors, staff and/or committee members may exhibit animals or articles which are the result of the child's own earnings or a gift made to the child, provided the requirements of pertinent rules are met. All other requirements for exhibiting must be met.
20. Animals or exhibits owned jointly by a director and his/her minor child or a CEO and his/her minor child are considered as owned by the child in junior department classes only. A breeding partnership is required. *See also Horse Show Department.*

III. JUDGING

1. Judges should avoid any appearance of partiality and avoid unnecessary fraternization with exhibitors.
2. No person shall act as a judge in any division in which he/she or a member of his/her immediate family is an exhibitor, is in charge of an exhibit or division, in charge of a group of exhibitors, or a member of a group of exhibitors.
3. No person shall be allowed, under any circumstances, to interfere with the judge(s) regarding their adjudications, or with the fair's staff, or to offer any audible criticism of an exhibit or exhibitor. Violators of this rule shall be excused immediately from the competition and shall be subject to such additional penalties, including cancellations of awards, as the management shall consider proper.
4. The judge has the authority to:
 - a. Disqualify or transfer to the correct class any exhibit that does not meet the requirements of the division or class in which it is entered;
 - b. Disqualify any exhibit not properly cleaned or fitted;
 - c. Disqualify any exhibit that is in his/her opinion hazardous to public safety;
 - d. Examine the animals before entering the show ring; and/or
 - e. Refuse to make award to any animal that shows visible evidence of disease, deformity, or lameness.No award will be made to exhibits eliminated under any of the above instances.
5. The judge may not waive State Rules
6. The judge's decision is final. Fair management may not request any changes in judges' rulings.

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7. To encourage high standards, the judge shall award first, second, third place, etc. according to merit. If without merit, the judge shall make no award under any circumstances. The judge may award championships or other awards at his/her discretion for superior exhibits. This applies whether there are one or more exhibits in class.

IV. AWARDS AND SCORING

1. Fair management is not responsible for errors on entry forms. No exhibitor shall be entitled to an award that has been disallowed as the result of his/her own error.
2. All divisions or classes will be judged under the American system and/or Danish system as stated in the fair's premium book.
3. State "Judging Standards" are to be used where applicable. Local judging standards may be used if published in the premium book.
4. Cash awards will be paid only as recorded on the signed Judging Sheet and only to the exhibitor.
5. Fair management shall withhold the payment of awards for exhibits that are determined ineligible under State and Local Rules and may recover awards that have been paid for ineligible exhibits.
6. No exhibitor shall receive more than two cash awards in any one class using American judging system. (See definition of exhibitor.)
 - a. When an exhibitor earns more than two awards in a class, the exhibitor will receive the two highest cash awards, and the lesser cash awards will be moved down the placings to other exhibitors; ribbons will be awarded as placed.
 - b. Any difference in payment limits under the Danish system of judging shall be printed in the premium book.
 - c. When the fair combines classes, an exhibitor is entitled to two cash awards per each class that was combined. Judges should determine special awards as printed before combining.
7. Sweepstakes shall be awarded as specified in the premium book based upon these scoring guidelines:
 - a. First award -5 points; Second award - 3 points; Third award - 1 point.
 - b. Sweepstakes shall be awarded only when at least three separate exhibitors have achieved at least a combined point total of 25.
 - c. To receive sweepstakes awards, an exhibitor must have a minimum of ten points.
 - d. Sweepstakes points will be credited only to the exhibitor whose name appears on the entry form.
 - e. There are separate sweepstakes or high point rules for horse shows, which may be determined by the fair.
8. Ties which cannot be broken by the judge will be processed as follows (*See/so Horse Show Department*):
 - a. 2-way tie for 1st place: Combine 1st and 2nd place money and divide equally between the two 1st-place exhibitors. The 3rd highest finisher receives 3rd place money etc.
 - b. 3-way tie for 1st place: Combine 1st, 2nd and 3rd place money and divide equally between the three exhibitors.
9. The fair will not guarantee sponsored donations.

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V. PROTEST

Fairs are required to adopt and publish local procedures for the resolution of protests at the local level.

1. Protests will be considered only if there has been a violation of State or Local Rules. Decisions of judges, veterinarians, weighmasters and timers cannot be protested and are final.
2. Protests must be accompanied by a deposit of either \$50.00 (cash, money order or certified check made payable to the fair) or \$100.00 if the protest relates to violations of State Rules X-XI (animal health rules); Note: The deposit will be returned if the protest is upheld. If the protest is upheld, the violator may be held liable for any portion of the direct costs incurred by the fair in the course of the protest resolution. Failure to reimburse the fair shall be cause for disallowing future entries in any of the California Network of Fairs.
3. Given the short duration of the fair:
 - a. The protestor shall make every effort to file the protest prior to judging.
 - b. The fair will make every effort to resolve protests as quickly as possible. All exhibitors by entering an exhibit and all persons by filing a protest agree to cooperate with fair management to resolve protests in a timely manner.
4. Any exhibit involved in a filed protest before or during judging is eligible to compete until the protest is resolved.
5. Classes that involve a protested exhibit will not become official until the protest is resolved.
 - a. In championship or special award classes that involve the protested exhibit the judge shall also select 1st and 2nd runners-up in case of disqualification.
 - b. In the case of protest, the unofficial judging results may be used to prepare the sale list and other necessary information.
6. At the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer judging can be delayed to allow time for the fair to resolve the protest if to do so does not unreasonably delay or disrupt the operations of the remainder of the fair judging & auction events.
7. Prior to judging the affected class, fairs may announce that an entry has been protested.
8. All questions concerning competition or non-protestable disputes or differences with staff or the exhibition not provided for under the State or Local Rules shall be referred to the CEO or their designee, whose decision shall be final.
9. Violations of State Rules may be appealed to F&E.
10. An individual may appeal to F&E only after adjudication at the local level and only if:
 - a. The decision upholds a local rule that circumvents or is not in the spirit of a state rule(s);
 - b. The individual can substantiate new and credible information that was not available at the time of the local decision; or
 - c. There was inappropriate adjudication at the local level that may have included conflict of interest, lack of due process, or a significant misinterpretation of rules.
11. A fair or state, national or international organization or subdivision thereof which has a significant stake in the interpretation of rules affecting the California Network of Fairs may make an appeal directly to F&E concerning multiple-fair issues, industry-wide issues, unavoidable conflict of interest or assistance in enforcing its own organization rules.

