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FFA AG MECHANICS CALENDAR

May 10	Entry period begins, Entry Form and Entry Fees may be submitted
June 10	All Entry Forms and Entry Fees must be received or post-marked no later than June 10, 2011
June 17	All Outstanding Exhibitor Forms Due
July 9	Projects may be delivered from 6:00 am to 10:00 am. Deliveries will come to Gate 12 and follow signs to FFA Ag Mechanics.
July 9	Judging will begin at 10:00 am. Awards will be announced at end of competition.
July 9	Outstanding Exhibitor Interviews for FFA Ag Mechanics with exhibitors in dress uniform.
July 9	Release of Projects not chosen for display due to very limited space. Release of Projects entered into another fair.
July 14	2011 California State Fair opens
July 16	Awards Ceremony, Expo Center
July 27	Premier Exhibitor Final Interviews. Check in with Task Force Office upon arrival at the State Fair.
July 27	Premier Exhibitor Awards Ceremony in L1 - 4:00 p.m.
July 31	2011 California State Fair closes
August 1	Release and pick up of projects on display 8:00 am - 12 Noon.

NEW FOR 2011

- 1 New schedule for the 2011 California State Fair:
 - The Fair opens on Thursday, July 14, at 10 a.m.
 - The Fair opens at 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. **Delivery and judging of FFA Ag Mechanic projects on south side of Livestock Pavilion.**
4. Display Space is very limited. Not all entries will be displayed.
5. Outstanding Exhibitor judging will be on July 9, 2011.

GENERAL INFORMATION

There is no prerequisite to enter the FFA Ag Mechanics competition.

The FFA Ag Mechanics Program is an exciting opportunity to compete, win money and be exhibited at the California State Fair. Cash premiums, ribbons and special awards may be won for FFA Ag Mechanics.

1. Entry in the California State Fair FFA Ag Mechanics Competition is open to California residents who are current members of FFA and enrolled in a Career Technical Education in Agriculture program.
2. **To Enter: Download the official entry 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.**
3. Any information desired and not found in this handbook may be obtained by writing to the Competitive Exhibits Department, California State Fair, P.O. Box 15649, Sacramento, CA 95852, or calling 916/263-3146 or email at **entryoffice@calexpo.com**.
4. This handbook is available in advance and is subject to any action that may cause revision or curtailment of sections, awards, premiums, or regulations as listed.
5. Exhibitors wishing to verify that the State Fair has received mailed forms and fees must include a self-addressed/stamped **postcard** when submitting forms. If entering on-line, an email confirmation will be sent to the exhibitor's email address.
6. All entries in FFA Ag Mechanics Competition must be the work of the exhibitor in whose name they are entered and to whom the premium award is to be paid.
7. Entry Questions? Call the California State Fair Entry Office 916/263-3146 or email **entryoffice@calexpo.com**. Call Nancy Easton, FFA Ag Mechanics Coordinator, at 916/263-3174 or email neaston@calexpo.com if you have competition questions.
8. Each individual is considered to be a separate exhibitor. Entries completed by two or more individuals are permitted but will be counted as one exhibitor. Any premiums and/or special awards won by a group project shall be awarded to the individual or organization signing the entry form (groups must be stated on one separate entry form and will be counted as one exhibitor). Group projects shall only be entitled to receive one (1) award per Premium Award schedule.
9. If an entry is for sale, please indicate this in the space provided on the entry form. All inquiries regarding the sale of the entry will be referred directly to the exhibitor. No signs, flyers, etc. regarding the sale of the entry will be allowed.

GOOD LUCK! We wish you success in the competition you choose to enter and hope you will join us for "Big Fun" at the 2011 California State Fair.

