

2011 Sacramento County Fair - Enter Online!

Indoor Creative Exhibits General Rules

Complete Rules & Guidelines

A copy of the State Rules may be obtained through our web site: www.sacfair.com, or by calling our office at (916) 263-2975

Entry Procedure:

Entries must be made on-line, mailed or hand delivered. Entries will not be accepted by fax or e-mail. Entry forms may be photocopied or downloaded from our web site: www.sacfair.com
If you have difficulty downloading forms, please contact our office at (916) 263-2975.

Mailed or Hand Delivered: , attach fees to entry form and mail so that it is postmarked by April 23, 2011, or hand deliver to our office at Cal Expo, 1600 Exposition Blvd., Sacramento, no later than 2:00 p.m. on this date. Make checks payable and mail to:

Sacramento County Fair
P.O. Box 15028
Sacramento, CA 95851-0028

Go Paperless!

Online Entry Procedure: Online entries will be accepted from February 15, 2011 through April 30, 2011. Late entries will not be accepted.

Entry Guidelines

1. Entries will not be accepted by fax or e-mail.
2. Late entries will be not be accepted.
3. Full entry fees must accompany all entries.
4. Entry fees are non-refundable. Entry fees for exhibits that are withdrawn or not displayed by the exhibitor will not be refunded. Calculate fees carefully. Overpayments due to calculation errors will not be refunded.
5. A \$17.00 processing fee will apply to checks not honored by the bank.
6. Please be sure all forms are filled out clearly and completely.
7. Fair Management reserves the right to limit exhibits to facilities available and may limit the number of exhibits made by an exhibitor.

8. Fair Management reserves the right to return entries, cancel any division or class, or combine divisions and classes in which, in it's judgment, the entries are insufficient to secure adequate competition.
9. A complete exhibit eligible in more than one division and/or class shall be entered and judged in the division and/or class for which it best qualifies. Fair management reserves the right to make this determination.

Classes & Eligibility

Junior livestock competitions are open to Sacramento County residents only unless otherwise noted. FFA and 4-H members who live outside the county may participate if the club/chapter or headquarters of their organization lies within the Sacramento County boundaries.

Junior Department Local Classes

The Junior Livestock Show & Auction is available for young people to exhibit their animals in friendly competition. The exhibitor's age on January 1st of the current program year will be used to determine eligibility unless otherwise noted.

Primary Information

Sacramento County Fair supports the 4-H philosophy and rules regarding competition and youth under 9 years of age. "Fairs are open to primary members for exhibit only. The use of Danish and American systems of judging is not acceptable for use with primary members. Primary members should only receive recognition for their participation."

All Junior Livestock Exhibitors should fall into one of the following established classes:

FFA Members

FFA members may exhibit at the Fair if they are enrolled in high school vocational agricultural classes. They may continue to exhibit as members for one full year following graduation.

4-H Members

Any 4-H member who is under nine years-old but at least five years-old on December 31st of

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the past year is invited to enter small animal exhibition showmanship classes (dog, rabbits, poultry, cavies, Pygmy goats and Nigerian goats) as a non-competitive exhibitor. All exhibitors will receive a participation ribbon. 4-H uniforms may be worn in appropriate divisions.

Any 4-H member who is nine years-old or older on December 31st of the past year may exhibit as a 4-H member and participate in competitive 4-H classes, and may continue to do so until the end of the calendar year in which the member has his/her 19th birthday.

Grange Members

Any Grange member who is under nine years-old but at least five years-old on January 1st of the current fair year is invited to enter small animal exhibition showmanship classes (dog, rabbits, poultry, cavies, Pygmy goats and Nigerian goats) as a non-competitive exhibitor. All exhibitors will receive a participation ribbon.

Any Grange member who is nine years-old or older on January 1st of the current fair year may exhibit in competition as a Grange member until the end of the calendar year in which the member has his/her 19th birthday.