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12. No protest will be accepted unless it:
 - a. Is filed or received, in writing, with a signed original and a signed duplicate copy;
 - b. Clearly states which rule has been violated;
 - c. States when the protestor first became aware of the facts and rule violation;
 - d. States the facts relied upon for the basis of the protest;
 - e. States that the protestor will cooperate with the investigation of the protest and that the protestor will be available and agrees to attend any hearing held to resolve the protest at the time and place directed by F&E;
 - f. Includes the names of supporting witnesses, with accessible phone numbers; and
 - g. Describes or attaches any documents relating to the protest, which must include the written decision issued by the local arbitrating body.
13. F&E must receive the appeal within 10 business days from receipt of notice of local decision. F&E shall notify and provide copies of the appeal to appropriate parties within 10 business days of determining the appeal is valid. F&E must receive any additional information for consideration in the appeal within 10 business days of receipt of notice of the appeal.
14. A hearing may be conducted at the discretion of F&E. The Director of F&E may consult with and/or request that members of State Rules Advisory Committee participate in any hearing.
15. Once the director has ruled on an appeal to F&E, no additional protest or appeal will be considered relating to that incident.

ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT RULES

VI. AGRICULTURE, HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Unless specified in the premium book agricultural and horticultural products must have been produced by the exhibitor and exhibits must be at the stage of ripeness required by Sections 42513 and 42515 of the California Food and Agricultural Code in order to be considered for award.

VII. JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

Definitions. *See also Section I, Definitions.*

1. **Exhibitor** - The owner of the exhibit. Either the sole owner or the designated exhibiting owner as shown on the applicable Breeding Partnership Form.
 - a. In the junior department, brothers and/or sisters are considered to be separate exhibitors.
 - b. In a college division market and showmanship classes the student designated on the entry form is considered the exhibitor.
2. **4-H, FFA, Grange Exhibitor** - Exhibitors who meet 4-H, FFA and Grange exhibitor requirements for the project(s) they enter.
3. **Independent Junior** - Exhibitor not eligible to compete in a certain category as a member of a junior organization.
4. **Open Junior Class** - A class open to all junior exhibitors and having no junior organization affiliation requirement.
5. **Ownership** - The growing, construction or purchase of exhibits as verified by the adult leader, teacher, or parent/guardian signature on the entry blank for non-livestock exhibits, or as otherwise stated in the premium book. *See also Livestock.*
6. **Responsible Adult** - A parent, guardian, leader, instructor, or person whom the parent designates as responsible.

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Exhibitor Age Requirements

7. FFA members may participate as members until the end of the calendar year following the year of graduation from high school. (For example, a graduate this year is eligible 'til December 31 of next year.)
8. 4-H primary members must be at least 5 years old by January 1 of the 4-H program year (July-June) or in Kindergarten to exhibit small animals approved by 4-H state policy. Junior, Intermediate & Senior members must be 9-18 years old (or in the 4th grade for Juniors) on January 1 of the 4-H program year. Senior members may exhibit until the end of the calendar year in which they reach age 19.
9. Grange members must be at least 5 years old on January 1 to exhibit. They may exhibit until the end of the calendar year in which they reach age 19.
10. Independent exhibitors must be at least 9 years old, and must not be older than 17 on January 1.
11. All youth must be 9 years old on January 1 to exhibit animals, except for dogs, rats, cavies, rabbits, pygmy goat, cats, mice, small poultry, and therapeutic animal projects.
12. Youth under 9 years of age must exhibit in special divisions designated by the local fair.
13. For junior exhibitors showing in divisions and classes other than 4-H, FFA and Grange, the local fair management may set requirements as to age, grade, etc. If these requirements are not printed in the premium book, Independent age rule above will apply.

