

Local Rules

NOTE: All state rules governing the California Fair and all Local Rules will be strictly adhered to. Please read these rules carefully before entering. State Fair Rules can be found in the Exhibits Office or on the Fair Website – www.thefair.org.

FAIR MANAGEMENT IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING ERRORS ON EXHIBITOR'S ENTRIES.

The Fair Management reserves the final and absolute right to interpret all rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, and also reserves the right to amend and add to these rules.

Entry Forms and Fee Payment

1. All areas of competition require an entry form. Santa Clara Youth Fair entry forms are included with this book and online. If more copies are needed, photocopies are acceptable.
2. Check Department rules and guidelines for entry form and fee due dates. Important dates are listed on page 4 for your convenience.
3. Make all checks payable to: SCCFMC. If entry fee is not included, the entry form will be sent back to the exhibitor. *It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to return the form with the fee before the entry deadline.* Overpayment of entry fees less than \$5.00 will not be returned. A service charge of \$25.00 will be charged for any check refused by the bank.
4. List only one entry per line on the entry form. Each department/species must be listed on the appropriate Department entry form. Please complete a separate entry form for each species of animal being shown.
5. All Animal Exhibitors will be charged a one time processing fee – regardless of the total number of exhibits and/or departments entered. This fee will only be charged one time per exhibitor. Exhibitors ages 6-12 will be charged \$15.00. Exhibitors ages 13-19 will be charged \$25.00. Those entering ONLY Junior Stills will not be charged a processing fee.
6. All signatures and information necessary to determine that the exhibit and exhibitor are eligible must be on the entry form.
7. All Exhibitors must list their age as of January 1, 2010 on the entry form.
8. Exhibitor's signature on the entry form signifies their acceptance of the rules and regulations governing the Santa Clara County Youth Fair and the Exhibitor Code of Conduct as printed in the Official Entry Book.
9. Late Exhibits may get judging comments but will not be eligible for award points or ribbons.

Animal and Still Exhibits

10. SCCFMC reserves the right to screen, reject entirely or accept conditionally, any exhibit that, in management's opinion, may not be appropriate.
11. Entries are due on the dates noted in the guidelines. Late entries may be disqualified.
12. There is a very small amount of space available for non-perishable stills entries to be dropped off early (i.e. before the Still Receiving date, July 17). Please contact the Exhibits office for more information.
13. It shall be the responsibility of the exhibitors to correct all deficiencies in connection with the entries or exhibits which are required of them by the rules printed in this book. Awards may not

be made for exhibits on which deficiencies have not been corrected before judging of the class has started.

14. No signs or business cards may be placed on any exhibit -- except ranch signs, club signs and stall cards on Livestock -- without permission from management.
15. All Clubs and Chapters with small animals will be required to have at least one exhibitor in Expo Hall in the small animal area at all times the building is open at least Thursday - Sunday, in order to greet the public, answer questions, demonstrate aspects of animal care and ensure the safety of the animals. Youth can volunteer together and are encouraged to plan fun interactive opportunities for the public.
16. The Fair ends at 7 pm on Sunday, entries (both Animals and Stills) must stay through the end of the Fair. Stills entries will NOT be released until Monday, August 9, 2010 from 9am – 6 pm.
17. Exhibits, including all animals, will not be allowed to leave the fairgrounds unless the Department Supervisor has approved a release slip. Premium monies will be withheld from anyone leaving without a release slip.
18. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning the cages and pens used by their animal(s). In addition, Exhibitors are solely responsible for the care and feeding of their animal(s) during the fair.
19. Items and/or awards left after the official release date are not the responsibility of the FMC. A Storage handling fee of \$5.00 will be charged for every item not picked up on release day. Check each department for release date and time.

Judging and Awards, Including Ribbons and Monetary

20. Checks for awards will be made payable to the Exhibitor as indicated on the entry form. Checks will become void after 90 days of the distribution and will not be reissued.
21. Only the official Judges' books will be used as evidence for payment of premiums. Ribbons and tags will not be accepted as proof.
22. Checks will not be issued for any exhibitor over the amount \$10.00 without a social security number.
23. The Fair does not guarantee the payment of "special" premiums and awards offered in this book by merchants or breeder's associations. These prizes are usually secured by Fair Management with a promissory statement in good faith and must be contested under these conditions.

Safety

24. Any person acting in an abusive manner toward people or animals will be immediately removed from the fair.
25. SCCFMC, the County of Santa Clara or their agents will use every precaution, for the safe preservation of all articles and stock on exhibition, but will not be accountable for any loss or damage, whatever may be the cause or extent of the damage done.
26. ALL DECORATIVE MATERIALS MUST BE FLAMEPROOF.
27. No bikes, skateboards or scooters (powered or otherwise) are allowed on the fairgrounds. This rule does not apply to wheelchairs, scooters or other mobility assistance devices.
28. No exhibitor's vehicles are to be left on the fairgrounds property after release time without permission of the management and they will be towed at the owner's expense. For information about RV and Trailer parking, please see the frequently asked questions page.
29. NO dogs are allowed on the fairgrounds except for guide dogs and show participants, which must be kept on a leash. Dogs staying in the RV Area must be confined to that area.

30. NO smoking will be permitted by anyone near the animals, the petting zoo, the arena and other Fair Management designated no smoking areas. There is no smoking allowed inside the buildings.