AG MECHANICS ADVISORY TASK FORCE

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HOW TO ENTER

The California State Fair FFA Ag Mechanics Competition

1. Review the General Information, FFA Ag Mechanic Rules, as well as the General Rules. Please note the entry form, summary form and fee deadline, as well as the delivery date (s) according to the Calendar, page 4.
2. Select the Division of the Show you wish to enter.
3. Review the specific information for the show you wish to enter and select the appropriate class within each division.
4. **Submit entry forms and entry fees ONLY, not the entries themselves, to the addresses below.**

Mail entry forms and fees to: or hand deliver forms and fees to:

FFA Ag Mechanics
California State Fair
P.O. Box 15649
Sacramento, CA 95852

Administration Building/Entry Office
California State Fair
1600 Exposition Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95815
(916) 263-3174

5. Hand deliver your entry to the California State Fair. See calendar for dates and times.
6. **ENTRY EVALUATION:** All entries will be evaluated by a judge. Entries will be judged using a modified Danish System of judging (unless otherwise noted).
7. **NOTIFICATION OF EXHIBITORS:** Results will be announced and displayed after judging. Results will also be mailed to our exhibitors and may also be seen on our website, www.bigfun.org.
8. **Due to limited exhibit space, not all first place entries will be considered for display. All other entries must be removed on July 9.**
9. Visit the 2011 California State Fair from July 14 - 31 and see winning entries on display.
10. Pick up entries according to calendar.
11. Receive all premium checks, if applicable, and ribbons by November 1, 2011.

FFA AG MECHANICS COMPETITION FEES, LIMITS AND ENTRY RULES

1. **Entry Deadline: June 10, 2011. Hand delivered entry forms and fees must be received by 4:30 pm on or before June 10, 2011. Mailed entry forms, and fees must be postmarked on or before June 10, 2011.**
2. **ENTRY FEES \$8-\$15 depending on division.** Entry fees must be included with the entry form. Entry fees may differ from Division to Division. Entry fees are nonrefundable. Make checks payable to the California State Fair.
3. A penalty of \$25.00 per exhibitor must be paid if a check in payment of an entry fee is refused by the bank. Only cash, certified check or money orders are acceptable for penalty payments.
4. All signatures and information necessary to determine that an entry is eligible must be on the entry form. Entry forms received without entry fees or required information will be returned to the exhibitor.

It shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor to correct all deficiencies in connection with entries or exhibiting which are required of them by the rules printed in this Competition Handbook. All deficiencies must be corrected by the entry delivery date. Entries will not be accepted for judging unless deficiencies have been corrected.
5. **Entry Limits for All Exhibitors: 4 entries per division.** There is no maximum total number of entries.
6. **Entries must be complete and ready to exhibit upon delivery. All parts must be secure and all paint and glue must be dry.**

Entries must be labeled with the exhibitors name, division and class or it will not be accepted.
7. The California State Fair has the option of disqualifying any entry which the Fair feels is unsafe or is not properly presented for display.
8. Exhibits must have been completed within the last two years.
9. Entry substitutions may be made only within the same Division and Class of the original entry. A substitution may only be made by the original exhibitor and must be completed by the entry delivery date.
10. Same or identical items cannot be exhibited or win an award in more than one competitive program at the same time. Example: a photo entry entered in the Fine Art Competition can not be entered in any other competitive program (i.e. California Creative Arts, Youth Exhibits, Industrial and Technology Education).
11. Exhibitors will not be permitted to enter similar or like items in two or more Classes. 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 is best qualified. The State Fair or the judge may disqualify or transfer to the correct Class and/or Division (at his/her discretion) any exhibit which is not a true representative of the Division or Class in which it is entered.
14. Any non-livestock (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 an entry has been entered and judged at the California State Fair it cannot be reentered for competition in any California State Fair Competition.