Independent Junior Exhibitors

1. Independent exhibitors must be at least 5 years old, but not older than 18, on January 1st of the current program year.

Credentials

Policy! Parking passes for exhibitors are now available at a rate of \$6/ day or \$25/ for a season pass valid for all 5 days of fair.

Note: The Fair does not supply free parking passes for exhibitors.

Additional parking pass pricing and availability:

1. Exhibitor vehicles may make deliveries prior to 8:30 a.m. on Thursday and Friday and must be in designated parking areas by 9:00 a.m. Deliveries on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday must be made before 9:00 a.m. and must be in designated parking areas by 9:30 a.m. Vehicles on grounds after these times will be towed. **All vehicles parked illegally will be towed away at the owner's expense!**

2. Exhibitor parking passes will be available for purchase at special exhibitor rates from April 23rd through May 25th, at the Fair Office.

3. Reserved Levee Parking Passes are available at Sacramento County Fair Office on Saturday, April 23rd, beginning at 8:00 a.m. All parking passes will be issued in person, and no mailed, faxed or e-mail requests will be accepted. The on grounds parking pass is \$85.00 and space is available by size of vehicle on a first come, first served basis, and cannot be transferred between vehicles. Actual vehicle must be present to be measured and sticker to be attached. For more information please call 916-263-2975. Every person in the vehicle must have an admission pass to enter the grounds.

There are a limited number of Reserved Passes available for exhibitors, leaders, or advisors with personal physical mobility restrictions. (The same \$85.00 parking fee applies.) Please contact the fair manager for more information if you feel you may qualify for one of these spaces.

4. R.V. parking is available. Contact Cal Expo at 263-3040. Camping fees are \$35/night per trailer, camper, and motor home (with or without hook ups), with one unit per space. Each person will be assigned a specific numbered camping space. No refund on camping spaces. Limited hook ups are available. Every space sold must have adult supervision throughout the entire fair. The adult that signs the R.V. Registration Form will be held responsible for that space.

5. Parking for livestock trailers is available at no charge in Lot E. Enter Gate 10. No security will be provided.

6. All 4-H Community Leaders, FFA Advisors, Grange Coordinators and 4-H Project Leaders will be required to purchase parking passes.

7. No vehicle will be allowed on grounds before fair closes at 10:00 p. m. on Thursday through Sunday of Fair.

A paid gate will be in effect at the 2011 Sacramento County fair. Gates will be monitored beginning at 6:00 a.m., May 26-30.

8. All livestock exhibitors will receive a wristband allowing access to the fairgrounds. If lost, exhibitor

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will have to purchase a season pass credential for \$10.

- Each livestock family will receive ten single admission passes.
- 4-H Community Leaders and FFA Advisors will complete an admission credential list and submit to the fair manager for approval by May 6th. Admission credentials will be available at the livestock office May 24 through May 25.
- Exhibitor Credential Pricing: Season admission pass, good for all five days at any gate, \$10. Credentials will be available for purchase at discounted exhibitor rates April 23rd through May 25th at the fair office.

Liability

- The owner or custodian of property of any kind brought to Cal Expo either for exhibit or for other purposes assumes as a condition of its admission to the grounds, all risk and/or responsibility for its loss, damage or theft.
- The Fair, its officers and employees cannot and will not accept responsibility and liability for any damage or injury resulting from theft, fire, the elements, accidents or other conditions or causes; whether to exhibits, property of exhibitor, vehicles on the grounds and articles left therein or any other property of any nature whatsoever.
- Exhibitors, either through appropriate liability insurance or other means satisfactory to the 52nd District Agricultural Association, will defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State of California, the Association and the Sacramento fair from any claim arising out of the failure of the exhibitor to exercise control of his or her exhibit. Livestock exhibitor's parents or legal guardian are required to sign a disclaimer on the entry form.
- All independent livestock exhibitors must provide certificate of general liability insurance \$1,000,000 minimum or purchase insurance through the fair office. \$18 – small animal exhibitor/family, \$35 – large animal exhibitor/family. Call Margie Ewen (916)263-2975 to purchase insurance.