Exhibit Eligibility

14. Junior exhibitors must own and/or grow or construct their exhibits.
15. 4-H, FFA and Grange Exhibitors.
 - a. 4H, FFA and Grange animal and poultry project members must be enrolled in the project for at least 60 days (120 days for horse and market beef) immediately preceding the opening day of the fair.
 - b. Eligibility of a project according to 4-H, FFA, or Grange rules shall be determined by the exhibitor's 4-H Youth Advisor, FFA Advisor, Grange Youth Advisor, Local Leader or designee.
16. Advisor, leader, teacher, or parent/guardian (for Independent) signature on the entry form when required by the fair certifies that:
 - a. Projects have been under their supervision in accordance with the rules and regulations of the organization and the fair; and
 - b. The entry is the project of the exhibitor and is eligible for exhibit.
 - c. Failure or refusal of such advisor, leader or parent to sign the entry form when required will prevent the exhibitor from entering that particular class.
17. Independent exhibitors must enter an open junior or Independent class unless one is not available. If an open or Independent class is not available, junior exhibitors may enter an appropriate 4-H, FFA or Grange class.
18. Juniors who have been 4-H, FFA or Grange project members within 60 days (120 days for market cattle & horse) prior to the fair are not eligible to compete in that project as Independent juniors.
19. All junior exhibitors must have project management records and proof of supervision available as to the length of project.
20. Independent junior exhibitors entering market animals must provide fair management with a picture of their animal, appropriate proof of ownership, permanent tag, tattoo and/or hog ear notch information 120 days prior to the fair for beef and 60 days for sheep and swine.
21. All junior exhibitors must have "on ground" supervision by a responsible adult.

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Senior Department Restrictions

22. Junior exhibitors and junior organizations may be allowed to enter exhibits in senior department classes for which they are eligible only when:
 - a. "All Other" classes are not available; or
 - b. A class for the exhibit is not provided in the junior department; or
 - c. It allows participation in featured breed and/or sponsored association shows.
The junior exhibitor must also exhibit the project in the junior division. This provision must be printed in the premium book.
23. Junior horse exhibitors may be allowed to enter the Senior Department horse show unless local rules prohibit.
24. Animals entered as individuals in the junior department cannot be entered in group classes of the senior department and vice versa.
25. When violations to rules 22-24 occur the junior exhibitor is not eligible for 12 months following the infraction to exhibit in that livestock species or division (non-livestock) as a junior at any state-supported fair.

Livestock and Horse Exhibits - Ownership

26. Under no circumstances may an exhibitor enter the same species of animal or bird (horses, beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, dairy goats, pygmy goats, poultry, pigeons, or rabbits) in FFA, 4-H, Grange and Independent classes of the junior department.
27. No livestock (excluding rabbit & poultry) exhibit owned solely by a chapter or club, or conducted as a joint project by two or more individuals, is eligible in the junior department, unless the division or class specifically so states or unless with breeding partnership rule provisions.
28. Horse and livestock projects must be owned (and leased horses as specified in this document) by and under the exhibitor's care and management and under the supervision of the organization in which the project will be shown as specified below. The official ownership date is the date shown on the receipt of sale unless the animal was bred by the exhibitor. The days are counted prior to the opening day of the fair. *See also Livestock.*
 - a. Market: Beef - 120 days; and 60 days for swine, sheep, veal and goats.
 - b. Breeding and feeder animals: 60 days, except as per breeding partnership rules.
 - c. All small market animals (rabbits and poultry): 30 days.
 - d. All horses and llamas: leased or owned 120 days.
 - e. Fairs will determine the ownership period requirement for any other animal species (e.g. pot bellied pigs).
29. No junior exhibitor may exhibit a market animal that has been sold as a market animal through a fair junior livestock auction whether or not there was an actual change of ownership. All champion and reserve champion market animals will be permanently identified by the fair if sold through a fair junior livestock auction.
30. Livestock shown in showmanship must be owned (or leased for horses) by the exhibitor and entered by the exhibitor in an appropriate market, breeding or performance class.
31. Horse exhibits.
 - a. Proof of ownership or lease must be available at check in time.
 - b. Leased horses cannot be shown for conformation in the halter horse division.
 - c. 4H, FFA and Grange members may show leased horses, provided the member has responsibility for the care and management of the horse during the period of the lease; and the signed lease between owner and member, with a clear picture of a side view of the horse or some permanent identification is filed at least 120 days prior to the fair at the county 4-H, FFA, or Grange office, or with a person designated by those offices.

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- d. Junior exhibitors cannot ride or show stallions unless it is specifically provided for by the breed association and in that case only in those specific breed classes at an AHSA sanctioned show.

Livestock & Horse Exhibits - Other

32. Junior exhibitors are expected to groom and care for their animal(s) when at the fair. They shall refrain from accepting active assistance from adults and non-exhibiting youth unless the junior exhibitor is actively engaged, and the assistance is only for instruction. Local fair rules will determine enforcement.
33. Junior exhibitors in 4-H, FFA or Grange classes must wear properly strapped headgear in mounted or horse-drawn vehicle competition. Headgear must be approved by American Society for Testing and Materials / Safety Equipment Institute.
34. Junior exhibitors shall not have animals on exhibit in the senior and/or junior department at more than one state-supported fair at the same time.

VIII. LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT

See also livestock rules in Junior Department.

Definitions (See also Section I, Definitions.)