JUDGING and AWARD INFORMATION

1. **TO ENCOURAGE HIGH STANDARDS:** The judge shall award first, second, or third place, Etc. according to merit. If, at the judge's discretion, an entry does not merit a placing, the judge shall make no award under any circumstances. This rule applies if there is one or more exhibits in the Class.
2. **SYSTEMS OF JUDGING used in the FFA Ag Mechanics Program:**

Danish System of Judging: Used in the basic evaluation of exhibits in divisions 975-997. Each entry is judged on its own merit. Entries are placed first, second and third depending upon points received on the score card. There may be more than one first, second, or third per class. Each exhibit will be scored individually in accordance with the score card. Those receiving point scores as follows will be awarded the appropriate award.

First	Score of 90 to 100
Second	Score of 80 to 89
Third	Score of 70 to 79

American System of Judging: For Division 1005 - Each entry in a Class is judged in comparison to the other entries in the class. Entries are placed according to relative merit. There is only one first, one second, one third, etc. per class.
3. **RIBBONS:** California State Fair ribbons will be awarded for all entries placing first, second and third. Monetary awards will be awarded to Best of Show, Best of Class, first, second and Award of Merit.
4. **BEST OF DIVISION (BOD):** Additional First Place Premium and Rosette
These awards will be based on points earned . There will be no more than one Best of Division chosen for each division. All first place winners will be considered for Best of Division. In the event of a tie, judges will use the American System of Judging.
4. **BEST OF SHOW (BOS):** \$100 and the Golden Bear Trophy
These awards will be based on points earned . There will be one Best of Show chosen for Youth Arts, one from Creative Projects and one for FFA Best of Show. All Best of Class winners will be considered for Best of Show. In the event of a tie, judges will use the American System of Judging.
5. FFA Ag Mechanics Program also awards Donor Awards which have been contributed by businesses and individuals to further enrich the California State Fair FFA Ag Mechanics Program. Information and a list of these awards see page 16.

FFA AG MECHANICS SHOW

1. **Metalworking Projects: Entries** must include a description card stating information about the project. This description card must be delivered with the project. Include the following: Materials utilized, cost of materials used, labor to construct, etc. Each project shall be of new construction. Describe project and dimensions on entry form. Projects over 10 feet wide may not be displayed. All projects must be self-sufficient, fair support is not available. All projects must arrive between 6 am and 10 am Saturday, July 9. Late arrivals will be turned away and not judged, no exceptions.
2. **FFA Chapter Group:**
 - a. American System of Judging
 - b. Chapter group entries shall consist of three entries, not more than one by an exhibitor and items must be designated by the advisor prior to exhibits being judged.
 - c. No monetary awards. Ribbons only for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place.
3. **BEST WELDED AWARD:** The Best Welded Awards for FFA Ag Mechanics will be awarded to Divisions 980, 985, 990, 995, 996 and 997. All entries within Divisions 980, 985, 990, 995, 996 and 997 shall be considered for a Best Welded award per division. These awards are based on the American System of Judging.
Award Best Welded Award Rosette
4. **BEST WOODWORKING AWARD:** The Best Woodworking will be awarded to Division 975. All entries in Divisions 975 shall be considered for a Best Woodworking award. This award are based on the American System of Judging.
Award Best Wood Working Award Rosette
5. **FFA INSTRUCTOR SWEEPSTAKES:** The FFA Instructor Sweepstakes will be awarded to the three (3) highest scoring FFA instructors based on no more than 20 entries using the following point system: Best of Show - 3 points, Best of Division - 3 points, 1st place - 3 points, 2nd place - 2 points, 3rd place - 1 point.
Instructor Sweepstakes award schedule:
1st Place Award \$100 and State Fair Plaque
2nd Place Award \$ 75 and State Fair Ribbon
3rd Place Award \$ 50 and State Fair Ribbon

COMMON ISSUES WHEN JUDGING TRAILERS

The following is for information only.

