

Fair Entry Frequently Asked Questions

Who can enter?

The Santa Clara County Fair is open to young people between the ages of 5-19, as of January 1, 2010. It is our desire to recognize the accomplishments and show an appreciation of the great talents and diversity which exists in our County.

Junior Stills Juniors age 5 & above (see 4-H & FFA age rules), residing in Santa Clara County. Juniors showing animals who reside outside Santa Clara County are also eligible and required to enter a Stills project. This division includes but is not limited to: arts, crafts, school projects, science projects, floriculture, ag-hort, vegetables, herbs, baking, crocheting, knitting, ceramics, jewelry making, garden art, preserved foods, collections, and much, much more

Junior Small Animals Market Animals- Please see department rules.
Pygmy Goats – Juniors per state rules
Rabbits and Cavies - All Juniors, per ARBA rules minimum age of 5.
Pigeon & Poultry – All Juniors minimum age of 5.

Junior Livestock Market Animals – Juniors age 9 or older. Please see Department Rules for specifics.
Breeding Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Sheep & Swine – All Juniors in Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties and per State Rules.
Horses – Juniors from Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties – ages per 4-H and FFA rules.

Adults Those who are 19 years of age or older may enter “Home Arts” – non-animal items -- for display only. We would love to display your talents however, we are unable to offer premiums or have your items judged.

This year we are also adding a “Super Steer Competition”. This event is open only to those Santa Clara County adult residents (at a minimum age of 19 and who are not eligible to show or compete in the Junior division)

What can be entered?

There are divisions for stills entries, divisions for small animals and divisions for livestock. We accept a wide variety of items into the fair, please review the descriptions to determine the appropriate section and class for your entry. If you have any questions, please call the Fair Office (408) 494-3100.

What are Stills?

Stills are non-animal entries. There are 28 divisions that include arts, technology, food, horticulture and much more. Please review the descriptions for more information.

I am not in 4-H or FFA, can I still enter?

Yes! All youth in Santa Clara County ages 5-19 are eligible to enter exhibits in the Fair. For details about Stills exhibits, please refer to the division descriptions on page 13-39 in this book. For more information about entering animals in either the Small Animal or Livestock divisions, please closely review the Rules and Guidelines that apply to your animal. If you have any questions about entries, please contact the Fair

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Is there a limit to the number of stills or animals I can enter? How much does it cost to enter?

Stills entries are free, you may enter as many items as you like. Please refer to the guidelines to make sure your entries meet the minimum requirements for judging. Animal Exhibitors are charged a one time processing fee plus the entry fee (varies by species, please refer to entry guidelines on pages 41-83. Please note that Animal Exhibitors are required to enter at least one item for the Stills competition.

How do I enter?

Complete the appropriate entry forms (see pages in the back of the book), make sure they are signed by the appropriate adults as required. Mail forms and entry fee payment (if needed) to:

**Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
Exhibits Office
344 Tully Road, San Jose, CA
95111**

MOST ENTRY FORMS ARE DUE BY June 18, 2010 5:00 p.m.
Postmark is acceptable. CHECK DEPARTMENT FOR SPECIFIC DATES

When do I bring my animal/art/baked good/etc.?

Dates vary for different animals and stills entries. Please carefully review the information in the guidelines to make sure you bring the entry at the right time. If you have any questions, please call the Exhibits Office. After junior still entry forms are received and entered you will receive a notice as to the location that you will need to drop your entry on the date that it is due.

RV Spaces?

If you will need an RV space please check on line or contact the Fair office or online in March. We will have forms available at that time.

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