1. **All Other Breeds** - Breeds not previously listed that are from recognized breed associations within the specie.
2. **Breeder** - Owner of the dam at conception. Also owner of the egg donor for ovum/embryo transfer.
3. **Drug** - a) any substance intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, prevention, or treatment of disease; and b) any substance, except food and water, which is intended to affect the structure or function of the body of any exhibit animal.
4. **Exhibitor** - The owner of the exhibit. Either the sole owner or the designated exhibiting owner as shown on the applicable Breeding Partnership Form.
 - a. In the senior department, members of a family are considered as one exhibitor and co-owners of exhibits. This includes mother, father, unmarried minor children (under 18 years of age) and minor foster children.
 - b. In the junior department, brothers and/or sisters are considered to be separate exhibitors. See Section VII for definition of junior.
 - c. In college division market and showmanship classes the student designated on the entry form is be considered the exhibitor.
5. **Grade-Crossbred** - Animals which do not meet registration requirements.
6. **Nurse Cow** - Cow that is not the natural nursing mother.
7. **Pony** - For non-breed horse shows, ponies are those horses standing less than 14.2 hands (56.8 inches) high. For breed horse shows and registered classes within non-breed shows, refer to the breed association rules which apply.
8. **Purebred Animal** - An animal the breeding of whose sire and dam traces directly to registered animals of the same breed.
9. **Purebred Registered Animal** - An animal that is registered with a recognized breed association and that meets the breed association's requirements of purebred.
10. **Range Registered Animal** - Animals that have been issued range certificates in lieu of full registration certificates.
11. **Recognized Breed Associations** - Organizations which maintain pedigrees, issue certificates of registration, and maintain a permanent office.
12. **Recorded Grade** - An animal that is registered or recorded with a recognized breed association and does not meet that association's purebred registration requirements.

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13. **Veal** - Bovine weighing between 150-300 pounds, primarily fed with milk or milk replacer.

Participation

14. Exhibitors must be able to prove ownership.
15. Exhibit animals will not be muzzled while on the fairgrounds.
16. Any animal that does not meet class requirements of weight, age, identification, etc. will not be paid premiums.
17. No animal may be entered in more than one division in the livestock department unless provided for in the specifications of the division. However, market or feeder animals may be entered in both divisions for individual and pens of market or feeder animals.
18. Animals entered in market or feeder divisions may not be entered in breeding divisions.

Animal Identification Requirements

19. All animals (except horses or market and feeder animals) shall be identified by a permanent number (ear tag, tattoo, photo or drawing, or brand required by breed association, or ear notching) on the animal which matches the number recorded on the entry form.
20. When identification numbers are in both ears and are different, both numbers shall be recorded on the entry form.
21. Registered dairy cattle shall meet their breed associations' requirements for identification.
22. For fair identification purposes only for beef and dairy cattle, official orange plastic coated California calfhood brucellosis vaccination ear tags are acceptable; brucellosis vaccination tattoos are not acceptable.
23. An exhibitor may not use the same permanent marking on more than one animal of the same breed and sex during: any five month period for swine, any two consecutive calendar years for sheep, or any 12 month period for all other livestock (except that pigs may have the same litter mark).
24. For market and feeder animals, an identifying number will be placed or attached to the animal by the fair and must be on the animal at all times or awards will not be paid.

Market Animals

25. All market animals owned by Independent juniors shall not be discriminated against by the sale program.
26. If the fair requires a terminal sale and the local rules do not state it in the premium book, exhibitors and their parents or guardians agree that upon entry into market competition and qualification by the market judge, the animal(s) will be sold and processed.
27. Desirable market weight will be a consideration in market animal judging.

Breeding Animals Exhibit Requirements

28. To qualify for exhibit and judging, the following information must be provided on the entry form by the closing date of entry:
- Identification of each animal at least by
 - dam, birth date and ear tag, notching, tattoo, photo or drawing; or by
 - the registration number.
 - Sire's registration number for Get of Sire entries.
 - Dam's registration number for Produce of Dam entries.
29. If the above information is completed after close of entry, a \$5 penalty fee per entry may be required by the fair prior to judging to qualify for judging.

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30. Individual animals shown in group exhibits need not be identified either on the original entry form or on supplementary entry forms unless required by a local rule.
31. For breeding animals, groups must be owned by the exhibitor, be shown as individuals, and be of the same breed.
32. Grade or Unregistered Purebred Animals By Registered Sire
 - a. Animals that have been registered as purebred by a breed association are not eligible in grade or unregistered classes.
 - b. Commercial unregistered animals including range, stocker, feeder and replacements, and Range Registered or Recorded Grade animals are ineligible in Registered or Purebred divisions.

Registered Purebred Animal Registration Certificates

33. All animals in "registered purebred breeding animal" divisions must be registered and recorded with the breed association in the exact name of the exhibitor (owner) as declared on the entry form, except for:
 - a. Pigs, 12 months or younger, which are still owned by the breeder. Litter registrations are acceptable if recorded with their breed association and if they identify the litter by birth date, sire, dam and ear notching; and
 - b. Animals whose breed association requires an inspector's approval before registering. The animal cannot be more than 12 months of age on the opening day of the fair. Exhibitors may present a statement by the secretary of the association stating that the animal is eligible to be registered. This statement must identify the animal by birth date, sire, dam, & ear tag, tattoo or notching.
34. Original registration certificates, a stamped duplicate issued by a breed association, or other documents mentioned above must be presented to the management when the animals arrive on the fairgrounds and must be kept on hand.
 - a. Original registration certificates faxed to the fair by the breed association will also be accepted and retained by the fair. Photocopies, letters, and telegrams are not acceptable.
 - b. Clerks are instructed to correct entry records exactly as shown on the certificate. (Any exceptions will be based solely upon the recognized breed association's standard practices for issuing registration certificates. A written verification from the association of any deviation in issuing practices must be on file with F&E.
35. When the owner and breeder names are not exactly the same on the registration certificate, the fair will hold all of the exhibitor's awards until the fair receives a statement from the breed association and the verifying that the various names are recognized as the owner and/or breeder, and including the owner's mailing address.
36. No deviation from or alteration in the information on a registration certificate will be permitted unless clearance in writing is first obtained from the breed association that issued the certificate. Evidence of any attempt to alter information on a registration certificate shall be reported immediately to F&E.