Statement of Need: In the last few years it has been observed that there have been a number of reoccurring issues with the design and construction of various types of trailers that are to be licensed for general use on public roads. The majority of the items mentioned here are legal or safety issues and could result in a citation being issued if a stop were to be made by a police officer. The licensing of a trailer by the Department of Motor Vehicles is not a guarantee that the trailer is safe or meets all of the requirements of the law. (The DMV is primarily a revenue-collecting agency, not an enforcement agency.) The items listed are taken from California DMV and Federal DOT requirements for safety chain, lighting, and break systems for light trailers. The "suspension and body" portion deals more with important component application and safety issues. This is not intended to be all-inclusive list of judging expectations or of legal requirements for trailers.

Safety Chains:

1. All licensed trailers made after 1985 are required by the Federal Department of Transportation to have two safety chains. (**Note**-the state of California requires only one safety chain, but a citation can be issued for not meeting federal regulations)
2. If hooks are attached to the chain, they must be of the self-latching type.
3. If welded to the tongue, two links of the chain should be welded.
4. If a bracket or pin type attachment is used, it should be of equal or larger diameter material than that which the safety chain is constructed.

Lights: (for new manufacture trailers)

1. Trailers that are licensed for use on public roads must have operational break and tail lights that are automatically controlled from the tow vehicle lighting system. (An exception to this rule is made for very small trailers such as cement mixers. These trailers can only be used during daylight hours and must be designed so that the break lights of the tow vehicle are visible from the rear.)
2. The license plate must be illuminated and on the same circuit as the tail lamps.
3. All lights and reflectors must be mounted on a rigid part of the trailer.
4. Clearance lights facing forward or to the side should be amber.
5. Stop lights and taillights facing to the rear must be red.
6. Two stoplights, two tail lights, and two reflectors, one on each side at the same level is required at the rear of the trailer.
7. Rear facing stop and tail lights must be between 15 and 72 inches above the roadway. Reflectors must be between 15 and 60 inches above the roadway.
8. Amber reflectors and lights are required on each side at the forward end on trailers over 80 inches wide. Red reflectors and lights are required on each side within 24 inches of the rear of the trailer. All sidelights and reflectors must be mounted so as to indicate the extreme width of the trailer.
9. If the trailer is over 30 feet in length, an additional amber reflector and side light is required near the midpoint of the trailer.
10. DOT approved combination lights with reflective lenses are acceptable.
11. When in the towing condition, no part of the trailer or load may extend more than 48 inches behind the rear most lighted surface.

Breaks:

1. All licensed trailers having a gross weight of over 1500 pounds must have breaks on at least one axle.
2. If the axle has breaks, they must be operational.

3. All break systems must have an operational break-a-way system that will automatically apply the trailer breaks in the event that the trailer becomes detached from the tow vehicle while being towed.
4. Trailers that are fitted with electric breaks that use a battery that is charged by the tow vehicle electrical system for powering the break-a-way system should be fitted with an isolation system that will prevent the discharging of the trailer battery if the tow vehicle battery can not maintain a good charge.

Suspension and Body:

1. Axle mounting plates that go between the "U" bolt nuts and the leaf springs **MUST** be positioned so that the edges are bent downward towards the nuts.
2. The rigid mount for leaf spring suspension systems should be positioned towards the front of the trailer.
3. The moveable brackets at the rear of the leaf spring should be located so that in all conditions of trailer loading they will be within 20 degrees of vertical.
4. The ball and hitch capacity should be consistent with the axle rating and for the use of the trailer.
5. The tires installed must have a load rating appropriate for the axle rating for the trailer.
6. Modifications that prevent the mounting surfaces on the wheel making full contact with the hub or the use of incorrect wheel lug nuts and/or short mounting studs is unsafe and should be avoided.
7. Fenders covering the full width of the tire are required on all trailers that have an empty weight of over 1500 pounds.
8. The maximum width allowed without special permit is 102 inches. This measurement is of the widest rigid portion of the trailer. The swelling of the rubber portion of the tires is not considered as a part of the width of the trailer.

