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## HOW TO ENTER

### The California State Fair California Cheese Competition

You are invited to enter the California State Fair's California Cheese Competition for California Cheese makers. The following information is an easy to use guide to enter this competition.

1. Entry in the California Cheese Competition is open to California companies only.
2. Review all of the information in this handbook, taking note of entry deadlines, delivery dates & directions, and entry rules. This handbook is available on the website in advance and will be subject to any action that may cause revision or curtailment of sections, awards, premiums or regulations as listed.
3. Select the division and class(es) you wish to enter. Note calendar for delivery & pickup dates and times.
4. To enter on-line, log on to [www.bigfun.org](http://www.bigfun.org) and click competitions. Click the on-line button and select the desired competition you wish to enter and follow the step by step instructions. Once you have completed on-line registration, print the signature Acquisition form, obtain all required signatures and return the signed form to our office by the required deadline. Entries are not accepted until signature Acquisition form is returned.

#### OR

Download the official entry form and or summary form for the desired competition. Complete entry form and mail with entry fee to the California State Fair Entry Office, PO Box 15649, Sacramento, CA 95852.

5. Return the completed entry form and the entry fee per class to the California State Fair by the entry deadline of April 29, 2011.
6. Questions? Call the California State Fair California Cheese Department at 916/263-3159.

## NEW FOR 2011

1. **We are excited to announce the California State Fair is continuing in July. Our dates are July 14 - 31.**
  - Fair opens on Thursday, July 14
  - The Fair opens at 12 Noon on Monday through Thursday
  - The Fair opens at 10 a.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
  - The Fair ends on Sunday, July 31
2. Be sure to check the Classes and Divisions carefully. Many changes have been made.
3. We will be awarding Best of Divisions and Best of Show for cow milk and also other milk to include goat, sheep, buffalo, etc.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Should there be any information desired and not found in this competition handbook, write Exhibit Department, California State Fair, P.O. Box 15649, Sacramento, CA 95852 or telephone 916/263-3010.
2. This competition handbook is sent out in advance and will be subject to any action that may cause revision or curtailment of the sections, premiums or regulations as listed.
3. Note: These rules are not identical to State Rules published in other competition handbooks or those produced by the Division of Fairs and Expositions of the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

## CALENDAR

<b>April 29</b>	<b>Entry form and entry fee deadline.</b>
May 9 -13	Shipped entries arrive between May 9 and May 13.
May 13	Hand delivery May 13, 2011 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., Expo Center, Building 6.
May 18	Judging of all California Cheese Entries at Expo Center, Building 5, California State Fairgrounds.
<b>July 29</b>	Taste and Celebrate the Best! California's Grape and Gourmet has moved back to the State Fair presenting award winning wine and cheese from the California State Fair Competition. <b>NOTE: Best of Divisions and Best of Show will be asked to attend and sample cheese.</b>
July 14	California State Fair opens. All the Best of Division and Best of Show cheeses will be displayed. <b>NOTE: Exhibitor's receiving Best of Show and Best of Division will be required to provide cheese for a chef challenge and other tastings during the fair July 14 - 31.</b>
July 31	California State Fair Closes.

## FAIR DATES

2011 California State Fair July 14 thru July 31

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. **Entry forms and fees must be received, postmarked or submitted on-line no later than April 29, 2011.**

Mail entry form and fee to:

California Cheese Department  
California State Fair  
P.O. Box 15649  
Sacramento, CA 95852

**Use this address ONLY for mail  
containing entry forms and fees**

or deliver to:

Administration Building  
Entry Office  
California State Fair  
1600 Exposition Blvd.  
Sacramento, CA 95815  
(916) 263-3159

Email: [entryoffice@calexpo.com](mailto:entryoffice@calexpo.com)

2. Entry fee is \$30 per cheese. Entry fee must accompany entry form. Make Check payable to California State Fair. Entry fee is non-refundable. On-line entry requires valid Visa or Master Card.
3. Entry is open to California companies only.
4. Entries must be made on an official California State Fair California Cheese Entry Form or on-line. These forms may be photocopied on 8 1/2 " X 11" white paper and are available on our web site at [www.bigfun.org](http://www.bigfun.org).
5. A deficiency penalty of \$25.00 per entry must be paid if:
  - a. A check in payment of entry fee is refused by the bank.
6. Exhibitors wishing to verify that the State Fair received submitted entry forms and fees must include a self-addressed/stamped post card with submission of entry forms.

## DELIVERY and SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS

1. Exhibitors must enter through Gate 12, on the corner of Ethan and Hurley Way, and then proceed to Expo Center, Building 6 for delivery, on May 13, 2011 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
2. Shipped or mailed entries must arrive between May 9, 2011 and May 13, 2011. We will not receive entries on Saturday or Sunday.
3. Shipped or mailed entries must be pre-paid and arrive at the State Fair no later than 4 p.m., May 13, 2011. Any entries which arrive after May 13, 2011 will not be accepted into the competition. Exhibitor will be notified and entries will not be returned.
4. Ship or deliver entries to:

California Cheese Competition  
California State Fair  
Attn: Kem Pence  
Ethan & Hurley, Gate 12  
Expo Center, Building 6  
Sacramento, CA 95815  
916/263-3159 or 263-3146  
Email: [entryoffice@calexpo.com](mailto:entryoffice@calexpo.com)