Registered Purebred Animal Breeding Partnerships

37. Jointly owned animals must be exhibited with a Breeding Partnership (BP), designating one, permanent exhibitor for all animals owned in the partnership.
 - a. The Single Male or Female Animal BP (form FE33) requires that all owners be listed on the registration certificate.
 - b. The Herd/Flock BP (form FE32) requires that the jointly operated breeding unit exist at least one year prior to application.
 - c. Junior exhibitors are only eligible for the Single Animal BP(s), and the animal(s) must be a bona fide project conducted by the junior.
 - d. Exhibitors must obtain application and approval from F&E prior to competition.

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IX. ANIMAL SPECIES RULES

State and Federal regulations concerning animal weighing and harvesting, and beef and pork promotion assessments also apply.

Cattle (Beef, Dairy, Veal)

1. Yellow transportation slips issued by the fair are mandatory when transporting cattle to and from the fair. (CA Food & Ag Code 21054).
2. Brand Inspection requirements for cattle ownership will be enforced (CA Food & Ag Codes 21051f, 21702, 21703).
3. **Beef Cattle**
 - a. Market/feeder beef are steers and heifers only.
 - b. All Registered Purebred Breeding females 24 months of age or older the opening day of the fair must: (1) have a calf; or (2) show obvious signs of pregnancy; or (3) have a veterinarian's certificate of pregnancy; or (4) have a veterinarian's certificate stating that the animal is or has been an embryo producing female.
4. **Dairy Cattle**. Registered Purebred junior and senior yearlings in milk must be shown as two year olds in both the individual and group classes.
5. **Veal**. "Veal" refers to steers, bulls, and heifers.

Sheep

1. Tail Docking. To qualify for exhibit after December 31, 1999 market lambs must be docked such that the tail (dock) is healed and can be lifted from the exterior. Lambs that have no dock will not be eligible. Breeding animals born before January 1, 2000 are exempt.
2. In cooperation with the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification program, fairs will:
 - a. Retain program flock ear tags in lambs that already have them;
 - b. Require bills of sale and record breeder names on entry forms;
 - c. Ensure that lambs purchased for slaughter and resale are shipped and processed; and
 - d. Accommodate program members for separate space, if able.
3. Lambs must show lambs teeth.
4. Market/feeder sheep are wethers and ewes only.
5. Registered Purebred Breeding Animals
 - a. Flock numbers, and not registration numbers, shall be used to identify all entries. Flock numbers and breeder's initials, name or association prefix shall be on commercially used tags attached to the ear or tattooed in the ear for yearlings and lambs bred by the exhibitor. Lambs born from a purchased, bred ewe can bear the ear tag of the owner at the time of birth. They do not have to have original breeder's ear tag.
 - b. An exhibitor may not use the same flock number on more than one animal during any two consecutive calendar years.
6. Natural Colored Sheep may show in "All Other Breeds" division when a separate division is not offered.
7. Certified registered and pedigree listed sheep with certificates are eligible to exhibit.

Wool

1. Only complete fleeces sheared from sheep owned by the exhibitor and in the grease are eligible for competition. Manufacturers and dealers are excluded.
2. Fleeces shall not be more than 12 months growth. The definition of "12 months" shall be the definition commonly accepted by the wool trade. Thus, if a fleece is actually slightly more than 12 months growth, due to unavoidable delay in obtaining shearers, or by weather, it shall be termed "12 months" wool.

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3. No wether fleeces may be included.
4. Each exhibitor will be limited to two fleece entries in one class, except for the group class. A group of fleeces must be owned by one exhibitor, and each fleece must have been judged in individual fleece classes.
5. The judge may classify or reclassify fleeces before making awards.
6. Fleeces shall be tied with paper fleece twine, flesh side out, in a manner to allow their being handled without falling apart.

Swine

1. Market/feeder swine are barrows and gilts only.
2. All Registered Purebred Breeding females junior yearling or older must have raised a litter of pigs to be eligible for exhibit.
3. Potbellied Pigs must be registered with the National Committees on Potbellied Pigs or Potbellied Pig Registry Service, Inc.

Goats

1. Dairy Goats

- a. Registered Purebred Breeding Animals:
 - i. Animals with a "Certificate of Registry" (Blue Border) issued by the American Dairy Goat Association are eligible.
 - ii. Animals with a "Certificate of Registry" (Brown Border) issued by the American Dairy Goat Association are not eligible.
 - iii. The American Goat Society issues registration certificates for purebred animals only.
- b. Recorded Grade Breeding Animals: All animals registered Experimental (Blue Boarder Certificate), or recorded (Brown Border Certificate) including Experimental, Native on Performance and Native on Appearance.

2. Pygmy Goats

- a. All animals must be registered with either the American Goat Society, Inc., or the National Pygmy Goat Association.
- b. Either horned or de-horned animals are permissible.

3. Angora Goats

- a. All animals must be registered with the American Angora Goat Breeders Association, Rock Springs, Texas.
- b. Either long or short clips are permissible.

Horses

1. All horses entered in halter division classes must be registered in a recognized purebred registry and must show with original registration papers.

