

## **AWARDS**

- **Award of Excellence:** The following Awards of Excellence will be awarded in Classes 1-5 of Division 75 Awards will be selected based on the American System of judging.  
First Award ..... State Fair Rosette  
Second Award ..... State Fair Rosette  
Third Award ..... State Fair Rosette
- **Award of Merit:** Entries not receiving an Award of Excellence shall receive an Award of Merit.  
Award of Merit ..... State Fair Rosette
- **Grand Champion of the Show:** One bird will be selected for this award among all the first place winners in Classes 1-5.  
Award ..... Plaque
- No monetary premiums are awarded for the County Fair Best of Show Competition.
- **American System of Judging** - Each entry in a Class is judged in comparison to the other entries in the Class. Entries are placed first, second, third, etc., according to relative merit. There will be no more than one first, second, third, per Class.
- **JUDGE'S DECISION:** The judge's decision is final. The judge's decision cannot be protested. Protests shall be based on violation of State Fair rules.

## **CALENDAR**

- Aug 4 All entry forms and fees must be received or submitted on-line
- Aug 7 If entering On-line: Signature Acquisition Form Due
- Aug 21 California State Fair opens
- Aug 24 Entrants in the Best of Show Poultry Competition must check-in at Building 6, Expo Center (6:30-8:30 a.m.)
- Aug 24 Judge Best of Show Poultry Competition (2:30 p.m.)
- Aug 29 Entrants in the Small Animal Master Showmanship Competition must check-in at the Fur & Feathers Office (Noon - 5:30 p.m.)
- Aug 29 Judge Small Animal Master Showmanship Competition (6:00 p.m.)
- Sept 7 California State Fair closes

## **HOW TO CONTACT US**

- Send entries to:** California State Fair  
County Fair Best of Show  
P.O. Box 15649  
Sacramento, CA 95852
- Overnight delivery:** 1600 Exposition Blvd.  
Sacramento, CA 95815
- Enter On-line:** [www.bigfun.org](http://www.bigfun.org)
- For further information:** Phone:(916)263-3149  
[entryoffice@calexpo.com](mailto:entryoffice@calexpo.com)

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# County Fair Best of Show Poultry



California  
State Fair  
AUG. 21 - SEPT. 7, 2009  
BIG FUN!

### **ENTRY RECEIVED DEADLINE:**

August 4, 2009

### **OPEN TO:**

Exhibitors winning Best of Show Award in a junior division competition at their county, district or citrus fair.

### **ENTER ON-LINE:**

[www.bigfun.org](http://www.bigfun.org)

For a complete County Fair Best of Show Handbook visit our website

## **ENTRY GUIDELINES**

### **HOW TO ENTER:**

- To enter on-line, log onto [www.bigfun.org](http://www.bigfun.org) and click competitions. Click the on-line button and follow the step by step instructions. OR Fill out the Best of Show entry form according to instructions
- Entry in the County Fair Best of Show Competition is open to California residents only.
- Only exhibitors winning a Best of Show at their county, district or citrus fair or other approved events are eligible to compete.
- Entry forms must be endorsed with an authorized signature from the Fair Manager. If entering on-line: Signature Acquisition Form must have all required signatures.
- All signatures and information necessary to determine that an entry is eligible must be on the entry form.
- NO LATE ENTRY FORMS OR ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- This competition will not replace the regular State Fair Junior Poultry Show.
- Fowl shall be judged by the latest revised edition of the American Standard of Perfection, copyrighted by A.P.A.

### **ENTRY DEADLINE: AUGUST 4, 2009**

- Overnight mail (or personal delivery) may be necessary. All entries must be received on or before August 4, 2009 at the California State Fair Entry Office or entered on-line.
- **Send entries to:**  
California State Fair  
County Fair Best of Show  
PO Box 15649  
Sacramento, CA 95852
- **Overnight entries to:**  
California State Fair  
Livestock Entry Office  
1600 Exposition Blvd.  
Sacramento, CA 95815

### **ENTRY FEE:** \$6.00 per class

- Enclose entry fee with entry form.
- Make check payable to: California State Fair.
- Entry fee is nonrefundable.

### **JUNIOR POULTRY CLASSES**

- All breeds, varieties, ages, males and females will be judged together within each Class offered. Division 75.

**Class 1** -Large Poultry. All breeds and varieties within the American, Asiatic, Continental, English, Mediterranean. All Other Standard Breeds.