## SPECIAL RULES APPLYING TO THE CALIFORNIA CHEESE COMPETITION

1. Entry Fee is \$30.00 for each cheese entered. Make checks payable to California State Fair. Entry fee must accompany entry form.
2. Entries are limited to original licensed manufacturers. Those wishing to enter products put up by another plant must submit a letter stating which products are involved. **There will be no duplication of samples entered under different brand names.**
3. All samples must meet the standards of the California State Food and Agriculture code and are subject to testing at the discretion of the Fair Management and/or Judges.
4. Samples submitted shall be submitted in DUPLICATE. Sample size no smaller than 16oz or 1lb, if sample is over 10lb only submit one sample.
5. **SAMPLES FOR JUDGING:** Samples for judging must be delivered to the California State Fair Expo Center (enter Gate 12 and follow signs) between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., Friday May 13, 2011. Samples being shipped must be received by May 13, 2011. Samples will not be accepted prior to May 9, 2011.
6. **All exhibitors receiving Best of Division and Best of Show** will be asked to attend and sample cheese at the Taste and Celebrate the Best on July 29, 2011. Taste and Celebrate the Best! California's Grape and Gourmet has moved back to the State Fair presenting award winning wine and cheese from the California State Fair Competition. Awards Ceremony 2pm; Trade Tasting 3-5 pm; Fairgoers Sipping 5-8 pm. There will be a limited number of event tickets available.
7. **Exhibitor's receiving Best of Show and Best of Division will be required to provide cheese for a chef challenge and other tastings during the fair (July 14 -31).**
8. **Copies of Official scores will be mailed to exhibitors. Results will not be given by telephone.**
9. Awards and ribbons will be mailed at close of Fair.
10. Judging begins at 9 a.m., Wednesday, May 18, 2011.

## AWARDS

1. **Award schedule per class**

95% OR OVER .....	GOLD MEDAL
90% - 94% .....	SILVER MEDAL
84% - 89% .....	BRONZE MEDAL
2. **Best of Division - A BOD will be given the BOD cheese made with Cow milk and a BOD will be given to Cheese made with goat, sheep or other type of milk)**

Best Cottage Cheese .....	Rosette and Plaque
Best Cultured Cheese .....	Rosette and Plaque
Best Soft Cheese .....	Rosette and Plaque
Best Semi-Soft Cheese .....	Rosette and Plaque
Best Semi-Hard Cheese .....	Rosette and Plaque
Best Hard Cheese .....	Rosette and Plaque
3. **Two Best of Show Cheeses will be picked from the twelve Best of Division Winners**

Award .....	Rosette and Golden Bear Trophy
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# CALIFORNIA CHEESE DIVISIONS

No restriction on number of entries for Classes however, entries shall not be duplicated varieties.

## Division 1300: Cottage Cheese

- Class 1: Small Curd Cottage Cheese
- Class 2: Large Curd Cottage Cheese
- Class 3: Nonfat Cottage Cheese
- Class 4: Flavored Cottage Cheese (fruit, herb, vegetable)

## Division 1305: Cultured Cheese

- Class 1: Crème Fraîche, Fromage Blanc, Quark, Kefir, Mascarpone

## Division 1310: Soft Cheese

- Class 1: Cream Cheese
- Class 2: Pasta Filata - fresh mozzarella
- Class 3: Feta - all milks
- Class 4: Feta - all milks, flavor added
- Class 5: Ricotta
- Class 6: Teleme (cryovac or flour)
- Class 7: Soft Fresh Cheese - open category, goat
- Class 8: Soft Fresh Cheese - open category, sheep, water buffalo or mixed
- Class 9: Soft Fresh Cheese - open category, cow
- Class 10: Soft Fresh Cheese Flavored
- Class 11: Middle Eastern, Eastern European, Indian
- Class 12: Processed Cheese
- Class 13: Other - Not described above

## Division 1315: Semi-Soft Cheese

- Class 1: Blue Veined Cheese
- Class 2: Open Category Goat
- Class 3: Open Category Sheep, Water Buffalo or mixed
- Class 4: Open Category Cow
- Class 5: White Surface Mold - Brie
- Class 6: White Surface Mold - Camembert
- Class 7: White Surface Mold - Flavored
- Class 8: Washed Rind - Schloss type
- Class 9: Hispanic Style (state type)
- Class 10: Pasta Filata (Mozzarella, Provolone, String)
- Class 11: Middle Eastern, Eastern European, Indian
- Class 12: Other - Not described above

**Division 1320: Semi-Hard Cheese**

- Class 1:** Monterey Jack
- Class 2:** Goat, Sheep, Water Buffalo, or Mixed Milk
- Class 3:** Hispanic (state type)
- Class 4:** Cheddar (aged over 30 days)
- Class 5:** Medium Cheddar (aged 3-6 months)
- Class 6:** Aged Cheddar (aged over 6 months)
- Class 7:** Flavored Cheddar
- Class 8:** Colby
- Class 9:** Swiss
- Class 10:** Open Category - Goat, Sheep, Water Buffalo, Cow or Mixed Milk
- Class 11:** Other - Not described above

**Division 1325: Hard Cheese**

- Class 1:** Hispanic, Portuguese Style
- Class 2:** Aged Jack
- Class 3:** Flavor Added
- Class 4:** Grating or Grana Style
- Class 5:** Other - Not described above

**CALIFORNIA CHEESE  
SCORE CARD**

Aroma .....	10%
Texture/Body .....	20%
Appearance - Color/Rind/Paste .....	20%
Flavor (includes Finish) .....	50%

# 2011 GENERAL RULES

## CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION & STATE FAIR

These rules are printed, mailed and posted on the fair's website in advance of the entry deadline(s). Each rule is subject to any action that may cause revision or curtailment at any time prior to each competition or judging. The most current General Rules will be found on the California State Fair website [www.bigfun.org](http://www.bigfun.org), under each competition. Upon signing the official entry form, the exhibitor acknowledges that they have read and understand these rules and all others of the competition in which they enter and are further responsible for viewing, reading and understanding all revisions or curtailments on the fair's website prior to the competition. Exhibitors may request a copy of the most current rules by contacting the entry office: email: [entryoffice@calexpo.com](mailto:entryoffice@calexpo.com) or phone: 916/263-3146.