Although not required, the judges would find the following helpful when judging projects:

1. A very short (one page / 50-60 words) explanation attached to the trailer stating how the trailer will be used and any particular design problems or special features that were incorporated into the project.
2. Have all tool boxes and other enclosed spaces open and accessible for inspection.
3. Any mechanisms such as hydraulic lifts, bed tilt systems, enclosed ramps, etc. should be fully operational so that the judges can check functionality.

Enter Class 1

Division	First Place	Second Place	Entry Fee
975 Woodworking	\$15	\$8	\$8.00
980 Metalworking (basic material cost of less than \$750)	\$15	\$8	\$8.00
985 Metalworking (basic material cost \$751 to \$2,500)	\$30	\$15	\$8.00
990 Metalworking (basic material cost \$2,501 to \$5,000)	\$60	\$30	\$9.00
995 Metalworking (basic material cost \$5,001 to \$7,500)	\$100	\$70	\$13.00
996 Metalworking (basic material cost \$7,501 to \$10,000)	\$125	\$100	\$15.00
997 Metalworking (basic material cost over \$10,000)	\$125	\$100	\$15.00
1005 FFA Chapter Group		Ribbons Only	

FFA EXHIBITS JUDGING CRITERIA

SCORECARD FOR METALWORKING FFA AG MECHANIC PROJECTS

Practicality	35%
usefulness, educational value	
Quality of workmanship	35%
design, neatness, safety	
Amount of work	30%
size of job, level of difficulty	

SCORECARD FOR WOODWORKING

Practicality	35%
Usefulness, Education Value	
Quality of Work	35%
Design, Neatness, Safety	
Amount of Work	30%
Size of job, Level of Difficulty	

OUTSTANDING EXHIBITOR COMPETITION

The California State Fair will recognize the finest 4-H and FFA youth in Livestock, Small Animals, and Agricultural Mechanics programs at the 2011 California State Fair.

OUTSTANDING EXHIBITOR AWARDS

Awards will be presented to the Outstanding Exhibitors in each of the following areas:

Award (each) Plaque

4-H Beef Cattle	4-H Poultry	FFA Mechanical Sciences
4-H Market Steers	4-H Rabbits	FFA Woodworking
4-H Dairy Cattle	4-H Cavies	FFA Poultry
4-H Dairy Goats	FFA Beef Cattle	FFA Swine
4-H Sheep	FFA Market Steers	FFA Rabbits
4-H Swine	FFA Dairy Cattle	FFA Cavies
4-H Market Goats	FFA Dairy Goats	FFA Market Goats
4-H Dog Care & Training	FFA Sheep	

JUDGES

4-H State Ambassadors and Ambassador Coordinator, Steven Worker

FFA FFA State Officers and Josiah Mayfield

SCORECARD

(To be used for both Premier and Outstanding Exhibitor judging)

Exhibit Evaluation	20%
At the State Fair: awards won, fitting and showing, exhibit area, entry presentation	
Interview	30%
Knowledge of project area, communication skills and formal presentation	
Leadership & Citizenship within the Organization	20%
Breadth and depth of leadership and citizenship activities	
Total Project Program Scope and Growth	20%
Records Evaluation	10%
Completeness, appearance, documentation of learning experiences	
FFA - Official FFA Record Books required at time of judging	TOTAL 100%
4-H - California State Fair 4-H Report Form required	

Selection of winners will be based on results compiled through the use of the above scorecard by official judges.

OUTSTANDING EXHIBITOR SCHEDULE

Applicants will be scheduled for specific interview times. It is the responsibility of applicants to check-in with Task Force Leaders upon arrival at the Fairgrounds for specific details.

FFA Ag Mechanics	July 9
Livestock (sheep, swine, market steers and market goats)	July 14- 17
Rabbits	July 14-17
Poultry	July 18-21
Breeding Beef	July 18-21
Cavies	July 22-24
Dog Care & Training	July 23
Dairy Cattle and Goats	July 23 -26
Premier Exhibitor	July 27

PREMIER EXHIBITOR AWARD

The California State Fair will recognize one Premier 4-H Exhibitor and one Premier FFA Exhibitor during the 2011 California State Fair.