**Class 2** -Bantam Poultry. All breeds and varieties within the Old English, Modern Game, Rose Comb Clean Legged, Single Comb Clean Legged, All Other Combs Clean Legged, Feather Legged

**Class 3** -Ducks. All breeds and varieties including Game and Bantam (ornamental).

**Class 4** -Geese. All breeds and varieties including Game Waterfowl.

**Class 5** -Turkey. All varieties.

**Class 5.1** -Grand Champion of the Show (**Do not enter**)

### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

- Only exhibitors winning Best of Show Award (Large poultry, Bantam poultry, ducks, geese and turkeys) in a junior division competition at their county, district or citrus fair are eligible.
- The following Best of Show categories are eligible:
  - Best Poultry of Show or Grand Champion Bird of Show
  - Best Large Poultry of Show
  - Best Bantam Poultry of Show
  - Best Duck of Show
  - Best Goose of Show
  - Best Turkey of Show
- This competition qualifies the exhibitor, not the entry. The exhibitor may elect to bring any bird to compete in this competition so long as the bird is of the same breed and variety as that which was awarded Best of Show on the local level. There is no requirement for age or sex of the entry.
- **AGE REQUIREMENTS:** Exhibitor age requirements for this competition are the same as for those of 4-H and FFA membership for exhibiting animals (see General Rules).
- There are no restrictions as to the total number of entries a fair may submit, although entries must be eligible to compete in Divisions and Classes offered in this handbook. The exhibitor is restricted to one entry for each Class that he/she qualifies for.
- **OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENT:** Each animal entered by a junior must be owned by the exhibitor and be part of a project under the Exhibitor's care and management at least 60 days before the opening day of the State Fair, except where age of the bird determines length of ownership.
- All junior exhibitors must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor while on the Fairgrounds.
- Animals entered in this competition may not compete in any other State Fair competitions, including the regular junior and open poultry shows.
- All animals entered are at the owner's risk. The State Fair management and/or judges are not to be held responsible for death or injury of animals.
- Exhibitor agrees to abide by the show rules and any decision by the State Fair management is final.
- All poultry must be banded with regulation bands (plastic or metal) and the band number must correspond to the band number on the entry form. Breed and variety must be declared on the entry form.
- Substitutions may be made only when the animal being substituted is of the same breed, variety, sex and age as the animal being withdrawn. Substitutions may only be made by the original exhibitor. Substitutions must be made prior to August 11. Substitutions must be made in writing and must include the signature of the parent, legal guardian, 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor.
- Best Opposite Sex or Reserve Champion winners are not eligible for this competition. Only exhibitors who actually qualify for this competition may enter a bird. Alternate exhibitors are not eligible.

- Birds making up a Best of Show Meat Pen are not eligible for this competition.

### **JUNIOR POULTRY DELIVERY, RELEASE AND EXHIBITING INSTRUCTIONS**

- All poultry will be housed in Building 6, Expo Center.
- All poultry must be checked in between 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. on Monday, August 24. Animals must pass a health check performed by the show committee before cooping.
- Coop out date is August 27 at 10:00 p.m. No animals will be released before this time. See the Building Supervisor to obtain a release form and specific release information. Leg bands must be checked before release form is issued.
- All poultry will be housed in Building 6, Expo Center for the duration of the Junior Poultry Show (August 24-27).
- All poultry will be fed and cared for by the State Fair and the show committee.
- **The California State Fair is not responsible for poultry not picked up by 11:00 p.m. August 28, 2009.**

### **COUNTY FAIR BEST OF SHOW SMALL ANIMAL MASTER SHOWMANSHIP DIVISION 72 - SMALL ANIMAL**

**Class 1:** 4-H Master Showmanship - entrants must have won first place in the Senior Master Small Animal Showmanship competition at the local fair.

**Class 2:** FFA Master Showmanship - entrants must have won first place in the Senior Master Small Animal Showmanship competition at the local fair.

- Only exhibitors winning **senior level** Master Showmanship or Round Robin Showmanship in Small Animal Competitions (poultry, rabbit, cavy, pygmy goat and dog) at their county, district or citrus fair, between August 5, 2008 and August 4, 2009, are eligible to compete.

- Independent Juniors and Grange must pick class 1 or 2 although exhibitors under 13 years must enter class 1.

### **SMALL ANIMAL CHECK IN PROCEDURES**

- Exhibitors must check-in at the Fur & Feathers Office by 5:00 p.m. August 29, 2009.
- Judging of the Small Animal Master Showmanship competition will be held in the Livestock Pavilion, L2, on August 29, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.