1. **EXHIBITORS ENTRY RESPONSIBILITIES:** All signatures and information necessary to determine that the exhibit is eligible must be on the entry form and all fees (including penalties) must be paid by the entry delivery date for still exhibits or July 1, 2011 for Junior Livestock, Open Livestock and Small Animals or entered on-line and have submitted the Signature Acquisition Form with all necessary signatures by the above dates. Therefore, it shall be the responsibility of the exhibitors to correct all deficiencies in connection with entries or exhibiting which are required of them by the rules printed in the Competition Handbook. A deficiency penalty of \$20 per entry must be paid for any deficiency or fees which have not been paid by the entry delivery date for still exhibits or July 3 for Livestock and Small Animals. Entries will not be judged if deficiencies have not been cleared or fees paid. This rule shall apply to all equine shows with a requirement for their fees, forms and signatures being submitted by the entry deadline date within each equine section of any competition handbook.
2. **ENTRY LIMIT:** The State Fair management shall reserve the right to limit entries displayed and/or exhibited to facilities available and may limit the number of entries made by an exhibitor. Entries may also be limited or not displayed based on size, content, subject material, or for any reason determined not in the best interest of the California State Fair. Any return of entries under this rule will be done at the sole discretion of the State Fair management.
3. **OWNERSHIP OF ENTRY:** Unless specific provisions otherwise are made in the Competition Handbook (printed or on the web), exhibitors must be the bona fide owner of their entries. The management may demand such proof of ownership as it deems necessary in each case.
4. **EXHIBITOR LIABILITY:** Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by him/her. Exhibitor agrees to indemnify, and save harmless, the State of California, California Exposition and State Fair and all officers, agents, and employees there of from all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, or liability costs suits or actions of every name, kind and description, brought forth from or on account of, injuries to death of any person including but not limited to workers, and the public, or damage to property resulting from the performance of the exhibitor or its entries. Neither party shall request apportionment of liability by a jury.
5. **NO GUARANTEE:** The State Fair cannot guarantee that all exhibition requirements of an entry can be provided (i.e. electricity, a showcase, a pedestal, special lighting, special location, total space requirements, water source, computer services, or any other special requirements).
6. **DIVISION/CLASS CANCELLATION:** The State Fair management reserves the right to return entries and cancel any division or class in which, in its judgment, the entries are insufficient to secure adequate competition.

7. **ENTRY ERRORS:** Fair management is not responsible for finding errors in entries. Exhibitors are responsible for any and all errors on entry and summary forms. No exhibitor shall be entitled to an award which has been disallowed as the result of his own error. The Fair management shall withhold the payment of awards for exhibits that are ineligible and may recover awards that have been paid for ineligible entries that are disclosed during post audits of Fair records. However, exhibitors with cause are entitled to question the validity of any disallowance. Such exhibitors should inform the Fair management immediately, in writing, giving their name, address, complete description of the entry and the reason for requesting reconsideration. Requests will not be considered later than ninety (90) days after receiving notice of disallowance.
8. **SUBSTITUTION:** Substitutions may be made in still exhibits only in the same division of the original entry class of the original exhibitor, and may be made only if completed by the entry delivery date. Substitutions for livestock must be in the same division of the original entry by the original exhibitor. Substitutions must be made at time of check in to avoid penalty. Fees may apply for substitutions in excess of two per division. The State Fair or the judge may disqualify or transfer to the correct class any entry which is not a true representative of the division or class in which it is entered.
9. **PREVIOUSLY ENTERED ENTRY:** Any non-animal (still exhibit) entry that has been exhibited at a previous California State Fair is not eligible for entry in the 2011 California State Fair. Once a still exhibit has been entered and judged at the California State Fair it cannot be reentered for competition in any California State Fair Competition.
10. **VERIFICATION:** Exhibitors wishing to verify that the State Fair has received submitted entry forms and fees must include a self-addressed/stamped postcard when submitting entry forms.
11. **RESPONSIBILITY:** The Fair shall not be responsible for exhibits remaining on the fairgrounds after designated release times. All Still Exhibits or display elements remaining on the fairgrounds after designated release time will be treated as abandoned property and will be disposed of as of September 1, 2011.
12. **REMOVAL OF ENTRIES:** An exhibitor may not remove his or her entry from the California State Fair once it has been accepted. Entries must be on exhibit at the official opening of the Fair or at any other time specified in the Competition Handbook and shall not be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the release date printed in the handbook, except (at the discretion of the Fair management) in cases of positive evidence of sickness, accident and/or death, or other circumstances that are in the best interests of the Fair.
13. **DISHONORED CHECKS:** A penalty of \$25.00 per dishonored check must be paid if a check in payment of entry fees or other applicable fees is refused by the bank. Only cash, certified check or money orders are acceptable for penalty payment.
14. **ENTRY FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.**
15. **LATE ENTRIES:** Late Entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the California State Fair under the following conditions:
  1. The completed entry form(s) and other completed required forms, signatures and full payment for all required fees must arrive at the California State Fair Entry Office (by Certified Mail or Hand Delivery) no later than five calendar days after the official entry deadline requirement of the competition ( ie; Creative Arts, Junior Livestock, Youth Art & Design, etc.) For example, if the Official Entry Deadline is June 10, the last day and time a late entry may be eligible is June 15 at 4:00 PM. If late entries arrive after 4:00 PM on that fifth day, they will NOT be considered.
  2. Open Livestock Late Entries will be accepted until July 1, 2011 with an additional \$100 per entry. Payment must be received no later than 5 pm on July 5, 2011.
  3. All late entries must be accompanied with the entry fee as listed within the program in addition to a late fee equal to \$20 per entry for all livestock, horse and wine

entries and \$10 per entry for non livestock competitions in addition to small animals (Fur and Feathers and dogs). Acceptable forms of payment are Visa, master card, check or money order.