Only Outstanding Exhibitor awards recipients in FFA Ag Mechanics, Livestock, and Small Animals sections will qualify. A second judging/interview will be required for the selection of the Premier Exhibitor Award winners. Entrants for the Outstanding Exhibitor and Premier Exhibitor Competitions will be judged based on the Premier and Outstanding Exhibitor Scorecard. All Outstanding Exhibitor award winners must return on Wednesday, July 27, for a final interview. This interview will not involve any demonstration, visual aids or animals. FFA record books must be available and both 4-H and FFA applicants must appear in uniform. Check in with the Task Force Office upon arrival at the Fair. Recipients must be present and appear in uniform.

One 4-H Premier Exhibitor and one FFA Premier Exhibitor shall be selected from the eligible Outstanding Exhibitors.

Award (each)..... Golden Bear Trophy

PREMIER EXHIBITOR COMPETITION

In recognition of the high quality presentation made annually by 4-H and FFA members the California State Fair will recognize one 4-H Premier Exhibitor and one FFA Premier Exhibitor during the 2011 Exposition. To qualify for this award, entrants must first be selected as an Outstanding Exhibitor in their specific category of entry.

SPECIAL RULES for PREMIER EXHIBITOR COMPETITION

NO PREMIUMS, NO ENTRY FEE

1. All FFA and 4-H Outstanding Exhibitor applications and official 4-H Report Forms must be received or postmarked by June 17, 2011, and must be signed by the 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor. Applications and/or official 4-H Report Forms are available on our website www.bigfun.org or by writing to: Entry Office, California State Fair, P.O. Box 15649, Sacramento, CA 95852.
2. Official FFA Record Books and California State Fair 4-H Report Forms must be available for judge's inspection at all times during judging schedule (judging times will vary according to program area.)
FFA Applicants - Do not mail record books with application. Original record books must be available for judging/interview.
4-H Applicants - Do not mail County 4-H record books with application. Mail the official California State Fair 4-H Report Form with application.
3. Each entrant will be required to be interviewed, in uniform and make a formal presentation. The presentation is to be no more than seven (7) minutes and emphasize the following areas: the member's exhibit, project scope and growth, knowledge and skills gained in project, leadership and citizenship within the organization.
 - a. Ag Mechanics, Poultry, Rabbit, and Cavy entrants: Formal, oral presentation using visual aids and/or demonstration is required.
 - b. Livestock entrants: Formal, oral presentation is required using visual aids that are a part of the exhibitor's pen or tie pace (i.e. signage, banner, educational information, etc.).
 - c. Dog, rabbit & cavy entrants, your animal must be present during interview.
 - d. Interviews will be scheduled during dates listed for each category in the Judging Interview Schedule. Check-in with Task Force Office for specific interview time.
 - e. Cavy exhibitors shall receive special notification of their interview.
4. Only one entrant will be selected within each category, and award recipients must receive a minimum of 70 points (from the scorecard) to qualify.
5. Outstanding Exhibitor applicants must enter and show in regular 2011 State Fair classes to qualify for this award and must compete within the program area for which they apply.
6. All Outstanding Exhibitor award recipients in each category must be available for a second complete interview when competing for the Premier Exhibitor award. This interview will be held during the 2011 California State Fair on Wednesday, July 27. Check in at the Task Force Office upon arrival to the Fair.
7. Cause for disqualification of an entrant shall be as follows:
 - a. Missing or incorrect signatures on application or official 4-H Report Form.
 - b. Providing false information.
 - c. Late entries. (Entries postmarked after June 17, 2011.)
 - d. Using any forms other than those printed for 2011.
 - e. Failing to attend a scheduled interview.
 - f. Failing to appear in uniform for any interview.
8. Applicants must appear in uniform for all interviews and during award ceremonies.
9. **Do not alter or add pages to the official 4-H Report Form or to the application.** Altered forms or any additional pages (or back page of original) will not be considered.
10. All other rules of this competition handbook apply.