Creative Exhibition Rules

General Rules

- The Sacramento County Fair is a smoke-

free facility. Smoking is not permitted on the fairgrounds.

- The possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs by any minor is prohibited on Cal Expo property and will result in immediate expulsion from the Fair and forfeiture of awards, premiums and monies received at auction.
- Absolutely **NO PETS ALLOWED** in the barn area or on the fairgrounds. **Only animals entered in competitions are allowed on the fairgrounds in designated show areas only!** Exceptions will be made for Service Animals on a leash.
- Muzzles: No animals will be muzzled while on the fairgrounds.
- All material and decorations used in an exhibit must be made from a nonflammable material or treated and maintained in a flame-retardant condition.
- Exhibit Buildings and the Livestock Pavilion will close and be secured at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 9:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday and 7:00 p.m. on Monday of fair.
- No skateboards, motor scooters, motorbikes, roller blades, roller skates, bicycles, or golf carts, or similar personal wheeled devices will be allowed on the Cal Expo grounds other than those operated by Fair personnel.
- Fair Management reserves the right to disqualify and/or remove any exhibit that is not in the best interest of the Fair, including any livestock exhibit which endangers the well being of the public or other animals while at the Fair.
- Exhibitors, Leaders, Advisors and Parents who violate these rules, or who are found to be involved in unethical or hostile practices with the fair, shall incur penalties that may include (but are not limited to) disqualification, removal from the Fair, forfeiture of awards and ineligibility in future Fair competitions.

During the Fair

- Please check the individual schedule for each show you are entering. Shows may have different arrival times, judging times, etc. If you are having difficulty with scheduling, Please call Fair Staff at 916-263-2975.

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2. 4-H Project leaders, FFA Advisors and parents may provide instruction **only**. Other adults and non-exhibiting juniors are prohibited from assisting any junior exhibitor without permission from the Fair CEO/Fair Manager.

End of the Fair

All exhibits & displays must remain in place until release time, 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 30, unless otherwise stated.

Definition of Terms

Show.....A group of divisions that make up a category, i.e. Crafts, Art, Photography, etc...

ClassA group of items that are judged together, i.e. Dolls & Toys, Paintings, Cakes, etc...

DivisionGrouping of exhibitors

Entry FormThe form used to register exhibits for competition and display in the Sacramento County Fair.

Entry..... Each instance of an exhibit listed on the entry form.

Entry FeeMonies paid to enter an exhibit. Non-refundable.

ExhibitItem, object or collection of objects entered in a division for competition and display.

Exhibitor The owner of the exhibit residing in Sacramento County and contiguous Counties.

Judging and Awards

Danish System of Judging

Each exhibit will be judged on its own merit. Exhibits are placed depending on values received based on the scorecard. There may be more than one 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. per class.

American System of Judging

Each exhibit is judged against other exhibits in the same class. There is only one 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. in each class.

Best of Class

A Best of Class rosette will be awarded to the exhibit selected as the best 1st place exhibit in each class within each division. Danish System of Judging Only!

Best of Division

A Best of Division rosette will be awarded where there is more than one Division within a show.

Best of Show

Within each show, all Best of Class or Best of Division winners will be considered for Best of Show. Best of Show winners will receive a rosette and \$20.00, unless otherwise noted.