4. No entries will be accepted beyond the capacity of the facility.
  5. All other entry requirements as well as any rules, regulations and schedules shall apply.
  6. No entry is a guarantee of acceptance and it is the exhibitor's responsibility to confirm that the fair has accepted any and all entries.
  7. The California State Fair expressly reserves the right to reject any and all entry forms for any reason whatsoever.
16. **DESIGN:** The California State Fair assumes total design control over the presentation of the exhibits. Entries designed for hanging and not so equipped will be hung in a manner deemed appropriate by the Fair. No exhibit changes will be made once the entries have been displayed. Once an entry has been received by the Fair, no further handling of entry by exhibitor shall be permitted. Relocation and final placement shall be accomplished by Fair personnel. Entries requiring assembly/disassembly must include detailed instructions and sketches for assembly/disassembly. Instructions should indicate lifting points, unsecured parts and any other information required for such handling. Where necessary bank pins will be utilized to attach exhibits for display.
17. **JUNIORS ENTERING SENIOR DEPARTMENT:** All divisions and classes within Junior Departments are intended for Juniors exclusively. Entry into the Junior Department is regulated by age and youth organization requirements as outlined within this competition handbook. In no case may a person, group or organization outside of these age requirements (younger or older) be allowed to enter and compete in the Junior department.

However, Juniors may elect to enter, exhibit and compete (animal or non-animal) in the Senior Department when the rules of that department, division or class allow for such. Such entries shall be restricted to:

1. A class for the exhibit that is not provided in the Junior Department.
2. Junior Livestock Exhibitors in Breeding Beef, Breeding Sheep, Breeding Swine, Dairy Cattle, Boer Goats, and Market Barrows that officially enter and show in the Junior Livestock Show are eligible to compete in the Open Show as long as the same exhibit/animal is entered and shown in the Junior Show and the same exhibit/animal is entered and met all Open Division entry deadlines and guidelines. **This rule does not apply to Junior Dairy Goats.**
3. Open classes or divisions that allows for participation of Juniors due to the open competition being a specialty, feature, regional or national show sanctioned by the fair and/or recognized organization. In this case, the Junior exhibitor must also enter and compete (with the same exhibit) in the current year's Junior department, division, class offered for the exhibit. This provision must be printed specifically within the rules of the feature show within this handbook.

Anyone under the age of 18 who meets the California State Fair age requirements and is planning to exhibit in a Senior department must have their parent or legal guardian sign their Summary form. If the exhibitor is required to be on the fairgrounds, the Junior must be supervised by their parent or legal guardian while at the fair.

Exhibit animals owned in partnership between Seniors and Juniors shall not affect the Junior's eligibility when the Senior partner is the exhibitor. When violations of this rule occur, the junior exhibitor will not be eligible to compete at the current and following years California State Fair.

18. **FAIR EMPLOYEE PARTICIPATION:** No employee of the State Fair will be permitted to enter an exhibit for competition. No person shall be an exhibitor or sign an entry form as an agent in any Division or Department in which the exhibitor is a department head, judge, contractor or paid employee.

## DISQUALIFICATION

19. **DISQUALIFICATION:** The State Fair management shall reserve the right to vacate, declare ineligible for competition, and/or order the removal of any entry which is not in the best interest of the Fair, is unsightly, unhealthy, injured, lame, unsound, endangers public safety, violates the Fair's Animal Welfare Policies, or has been entered in violation of these rules and regulations.
20. **ENTRY DISQUALIFICATIONS/TRANSFERS:** A complete exhibit eligible in more than one Division and/or Class shall be entered and judged only in the Division and/or Class for which it best qualifies. The State Fair or the judge may disqualify or transfer to the correct Class (at his/her discretion) any exhibit which is not a true representative of the Division or Class in which it is entered. It is not, however, the responsibility of the State Fair or judge to transfer an entry to the correct Division and/or Class.
21. **DISQUALIFICATIONS:** In the event an entry or an exhibitor is disqualified for any rule or policy violation (including but not limited to practices or procedures that are unethical, those in violation of the Fair's Residue Avoidance Program, DNA Testing Program and those not adhering to the Fair's schedule for the program), any or all of the following actions may take place:
  - a. The entry or exhibitor that is disqualified will be declared ineligible and will not receive awards, premium money and/or any sale proceeds. Further, the exhibitor shall be responsible for payment of any fees, fines due or costs incurred by the State as a result of disqualification.
  - b. The owner/exhibitor and members of his/her immediate family will not be eligible to compete in subsequent California State Fair Programs. The extent and degree of future eligibility shall be determined by Fair Management.
  - c. Fair Management reserves the right (but does not guarantee) to move entries up in placing after judging has taken place when an award void is created by a disqualification. This process of moving up judged entries shall only take place, however, when it is clear what the judge's placing would have been had the disqualified entry not been in competition. For example, when a Champion is disqualified, the Reserve shall move up and be named the Champion; however, no other changes shall take place below the Reserve Champion. The same shall apply in the case of a class, section or division winner when 2nd place has been clearly indicated by the judge. If it is not possible to clearly determine a new placing, no change shall take place. When a placing change does take place the entry moving up will receive all the awards, appropriate titles and all premiums of the disqualified entry but will not receive any of the original placing awards or premiums won in the second category. In other words 2nd place will now receive 1st money and "no" entry will receive 2nd money.
22. **COOPERATION:** Exhibitors not cooperating with security personnel or any other Fair officials in all matters of policy, including but not limited to parking, stall/pen/space assignments and appearance, and/or animal care will have their entries cancelled and will be ordered to remove their exhibit from the grounds immediately.
23. **PUBLIC DISTURBANCES:** Exhibitors causing public disturbances, those who are uncooperative and/or unsportsmanlike, those not following good animal welfare practices as determined by management, or those found in violation of rules or in practices unethical or inimical with the Fair program and/or policies/procedures shall be penalized by forfeiture of premium awarded, any and all awards, payments of fines and/or damages to State Property, privileges, and/or disqualification at this or subsequent State Fairs as may be deemed appropriate by the Fair Management and/or the Board of Directors. Further, if the exhibitor and/or exhibitor's adult supervisor, parent or family member's actions are deemed to be illegal, inhumane or unethical to livestock, the proper authorities will be notified for further investigation by those agencies for possible prosecution and/or civil penalties.

24. **PROBATION:** Any exhibitor found in violation of any rule may be placed on probation for a period of one year or longer if Fair management deems appropriate.