2011 FFA AG MECHANICS DONOR AWARDS

The following Donor Awards have been generously contributed by businesses and individuals to further enrich the California State Fair Youth Exhibits Program by providing additional recognitions for exhibitors' achievements.

The California State Fair appreciates these contributions and requests that exhibitors winning such awards write a letter of appreciation to the appropriate donor.

FFA SHOW

JIM & SUSAN AVERY AWARD

Jim & Susan Avery
P.O. Box 907
Dixon, CA 95620
Attention: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Avery

Jim & Susan will award a \$100 Savings Bond in Mechanical Sciences, Divisions 980 thru 997, to the Best of Show metalwork project in FFA.

AIRGAS Inc. AWARD

Airgas Inc.
840 N Sacramento St
Lodi, CA 95240
Attention: Mr. Greg Woods

Airgas Inc., a leading supplier of Industrial Gas and welding equipment, will award the following to the metalworking winners:

Best of Class chosen from Divisions 980 and 985 - mini-grinder, welding hood, safety goggles and gloves.

Best of Class chosen from Divisions 990, 995, 996 and 997 - welding and cutting outfit, welding hood and gloves.

INSURANCE INFORMATION

1. Any insurance desired on an entry must be acquired by the exhibitor. The California State Fair does not insure and is not responsible for any loss, damage, or theft of entries even if the loss, damage, or theft occurs as the result of the handling of the entry by staff, volunteers, contractors and/or visitors.

ADMISSION CREDENTIAL INFORMATION

1. Each FFA Ag Mechanics exhibitor who wins an award in the FFA AG Mechanics Competition will receive 2 daily credential admission passes. Only two passes will be given regardless of the number of entries entered in the show.

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, 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 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 all 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.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

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 14, 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 4th 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 8th 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 4th 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 Agriculture Education 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.