X. ANIMAL HEALTH RULES

Note: Where a State Rule is preceded by "**New!**" it has been updated to be consistent with State animal health laws.

Fairs will make a reasonable effort to enforce state and federal animal health regulations, and they have the right to seek assistance from the appropriate agencies. For assistance contact the California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA), Animal Health and Food Safety Services. Headquarters: 1220 N St., Sacramento, CA 95814 - (916) 654-1447.

Eligibility. *See also Eligibility Rule II - 1.*

1. Any inhumane or other inappropriate action to animals by the exhibitor may cause disqualification, forfeiture of awards, and removal of the exhibit or exhibitor from the fairgrounds.

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2. Animal health decisions will be made in the best interest of the animal and for the other animals at the fair.
3. No animal shall be admitted or remain on the grounds that shows any evidence of any active, communicable disease, or any unsightly disease or other condition. No animal shall be admitted to a fairgrounds from any premises under quarantine for disease.
4. Management reserves the right to require health inspections and/or diagnostic tests to be made before, during or after animals are on the fairgrounds and to implement disease control procedures which may become necessary in emergencies. The health of animals when determined by the official vet or by the judge shall be final and cannot be protested. Exhibitors who refuse to allow their animals to be examined shall be disqualified and such violation shall be reported to F&E. No refund will be made.
5. All exhibitors must comply with all state and federal animal health regulations and the fair's health requirements, including submittal of the fair's certificate of animal medication.
6. Use of pharmaceuticals in market animals.
 - a. Signature on entry form signifies compliance with all manufacturer and veterinarian pharmaceutical, biologic and chemical instructions and withdrawal regulations, and that all off-label treatments to market animals have been administered lawfully in accordance with a prescription from a California-licensed veterinarian, whose statement under penalty or perjury notes dosage, date, and purpose for administration.
 - b. All exhibitors shall advise management of any drugs and medications administered to an animal that might still be detected at the time of showing or at meat inspection. The name of the drug, its purpose, withdrawal time, route, time and date of administration shall be presented to management prior to the showing or sale of the animal. Livestock treated within the specified withdrawal period cannot be sold without notifying the buyer.
 - c. Exhibitors must complete the fair's medication certificate prior to sale.
7. Sellers are responsible for animals that are condemned or rejected at processing center.

Cattle (Beef, Dairy, and Veal) Health Rules

1. CALIFORNIA CATTLE - Cattle of all breeds must be from a herd that is not infected with tuberculosis or brucellosis. All dairy females over six months of age, and beef over 12 months of age must bear evidence of official calfhood vaccination against brucellosis with a legible, official tattoo visible in the right ear.
2. CATTLE FROM OTHER STATES - Cattle must be accompanied by an official health certificate showing:
 - a. That they are from a herd not infected with tuberculosis in a tuberculosis free or modified accredited area or have a negative tuberculin test within 30 days prior to exhibition; and
 - b. A negative brucellosis test within 30 days prior to entering Calif. The following are exempt from the test:
 - i. Vaccinated dairy heifers under 18 months of age;
 - ii. Vaccinated beef heifers under 24 months of age;
 - iii. Beef type calves under six months of age;
 - iv. Dairy type calves under four months of age;
 - v. **New!** Dairy and beef cattle native to a class Free State or an officially certified free herd; and
 - vi. All steers.
 - c. **New!** All female cattle and bulls that are over 18 months of age must be accompanied by a permit to enter the state from the Animal Health Branch, CDFA.

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- d. For dairy cattle that are to remain in California, call CDFA for requirements.
 - e. All dairy females over six months of age, and beef females over 12 months of age must bear evidence of official calfhooD vaccination against brucellosis with a legible, official tattoo visible in the right ear.
 - f. For cattle from states in which cattle scabies has been reported the California Department of Food and Agriculture requires that it issue a permit. Call CDFA for requirements.
3. **New!** Owners of Purebred Registered cattle without brucellosis tattoos must present documentation certifying brucellosis vaccination, or written documents showing the animal has an exemption from the CDFA.

Swine Health Rules

1. **New!** All swine must originate in validated brucellosis-free herds or areas. A negative brucellosis test within 30 days is also acceptable. Out-of-state swine must be accompanied by an official health certificate and a California entry permit issued by CDFA.
2. If swine are imported directly from states classified Pseudorabies Eradication Program Stage IV or V, no pseudorabies test is required before importation, provided that they have not been exposed to or commingled with swine from a lower class state.
3. **New!** If swine are imported directly from states classified Pseudorabies Eradication Program Stage I, II, or III, a negative pseudorabies test is required within 30 days before entry into California. These swine must be isolated from other swine until retested and found negative 30-60 days after the original test prior to fair exhibition.
4. A regular import permit will not be granted for swine vaccinated for pseudorabies. However, CDFA may grant a special permit with specific limitations for such swine.
5. These importation requirements apply to all exhibition classes including breeding, market, and specialty swine.

Sheep and Goat Health Rules

1. **New!** Sheep and goats from California and all other states face no special requirements if free from infectious and contagious disease.

Poultry, Rabbit, and Cavy Health Rules

1. Any bird, rabbit, or cavy showing evidence of disease will be immediately removed from the fairgrounds.
2. All chickens or turkeys exhibits will be subject to pullorum-typhoid testing at the fair unless: chickens or turkeys come from flocks which are certified as California-United States pullorum-typhoid clean or its equivalent; or individual bird exhibits are accompanied by an official health certificate identifying such poultry and showing a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to exhibition. Pullorum-typhoid certification may be obtained from agents of the National Poultry Improvement Plan or accredited veterinarians.