### **JUDGING**

25. **JUDGING:** The judge(s) shall award first, second or third place, etc., according to merit and if without merit the judge shall make no award under any circumstances. This rule applies whether there are one or more entries in the class.
26. **JUDGE/EXHIBITOR INFORMATION:** No person shall act as a judge in any Division in which he/she or a member of his/her immediate family is an exhibitor, is in charge of an exhibit or division, in charge of a group of exhibitors, or is a member of a group of exhibitors.
27. **JUDGE/FRATERNIZATION/CRITICISM:** Judges should avoid unnecessary fraternization with exhibitors. No person shall be allowed, under any circumstances, to interfere with the judge, or judges, during their adjudications, or with the Fair's staff, or to offer any criticism of any exhibit of another. Violators of this rule shall be excluded immediately from the judging area and from competition and be subject to such additional penalties, including cancellations of awards, as the State Fair management shall consider appropriate.
28. No exhibitor shall receive more than two cash awards in any one class. For the purpose of this rule only, a husband, wife, and unmarried children (including foster children) under 18 years of age shall be considered as being one exhibitor, except that brothers and/or sisters shall be considered as being separate exhibitors in Junior Department classes. This rule shall have no bearing on consideration in the placing of entries by judges. Ribbons shall be presented in the order of placing by the judges. The management shall, however, pay third money to fourth winner, etc., when the third winner is prohibited from receiving third cash award under the provisions of this rule. (Any entry or exhibit in which one or more members of the family described above has a financial interest shall be included in the limitation of not more than two cash awards per class.)
29. Management reserves the right to combine or to divide classes in a manner it deems necessary in order to assure adequate competition. In the event of a show change, as a result of this rule, or where classes are established after the close of entries, premiums and awards will be distributed, divided or eliminated in a manner as deemed necessary by Fair Management.
30. **JUDGE'S DECISION:** The judge's decision is final. The judge's decision cannot be protested.
31. **CHIEF JUDGE POLICY:** A Chief Judge will be assigned by the Fair, for still exhibits only, to mediate in the event there is a conflict during the judging process. All decisions of the Chief Judge shall be final and may not be protested.
32. **PROTESTS: For still exhibits and horse only** - Any protest must be in writing and given to the Fair's executive staff member responsible for the Competitive Program in question within 24 hours of the time of the cause of the protest. Protests must be based on a violation of rules. The judge's decisions on awards cannot be protested. No protest shall be considered by the management unless accompanied by a deposit of \$100.00 (Cash, money order or certified check). The deposit shall be forfeited if the protest is not upheld. Protests shall be adjudicated by Fair management. Fair management will consult with a member of the California State Fair Board of Directors who shall be designated by the Chairman of the Board. The decision of Fair Management shall be final and unappealable. See special livestock rules for protests in the Livestock Program.
33. **REJUDGING:** Under no circumstance will any entry which has been previously judged be "rejudged" due to the disqualification or removal of another entry.

### **AWARDS**

34. **SPECIAL AWARDS:** Special Awards contributed by businesses or individuals are

offered in some California State Fair Competitive Programs. These Special Awards are the obligation of the contributor/donor. The California State Fair is not responsible for redemption of these awards.

35. **TAX LAWS:** It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to investigate and adhere to State and Federal tax laws/regulations regarding premiums paid and awards received. As an out-of-state payee who earns \$1500 or more, we must withhold 7% for State taxes. You can request an exemption or a reduction of this withholding by filling out and submitting the Nonresident Withholding Waiver Request, California Form 588.
36. **PREMIUMS/AWARDS:** Awards, ribbons, tags or cards have no value as payment. Premiums are paid only from the records of the judges sheets. Premium checks will be issued as soon as auditing, drug testing, if applicable, and processing can be completed. If checks are not received by November 15, please phone or write the State Fair. Checks must be cashed within six months of the date of issue. Exhibitors have until January 1, 2012, to claim checks returned to the State Fair. Checks will not be reissued after this date.

### **AGEREQUIREMENTS**

37. **JUNIOR EXHIBITORS MEMBERSHIP AGE AND AFFILIATION REQUIREMENTS:**
  - a. **Organization affiliation requirements:** If a Junior (youth) exhibitor has been a member of a junior organization for 60 days immediately prior to the opening date of the State Fair (May 13, 2011), and their project or entry was produced or conducted at anytime during the year of 2011 under the supervision of the organization, the Junior must enter the divisions or classes designated for that organization. If, however, the project or entry was not produced or conducted under the supervision of the organization, the Junior must enter as an Independent Junior for that project or entry. Example: If a 4-H member wishes to enter a Market Steer competition and a baked goods competition, in a situation where, they are only enrolled in a 4-H Beef project, the entry is as follows: Enter 4-H for the Market Steer competition and Independent Junior for the Baked Goods competition (even though the exhibitor is a 4-H member, the baked goods project was not produced or conducted under the supervision of the organization).
  - b. **Non-designated "Junior" shows or divisions:** If a show or division offered is not specified as 4-H or FFA, Junior exhibitors who are enrolled in a 4-H or FFA project relating to that show or division must still enter as members of their respective organizations and follow all applicable rules and regulations of the department.
  - c. **California Grange:** California Grange youth shall be considered Independent Juniors for Livestock, Dairy, Small Animal and Still Exhibits.
  - d. **Independent Still Exhibits Exhibitors:** Persons, who are "not" 4-H, FFA or Grange members may enter the Junior competitions provided they meet age requirements for youth exhibitors in the competition they are entering. These Juniors are considered Independent Juniors and must enter Independent Junior classes or divisions when the classes or divisions are designated as such in the Indoor (Still Exhibits) Competitions. Exhibitors who enter Independent of an organization must not be older than 18 years old as of January 1, 2011.
  - e. **Independent and Grange Animal Exhibitors:** Persons who are "not" 4-H or FFA members may enter the Junior Livestock Show provided they meet age requirements for animal exhibitors at the State Fair. These Independent exhibitors shall enter 4-H or FFA classes as follows:
    1. Independent Junior exhibitors who are 13 years of age or under (as of show day) shall compete in the appropriate 4-H divisions only.
    2. Independent Junior exhibitors who are 14 years of age (as of show day) or are incoming freshmen in high school shall be placed by Fair Management in

either 4-H or FFA divisions.