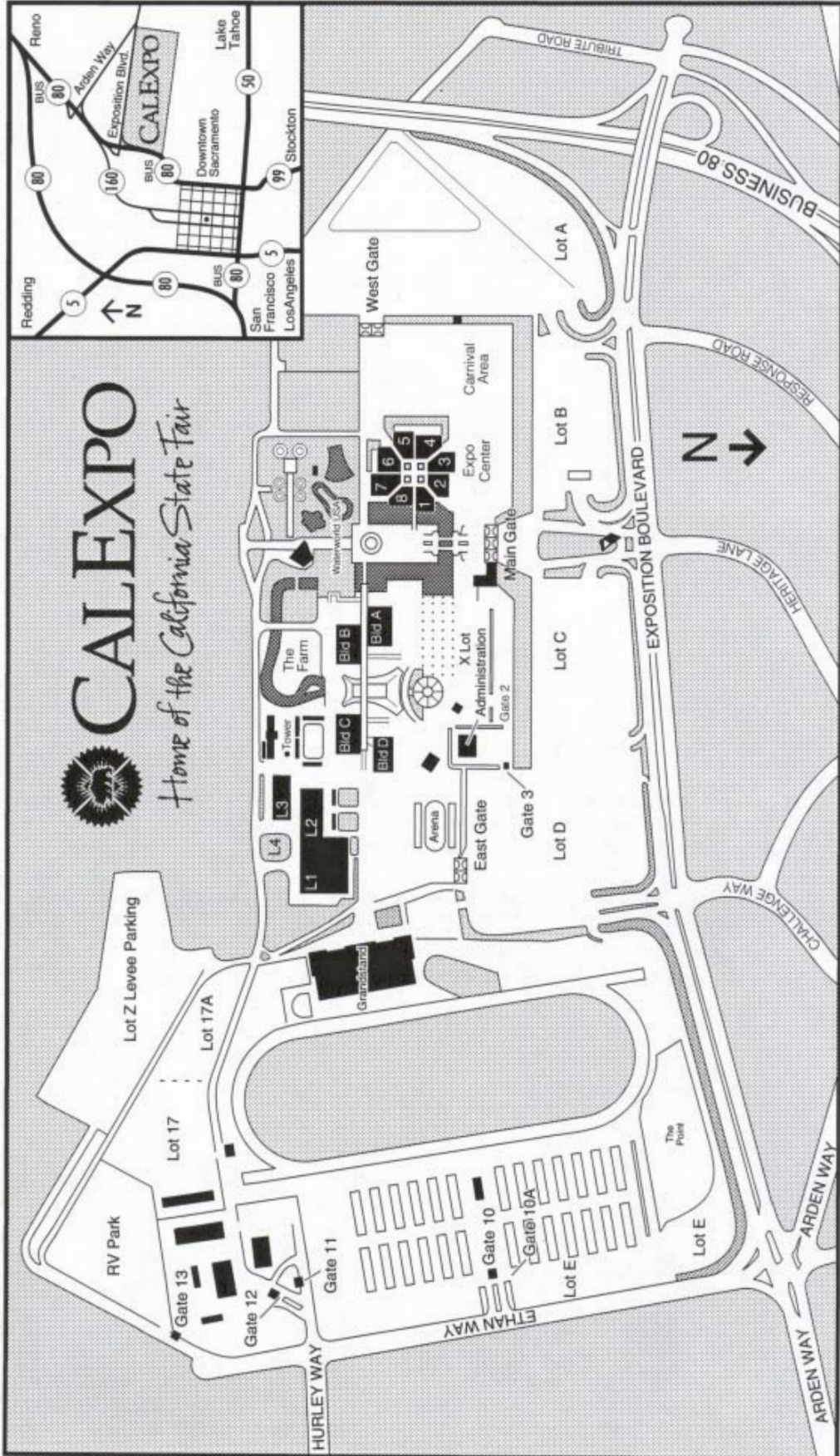
Division: Categories within a show.

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.

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

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

California Fine Art - Attn.: Carol Buchanan - cbuchanan@calexpo.com

Adult Fine Arts including all media

California Kidz Kitchen - Attn.: Nancy Emelio - nemelio@calexpo.com

Youth food and preserved foods

California Kitchen - Attn.: Nancy Emelio - nemelio@calexpo.com

Adult Cooking including food, preserved foods, etc.

California Cheese - Attn.: Kem Pence - entryoffice@calexpo.com

Cheese produced at commercial facilities intended for retail sale

Commercial Craft Brew - Attn.: Greg Kinder - gkinder@calexpo.com

Brew produced at commercial facilities intended for retail sale

Commercial Wine - Attn.: Kem Pence - entryoffice@calexpo.com

Wine produced from bonded wineries intended for retail sale

Counties Exhibits - Attn.: Carol Buchanan - cbuchanan@calexpo.com

Including California Counties exhibits

County Fair Best of Show - Attn.: Entry Office - 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

Mechanical science projects

Friends of the Fair Scholarship - Attn.: Sandi Hurtgen - 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

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

Home Brew - Attn.: Greg Kinder - entryoffice@calexpo.com

Brews produced for non-commercial use.

Home Wine - Attn.: TJ Plew - entryoffice@calexpo.com

Wines produced for non-commercial use.

Horse - Attn.: Nancy Easton - entryoffice@calexpo.com

Open and Junior: Western and English

Industrial & Technology Education - Attn.: Michelle Johnson -

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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

Youth ages 5-19. Includes art, fashion and textile, crafts and hobbies, and media.

Livestock - Attn.: Tomme Jo Dale - 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

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

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