Awards

1. The judges may disqualify or transfer to the correct division (at his/her discretion) any exhibit that is not a true representative of the division or class in which it is entered.
2. For classes that combine 4-H, FFA, Grange and Independent Junior animals, the judge will designate only one overall highest placing animal, i.e. Champion or Reserve Champion, Best of Breed or Best of Opposite Sex.
3. Checks for monetary awards won will be mailed to the address recorded on the exhibitor's entry form. Be sure your name and address are correct and clearly written on your entry forms. All FFA monetary awards will be mailed to the FFA advisor.
4. Checks become void after 90 days from the date of issue. Requests for checks to be reissued will be subject to a \$35 handling fee. Requests for a check to be reissued after 18 months will be denied.
5. All ribbons will be awarded at time of judging.
6. The judge's decision on awards cannot be protested. Protests will be considered only if there has been a violation of State or Local Rules. All protests must be presented to Management of the Fair in writing within 24 hours of the alleged violation and must be accompanied by a \$100.00 deposit (cash, money order, or certified check), or \$200.00 if the protest relates to a violations of State Rules X-XI, which will be returned if the protest is determined valid. Protests and appropriate action are decided by the Fair Management/Fair Board of Directors. If protests cannot be resolved with the Board of Directors, the Division of Fairs and Expositions may intervene.

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Adult Horticulture/Floriculture

Entry Deadline	Saturday, April 23 (Entry forms must be postmarked on or before this date or hand delivered to our office by 2:00 p.m.)
Entry Fee	\$2.00/entry (Entry fees are non-refundable. Make checks payable to: Sacramento County Fair)
Exhibit Delivery Date	Saturday, May 28, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Deliver Exhibits to	Cal Expo, Building C
Judging of Exhibits	Saturday, May 28, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Pick-up Exhibits	Monday, May 30, between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
Information Contact	Sharon Allen (916) 263-2975 or www.sacfair.com

Entry Guidelines

Entry Maximum:

- Limited to two exhibits per person per class

American System of Judging

Rules and Information:

- All exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor (*with the exception of fresh floral arrangements*).
- All exhibits must have been designed or arranged by the exhibitor. (*where applicable*)
- Each exhibit must be properly labeled with the botanical name including variety. (*where applicable*)
- Exhibits must be free of injurious insects and disease.
- Minimum container size is 4" for houseplants and one gallon for outdoor plants.
- Exhibits must have drip dish for watering and instructions for care.
- No props, stands or accessories will be provided, tables only. Exhibitors may provide their own props and stands.
- Cut flower exhibits must include at least three stems; where appropriate stem must include foliage. Deliver cut flower exhibits in a clean, transparent glass container.
- Fresh floral arrangements may not exceed 24" wide or 42" in height - theme for arrangement is the exhibitor's choice (*dried floral arrangements may be entered in the craft show*).
- Produce quantity should be such to cover the bottom of a 6" disposable plate.

Divisions

Division 1410

Classes

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| Class 1 | Creative Horticulture (dish garden, terrarium, container or herb garden, etc.) |
| Class 2 | Horticulture (single plant specimen) |
| Class 3 | Creative Floriculture (i.e. fresh floral arrangement) |
| Class 4 | Floriculture (cut flowers or floral specimen) |
| Class 5 | Produce (any fruit or vegetable grown by exhibitor) |

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Only complete, legible entries will be accepted!

Adult Creative Exhibit Entry Form

This form may be copied, additional entries may be submitted on a separate form. The entry procedure can be found under Entry Guidelines in the Adult & Junior Creative Exhibits Complete Rules & Guidelines

Exhibitor Information:

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Entry	Division	Class	Description/Medium	Title	Entry Fee
#1					
#2					
#3					
#4					
#5					
#6					
#7					
#8					
#9					
Parking			_____ # of Daily Passes @ \$6 _____	_____ # of Season Passes @ \$25 _____	Total Parking

Total Payment (\$) _____

Please accept the entries (property) described herein. I am the owner of the property specified herein or the supervisor of the project with the authorization to act as agent and to bind with owners of the property in all matters herein. I have read, understood, and agree to abide by all of the rules and regulations governing the Fair entries as published in the official Entry Book. I agree to indemnify, defend, and save harmless the Fair, its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims and losses occurring or resulting to any and all persons in connection with my participation in the Fair from any and all claims and losses to any person, firm or corporation who may be injured or damaged as a result of my participation.

Exhibitor's Signature _____

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