3. Independent Junior exhibitors are not eligible to enter 4-H, FFA and Grange Showmanship, County or Chapter Groups, or Premier Exhibitor Competition.
- f. **Member standing and ownership requirements:** Juniors who are members of 4-H, FFA or Grange must be in good standing with their organization and projects entered as such must have been conducted under the supervision of the organization and must be owned by the exhibitor (unless otherwise stated).
- g. **Eligibility questions:** Any questions as to the eligibility of an entry shall be determined by the exhibitor's advisor (for 4-H, FFA or Grange) instructor (for Industrial & Technology Education) or parent or guardian (for Independent Juniors). Not with standing the foregoing, the State Fair shall make final determination of eligibility in all cases.
- h. **4-H age requirements:** The levels of membership for 4-H are age and/or grade based. Each level is defined as follows:
  1. **Primary Level:** Must be 5 years old or in kindergarten as of January 1, 2011. Primary membership ends when members qualify as junior members. Exhibitors in the Primary Level are not eligible to compete in animal competitions at the California State Fair.
  2. **Junior, Intermediate & Senior:** Must be 9 years old or in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade by January 1, 2011. Exhibitors are eligible through December 31 of the year in which they turn 19 years of age.
  3. **Home Schooled Children:** Age criteria, as listed in 1 and 2, only will apply to home schooled children. Grade level will not be a consideration. (Exhibitors who are under 9 years of age as of January 1, 2011 are not eligible to compete in animal competitions at the California State Fair.)
- i. **Independent Junior and Grange age requirements: (This rule applies to Indoor non-animal Exhibits only)** Independent Junior and Grange exhibitors may enter California State Fair classes and divisions in indoor (Still Exhibit) competitions if they are 5 years old or eligible for enrollment in kindergarten at their local public school jurisdiction as of January 1, 2011. Independent and Grange exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31 of the year in which they turn 19 years of age. Exhibitors must meet ownership and all other requirements of the competition to be eligible for entry.
- j. **Independent Junior and Grange age requirements: (This rule applies to Animal Exhibitors)** Independent Junior and Grange animal exhibitors must be 9 years old as of January 1, 2011 and are eligible to compete through December 31 of the year in which they turn 19 years of age. Independent Juniors and Grange exhibitors shall enter 4-H or FFA animal classes.
- k. **FFA age requirements:** The first year of eligibility will be determined by the FFA advisor; however, exhibitor must have graduated from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade as of July 1, 2011. FFA requirements allow exhibitors to enter FFA classes through the year following the year in which they graduate from high school.
- l. **4-H age requirements for animal exhibitors:** All 4-H exhibitors must be 9 years old or in 4<sup>th</sup> grade by January 1, 2011 and not be older than 19 years old as of January 1, 2011. Note: Because of variations in school sessions statewide (nine-month, year-round, home school, etc.) the exhibitor's parent or legal guardian will be responsible for providing proof of the fourth grade enrollment to the satisfaction of State Fair officials. Exhibitors must also meet age and membership requirements of their organizations when entering as a member of an organization. Exhibitors must also meet ownership and all other requirements of the competition to be eligible for entry.
- m. **No dual affiliation in competition:** Under no circumstances may an exhibitor

show the same species or project in more than one Division of the Junior Department.

- n. **Adult supervision requirement:** All Junior exhibitors, required to be on the State Fairgrounds, must be accompanied and supervised by an adult while on the State Fairgrounds. Instructors, advisors, leaders and other adults in charge of Junior exhibitors shall be responsible for their conduct at all times.
- o. **FFA supervision requirements:** All FFA exhibitors entered as such must be supervised by their agricultural instructor. Any deviation from this rule must be taken up with the State Vocational Agricultural unit representative in charge. The CATA Curricular Activities Code shall govern the conduct and eligibility of FFA exhibitors and their projects.
- p. **Industrial and Technology Education Students:** Industrial and Technology Education students must meet age and enrollment requirements as established by the California Department of Education. Exhibitors must be enrolled in an Industrial and Technology Education class (grade 7 through Community College) during the current school year as defined by the Department of Education and receive approval from the instructor to enter. Age of exhibitor does not determine eligibility. Eligibility is based on course level. Eligible ROP adults may enter in the Community College Class 4 of the Industrial and Technology Education Program.
- q. **Uniforms:** Uniform requirements for Independent youth shall be the same as required for 4-H and FFA members excluding insignia. The official show uniform for animal exhibitors at the California State Fair will be white pants, trousers or dress and a white blouse or shirt.
- r. No exhibit owned by a chapter or club, or conducted, as a joint project by two or more individuals is eligible in the Junior Department unless the division/class specifically states.

#### **FREESPEECH**

38. **FREE SPEECH ACTIVITIES GUIDELINE:** The California Exposition & State Fair (Cal Expo) hereby finds that these guidelines are intended to set forth in writing Cal Expo's long-standing policy governing the conduct of Cal Expo employees and exhibitors, as well as members of the public, under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I of the California Constitution, on Cal Expo's grounds. These guidelines are not intended to enlarge upon nor create any rights guaranteed by existing law nor waive any defense or rights available to Cal Expo, nor do they represent any admission that the facilities of Cal Expo are open as a public forum. It is the policy of Cal Expo to allow within the parameters set forth herein, reasonable access to its grounds and designated free speech expression zones for demonstrations for free speech activity as allowed by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I to the California Constitution.