XI. HORSE SHOW RULES

State Rules in Sections I-X also apply where there is no conflict.

Rules For Horse Show Management. At AHSA and/or breed association approved horse shows, association rules shall apply. At non-AHSA approved horse shows, American Horse Show Association rules will be used as a guideline unless otherwise specified in state or local rules.

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Rules for Exhibitors

1. The age of an exhibitor on December 1 shall be maintained through the next calendar year for Junior Mount classes only.
2. Amateur Definition: a person who does not give riding lessons and/or ride, train, or show horses for money or assist the spouse or immediate family in this activity. This includes a person under the age of 18 years.
 - a. The management reserves the right to question anyone's amateur standing if the question of status has been presented with reasonable cause. The decision of the horse show management shall be final.
 - b. At AHSA approved and breed association approved horse shows, their definition of amateur applies.
3. Exhibitors shall provide the following on the entry form for each entry if registered: (a) owner's name; (b) breed; (c) name of animal; (d) sex; and (e) year of birth. In breed classes where registration papers are required, the owner's name as listed on the registration papers must be the same as on the entry form. Registration numbers of animals and their sires and dames will be required as per breed association.
4. Upon approval by the Board of Directors, post entries can be accepted at double the entry fee unless a different penalty fee is printed in the premium book.
5. Substitutions can only be made within a division. Substitutions must be made when the entry arrives at the fairgrounds. For horse shows, a substitution is considered the horse, not each class in which it is entered. A \$5.00 penalty per horse must be paid prior to judging for each substitution made by the exhibitor.
6. All riders, drivers, and attendants shall be neatly and suitably dressed on entering the show ring. Horse show manager shall have final decision.

Junior Horse Show Exhibitors in 4-H, FFA and Grange classes, including Independent exhibitors in those classes.

7. Junior Department rules (VII) also apply.
8. Exhibitors must wear properly strapped headgear in mounted or horse-drawn vehicle competition. Headgear must be approved by American Society for Testing and Materials / Safety Equipment Institute.
9. Junior exhibitors are expected to groom and care for their animal(s) when at the fair. They shall refrain from accepting active assistance from adults and non-exhibiting youth unless the junior exhibitor is actively engaged, and the assistance is only for instruction. Local fair rules will determine enforcement.
10. Ownership or Lease.
 - a. Horse projects must be owned or leased by and under the exhibitor's care and management and under the supervision of the organization in which the project will be shown 120 days prior to the fair. The official ownership date is the date shown on the receipt of sale unless the animal was bred by the exhibitor. The days are counted prior to the opening day of the fair.
 - b. Leased horses cannot be shown for conformation in the halter division.
 - c. For owned horses, proof of ownership must be available at check in.
 - d. For leased horses, the lease, signed by the owner and the 4-H, FFA, or Grange member, and a clear picture of a side view of the horse or some permanent identification is filed at least 120 days prior to the fair at the county 4-H, FFA, or Grange office or with a person designated by the 4-H Youth Advisor, FFA Advisor or Grange Youth Advisor.

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All Junior Horse Show Exhibitors

11. Fair management will not allow junior exhibitors to ride or show stallions unless it is specifically provided for by the breed association and in that case only in those specific breed classes at an AHSA sanctioned show.
12. Junior horse exhibitors may be allowed to enter the Senior Department horse show unless local rules prohibit.

Participation Rules

13. Ponies entered in classes in which horses are eligible to compete cannot be shown in pony classes at the same show. Fair management can restrict ponies from entering certain classes by stating so wherever applicable in the premium book.
14. Donkeys and mules cannot be shown in "all other breed" halter classes.
15. Eliminations, if deemed necessary by the management, may be held in classes with large entries. The exhibitor shall be expected to ascertain whether eliminations will be held.

Management

16. No show or contest official or member of his/her immediate family (i.e., spouses and any children or other relatives living in the official's household) shall enter or exhibit horses in any show or contest at which he/she is officiating, nor may any horse owned by such person be entered or exhibited. A show contest official shall be defined as any person performing the duties of a show manager, judge steward, show secretary, cutter or chariot race official, or any other horse contest. Duties include but are not limited to:
 - a. Contacting or hiring of judges; and
 - b. Acceptance of entries or entry fees.
17. Show manager reserves the right to return entries, transfer entries or combine divisions or classes, and/or cancel any division or class in which, in its judgment, the entries are insufficient to secure adequate competition.
 - a. Any return of entries under this rule must be done generally and without discrimination.
 - b. In no instance (other than halter horse classes) will classes composed of fewer than three exhibits or fewer than two exhibitors be conducted.
 - c. The horse show management must divide classes of 50 or more. Separate prize money and ribbons shall be provided for each class.
18. Horse show management shall assign a number to each horse. The exhibitor must wear the number when showing the horse.
19. Photocopies of registration certificates for horse shows may be permitted for the purpose of submitting entries. However, if the fair receives any complaint or challenge concerning the registration of any animal, the fair may request an original registration certificate and may disqualify the entry if it cannot be produced.

