

## LOCAL FAIR RULES

1. **EXHIBITS** of all kinds shall be kept clean & in good condition for the duration of the Fair. All attendants of exhibits must be neatly attired & conduct themselves in a quiet & orderly manner on the Fairgrounds. The Fair reserves the right to exclude any exhibit it deems undesirable.
2. Each entry in these divisions must be owned and/or grown or constructed by the exhibitor. State & Local Rules apply to all entries.
3. **BOOTH EXHIBITS:** All materials used in decorations must be flameproof.
4. **ARTICLES are entered at the exhibitor's risk.** Although police protection is provided, the Fair will not be responsible for any loss.
5. **LOCAL CLASSES:** Unless otherwise specified at the heading of the departments, all entries & classes are limited to the legal residents & producers of the following counties: Santa Cruz, San Benito, Santa Clara & Monterey.
6. **VEHICLES** on official business will be permitted on the Fairgrounds & must be removed from the Fairgrounds PRIOR to 8 AM each day of the Fair. Vehicles found in violation will be removed at the owner's expense. Police, Fire & Ambulance Vehicles are allowed at any time.
7. **PREMIUM CHECKS** will be mailed unless presented at the Fair. Premium checks must be cashed within 30 days. **AWARDS ARE PAID FROM ENTRIES MADE BY THE JUDGE'S CLERKS ON THE OFFICIAL JUDGING SHEETS AND NOT FROM AWARD STICKERS PLACED ON THE EXHIBIT.** Refunds of over-payments under \$5.00 will not be made.
8. **NO SMOKING PERMITTED IN THE LIVESTOCK AREA.**
9. **SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FAIR OFFICE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ARTICLES LEFT AFTER RELEASE TIME.**

## ELIGIBILITY & AGE REQUIREMENTS

Any member of a Junior Organization must have their entry blank signed by their leader or advisor.

**FFA MEMBERS:** FFA members may participate as members until the end of the calendar year following the year of graduation from high school.

**4-H MEMBERS:** 4-H primary members must be at least 5 years old by January 1, 2009 to exhibit small animals approved by 4-H state policy. Junior, Intermediate and Senior members must be 9 years old or in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade by January 1, 2009. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31 of the year in which they turn 19 years of age.

**INDEPENDENT JUNIOR EXHIBITORS:** must be at least 9 years old or in the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade by January 1, 2009. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31 of the year in which they turn 19 years of age.

Independent junior exhibitors not affiliated with any organization can enter appropriate FFA or 4-H classes if they meet the age or grade level requirements. The Livestock Committee may establish separate classes if there are sufficient entries. Independent junior exhibitors must not have been in a junior organization

within 60 days (120 days for market beef cattle) of the opening of the Fair to be able to participate.

## JUNIOR EXHIBITORS Code of Conduct

### All exhibitors and their parents/guardians (if applicable) agree to:

1. Follow the general rules and regulations governing entries, exhibits, judging, and payment of premiums as stated in the Entry Guide.
2. Follow any rules relating specifically to a department in which they are exhibiting.
3. Exhibit proper conduct according to the following guidelines:
  - a. Show respect for the rights of others and be courteous at all times
  - b. Respect the property of others
  - c. Demonstrate sportsmanship in the show ring, judging contests, and meetings
  - d. Be honest and not take unfair advantage of others
  - e. Refrain from loud, boisterous talk; foul language; and/or horseplay
  - f. No consumption of any alcoholic beverages or drugs (prescription drugs accepted) if under age of 21.
  - g. Smoking or use of other tobacco products is prohibited if under age 18.

Violation of any of these rules may result in the expulsion of the exhibitor and his/her animals from the fairgrounds, the forfeiture of premiums or auction sales checks and/or the prohibition of participating in future Santa Cruz County Fairs.

## FFA CHAPTER & 4-H CLUBS

The Junior Department is restricted to members of FFA, who are under the supervision of the Bureau of Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Future Homemaker of America, who are under supervision of the Bureau of Homemaking Education, State Department of Education; members of 4-H youth groups who are under the supervision of the Cooperative Extension Service, University of California; members of other recognized junior farm organizations; and other children who are 9 through 18 by January 1, 2009. Liability insurance is the responsibility and at the discretion of the junior exhibitor.

### **NONCOMPLIANCE with STATE and LOCAL RULES will RESULT in THE WITHHOLDING OF PREMIUM AWARDS.**