For further information regarding Free Speech Activities at the California Exposition & State Fair please write to: Joan Evans, California Exposition & State Fair, P.O. Box 15649, Sacramento, CA 95852.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

39. Should contractors, associations, clubs or individuals desire to arrange for beverages and food services, all such arrangements must be coordinated through Ovations/FanFare, the State's Master Food & Beverage Contractor. No exceptions. Contractor shall be responsible for expenses related to these services, if any. Alcoholic beverage service areas/facilities will only be allowed in designated locations. Only persons 21 years or older will be allowed to consume alcoholic beverages. Further, no alcoholic beverages may be brought onto the grounds. These products may only be acquired at Ovations/FanFare locations of the grounds. Individuals that endanger themselves or others will be reported to authorities.

## DEFINITIONS

40. The following definitions apply to this handbook

**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, etc. per class.

**Danish System of Judging:** Each entry in a class is judged on its own merit. Entries are placed first, second, third, etc., depending on points received based on the score card. There may be more than one first, second, third, etc. per class.

**Senior Departments:** California Fine Art, California Creative Arts, California's Kitchen, Commercial Wine, Commercial Craft Brew, Home Brew, Home Wine, Adult Categories for Open Horse, California Cheese, Open Livestock by species and Open Small Animals by species.

**Junior Departments:** Youth Art & Design, California Kidz Kitchen, Junior Livestock by species and Junior Small Animals by species.

**Senior/Open Exhibitor:** An exhibitor who is no longer eligible to be a Junior Exhibitor or enter a Junior Department.

**Junior Exhibitor:** An exhibitor who is a member of 4-H, FFA, Grange, or an Independent Youth Exhibitor who meets the requirements of Independent Junior divisions offered. See specific show and General Rules for exceptions to this definition.

**Entry Office:** The California State Fair Entry Office is located at 1600 Exposition Blvd., Sacramento. Contact may be made by phone, mail, email or personal contact. Questions regarding competitions may also be directed to the Entry Office. (916) 263-3146 - entryoffice@calexpo.com.

**Still Exhibits:** All competitive exhibits which are typically indoor and not involving animals, such as art, quilts, foods, crafts, sewing, metal work, jewelry, graphics, drafting, sciences, etc.

**Livestock & Small Animals:** All competitive exhibits which animals are the entry; such as beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, goats, llamas, cavies, rabbits, poultry, dogs, etc.

**Entry Form:** An official form used in submitting an entry in the California State Fair (All Competitions).

**Summary Form:** An additional official form identifying the exhibitor used in submitting an entry in the California State Fair Competitions (California Creative Arts, California Kitchen, Youth Art & Design, California Kidz Kitchen, Junior Livestock & Open Livestock).

**Signature Acquisition Form:** An official form used in submitting an entry/exhibit in the California State Fair when entry/exhibit was entered on-line.

**Entry Fees:** A fee charged to enter a competition. All entry fees must be included with the proper forms on or before the entry deadline.

**Entry/Exhibit:** Terms used to define the item entered in the competition or contest.

**Entrant/Exhibitor:** Terms used to define the person entering the competition.

**Premium:** A cash award given to winners of a competition.

**Shows:** Generalized sections of a competition.

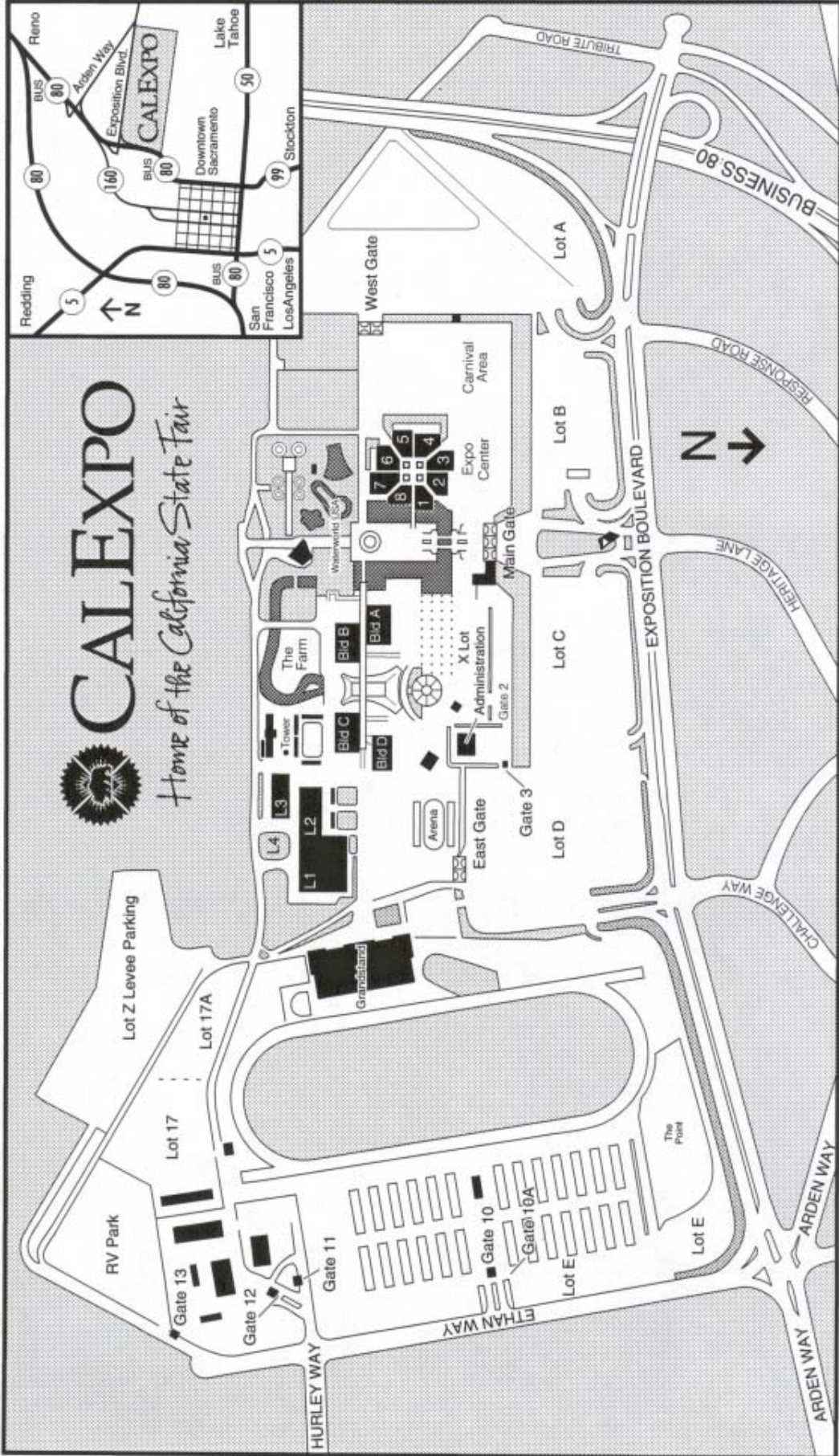
**Division:** Categories within a show.