Awards

20. Fair management may withhold the payment of awards for exhibits which are in question under State and Local Rules and may recover awards that have been paid for exhibits in question.
21. For ties other than first place in a jumper or other individually worked competition, the prize money is split. Ties for first follow the jump off rules of the specific Table and Section for that jumper class. If there is still a tie, prize money is split between the winners (i.e. first and second place money is pooled and split evenly between the two riders). Distribution of non-money awards shall be determined by management.

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Judges

22. The judge may judge for conformation before entering the show ring.
23. In halter horse classes, judges shall be expected to give reasons for their decisions, embracing the value and desirable qualifications of the animals for which premiums are awarded, whenever possible and reasonable.
24. Judges shall not discriminate against exhibitors wearing protective headgear.

EQUINE HEALTH RULES

1. All animals must be serviceably sound. The soundness of animals when determined by the official veterinarian or by the judge shall be final and cannot be protested. The horse show management may request the official veterinarian to examine any animal in competition. All penalties of the Horse Protection Act of 1970 shall be strictly enforced.
2. Exhibitors who refuse to allow their animal to be examined shall be disqualified from showing and such violation shall be reported to F&E. No refund can be made in these cases.

Equine Health Regulations

Direct specific questions to Department of Food and Agriculture, Animal Health and Food Safety Services, 1220 N Street, Sacramento, California 95814— (916) 654-1447.

3. Equines (horses and other equidae) entering California from other states must be accompanied by an official health certificate showing an official negative test date (such as Coggins Test) for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) within six months of entry. Nursing foals under six months accompanied by a negative dam are exempt from these requirements.
4. Equines known to be EIA positive reactors are forbidden to enter, reside, compete, or sell at any state-supported fairgrounds.
5. **Equine Medication Monitoring Program** (CA Food & Ag Code 24000-24018)
 - a. Horses are subject to random drug and medication testing specified in the Food and Agricultural Code. The applicable fee is \$3.00 per horse per event. The drug testing program is not applicable to most rodeo related competitions, parade horses, and activities under the jurisdiction of the California Horse Racing Board are exempt. Additionally, small single day shows with total fees (includes "entry fees," "ground fees," "stall fees" and other fees), for any single class, that do not exceed \$4.99 are exempt.
 - b. Prohibited substances include most stimulants, depressants, tranquilizers, anesthetics, sedative analgesics, corticosteroids, anabolic steroids, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, soring agents, and masking agents. Maintaining a current listing of specific prohibited substances is impossible due to the continual introduction of new pharmaceuticals, discontinuation of old ones, utilization of human products, utilization of foreign products, etc. Additionally, some exemptions exist.
 - c. Horses must be withdrawn from competition for at least 24 hours after administration of a prohibited substance. In addition, the administration of a prohibited substance during the 48 hours preceding the 24 hour withdrawal time must be declared in writing to the event manager. Penalties for violations of the medication rules include fines, suspension, and forfeiture of all winnings.
6. **Horse Protection Act**

Exhibitors must comply with the Horse Protection Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-540) and rules adopted by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to carry out its provisions.

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XII. JUDGING STANDARDS

Note to fair Management: *See also IV-3.* "State Judging Standards are to be used where applicable. Local judging standards may be used if published in the premium book. Non-livestock Judging Standards are available from F&E.

Market Livestock Standards: Any deviation from these scorecards must be approved by F&E prior to the printing of the premium book.

MARKET HOG SCORECARD

GRADE

Group 1: U.S. No. 1 hogs of superior and above average conformation excelling in leanness, muscularity and production traits.

Group 2: U.S. No. 1 hogs of average conformation and U.S. No. 2 hogs that are acceptable in leanness, muscularity and production traits.

Group 3: U.S. No. 3, U.S. No. 4 and Utility grade hogs.

MARKET LAMB SCORECARD

GRADE

Group 1: USDA Prime or Choice quality grade and Yield Grade 1 or 2, with at least 0.1 inch of fat cover. Superior and above average conformation and cutability.

Group 2: USDA Prime and Choice quality grade and Yield Grade 1, 2, or 3. Average conformation and cutability.

Group 3: USDA Prime or Choice quality grade and Yield Grade 4 or 5. Underfinished lambs grading USDA Good or lower. Below-average conformation or cutability.

MARKET BEEF SCORECARD

GRADE

Group 1: USDA Prime or Choice quality grade and Yield Grade 1 or 2. Superior and above average conformation and cutability.

Group 2: USDA Prime or Choice quality grade and Yield Grade 1, 2 or 3 having average conformation and cutability. USDA Select+ quality grade and Yield Grade 1 or 2 and having superior conformation and cutability.

Group 3: USDA Prime or Choice quality grade: Yield Grade 4 or 5 and having below average conformation and cutability. USDA Select+ or lower quality grade and underfinished animals that are average or below average in conformation.

MARKET VEAL SCORECARD

GRADE

Group 1: Animals are smooth, deep, thick and compact; and the udder or scrotum shows a marked fullness. They must have youthful appearance and indicate good condition.

Group 2: Animals must possess a moderately high degree of the higher quality grade characteristics. They will carry less finish, show more bone, and have less uniformity.

Group 3: Animals lack finish, are rather leggy and hippy, are rough in the shoulder, and are light in the round.

MARKET GOAT (CHEVON) SCORECARD

GRADE

Group 1: Animals with the potential to grade fancy, with above-average conformation. Must have youthful appearance.

Group 2: Animals with the potential to grade choice, with average conformation.

Group 3: Animals with the potential to grade good, with average conformation.

Group 4: Animals with the potential to grade medium, with below-average conformation.