**Class:** Specific categories within a division.

**Competition Handbook:** a printed or electronic (web) book, prospectus, or flyer which contains information for entry into the California State Fair competitions. Competition Handbooks can be a printed document or as an electronic document found on the California Exposition & State Fair website [www.bigfun.org](http://www.bigfun.org).

**Bonafide Ownership of Exhibit** - ownership is the state or fact of exclusive rights and control over property considered an entry or exhibit. This definition includes livestock, small animals and horses although not limited to that type of property. Objects/ products created or produced are also included as well as intellectual property. Proof of such ownership may be required by management.

When entering Sacramento take the Capital City (Business 80) Freeway to the Exposition Boulevard exit to reach CalExpo, home of the California State Fair



## California State Fair Competitive Programs

The California State Fair was established in 1854 in the city of San Francisco. We are proud to present the 157th annual exposition.

The California State Fair offers many opportunities to showcase your talents. The following is a list of competitive programs you may be qualified to enter. For more information, contact the appropriate representative at the address or phone number below.

**California Creative Arts** - Attn.: Nancy Emelio - [nemelio@calexpo.com](mailto:nemelio@calexpo.com)

Adult Creative Arts including clothing, crafts, collections, textiles, etc.

**California Fine Art** - Attn.: Carol Buchanan - [cbuchanan@calexpo.com](mailto:cbuchanan@calexpo.com)

Adult Fine Arts including all media

**California Kidz Kitchen** - Attn.: Nancy Emelio - [nemelio@calexpo.com](mailto:nemelio@calexpo.com)

Youth food and preserved foods

**California Kitchen** - Attn.: Nancy Emelio - [nemelio@calexpo.com](mailto:nemelio@calexpo.com)

Adult Cooking including food, preserved foods, etc.

**California Cheese** - Attn.: Kem Pence - [entryoffice@calexpo.com](mailto:entryoffice@calexpo.com)

Cheese produced at commercial facilities intended for retail sale

**Commercial Craft Brew** - Attn.: Greg Kinder - [gkinder@calexpo.com](mailto:gkinder@calexpo.com)

Brew produced at commercial facilities intended for retail sale

**Commercial Wine** - Attn.: Kem Pence - [entryoffice@calexpo.com](mailto:entryoffice@calexpo.com)

Wine produced from bonded wineries intended for retail sale

**Counties Exhibits** - Attn.: Carol Buchanan - [cbuchanan@calexpo.com](mailto:cbuchanan@calexpo.com)

Including California Counties exhibits

**County Fair Best of Show** - Attn.: Entry Office - [entryoffice@calexpo.com](mailto:entryoffice@calexpo.com)

Livestock Showmanship, Sheep Lead Class, Horse Show and Poultry Show

Participants must have qualified at the local Fair.

**FFA Ag Mechanics** - Attn.: Nancy Easton - [neaston@calexpo.com](mailto:neaston@calexpo.com)

Mechanical science projects

**Friends of the Fair Scholarship** - Attn.: Sandi Hurtgen - [shurtgen@calexpo.com](mailto:shurtgen@calexpo.com)

\$26,500 available in 2011 to California residents enrolled in community college, state college, university and graduate programs. Application deadline is March 11, 2011.

**Fur & Feathers** - Attn.: Eunita Boatman - [entryoffice@calexpo.com](mailto:entryoffice@calexpo.com)

Open and Junior includes Poultry, Rabbits, Cavies and small Rodents

**Home Brew** - Attn.: Greg Kinder - [entryoffice@calexpo.com](mailto:entryoffice@calexpo.com)

Brews produced for non-commercial use.

**Home Wine** - Attn.: Tomme Jo Dale - [entryoffice@calexpo.com](mailto:entryoffice@calexpo.com)

Wines produced for non-commercial use.

**Horse** - Attn.: Nancy Easton - [entryoffice@calexpo.com](mailto:entryoffice@calexpo.com)

Open and Junior: Western and English

**Industrial & Technology Education** - Attn.: Michelle Johnson -

[youthexhibits@calexpo.com](mailto:youthexhibits@calexpo.com)

Industrial Education students enrolled in grades 7-12 and community college. Includes drafting, graphics, media, electronics, energies, fabrication, and wood.

**Youth Art & Design Expo** - Attn.: Michelle Johnson - [youthexhibits@calexpo.com](mailto:youthexhibits@calexpo.com)

Youth ages 5-18. Includes art, fashion and textile, crafts and hobbies, and media.

**Livestock** - Attn.: Tomme Jo Dale - [tjdale@calexpo.com](mailto:tjdale@calexpo.com)

Open and Junior includes Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Llamas, Boer Goats, Nigerian Dwarf Goats, Angora Goats, Pygmy Goats, etc.

**California's Agricultural Heritage Club** - Attn.: Teresa McEntire - [tmcentire@calexpo.com](mailto:tmcentire@calexpo.com)

This Club will recognize agricultural family enterprises and agribusinesses that have been in operation within California for 100, 125, or 150 years or more.

**Send request for information to:** California State Fair, Competitive Programs

Attn.:(choose appropriate name from above)

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