

# LOCAL RULES – *Please read all rules.*

## **ENTRY DEADLINES**

### **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE**

- **HORSE SHOW** – Entries & fees must be received or postmarked by 6 PM on Friday, June 26, 2009.
- **ADULT & JR LIVESTOCK** – Entries & fees must be received or postmarked by 6 PM on Monday, July 6, 2009
- **WINE ENTRIES** – Entries & fees must be received or postmarked by 4 PM, on Friday, May 22, 2009.
- **BEER** – Home Brew entries & fees must be received by 4 pm, Fri., June 26, 2009 at the Fair Office or see Beer section for alternate drop off location and time.  
**Commercial Beer Entries & fees must be received by Friday, July 1, by 4 pm** at the Fair Office or see Beer section for alternate drop off location and time.
- **ALL OTHER DEPARTMENTS** - Entries & fees must be received or postmarked by 6:00 PM on Saturday July 11, 2009.

1. **FAIR'S LIABILITY:** The Fair Management shall *not be responsible for accidents or losses* that may occur to any of the exhibitors or participants or exhibits at the show, and all persons, exhibitors/participants, exhibiting in or participating in Fair-sponsored activities agree to indemnify the State of CA, the County, the Amador County Fair (26<sup>th</sup> DAA), their officers, agents, employees and volunteers, harmless from any and all claims, liabilities, losses, costs, damages, and attorneys' fees arising out of the willful acts or omissions of the officers, agents, employees, or volunteers of the Fair. The exhibitors shall hold the management harmless and indemnify them against any legal proceedings arising from any accidents or losses. All entries are accepted with the understanding that the State of CA, the County, the Amador County Fair, nor their officers, agents, employees, or volunteers shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage that shall arise to any entry, exhibitor, or equipment on exhibit. Each exhibitor shall be solely responsible for any loss or damage done to another, or occasioned by or arising from any animal or article exhibited by him/her, and will indemnify the State of CA, the County, the Amador County Fair, their officers, employees, agents and volunteers against all legal proceedings thereto. The Amador County Fair assumes no liability or responsibility not herein expressed.

2. **EXHIBITS:** Entries must be on exhibit at the official opening of the fair or at the time specified in the premium book. Entries will not be removed from the fairgrounds before the release date printed in the premium book except as determined by Fair Management in cases of sickness, accident, death, disciplinary actions requested by a youth supervisor, or other circumstances which are in the best interests of the Fair. Management may allow late delivery or early removal of exhibits when it is in the best interest of the Fair. The Fair is a family event. The Fair reserves the right to determine content appropriate for family viewing.

3. **PLACINGS:** Where there is only one exhibitor in a class, the first prize, if any merited, will be awarded so far as there are worthy entries.

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## **PLACINGS continued**

Where entries are not worthy of first prize, judges may, at their discretion, award a prize or prizes of such grade as the animal or entries deserve.

4. **RESPONSIBILITY:** for proper entry of exhibits rests with the exhibitor.

5. **PLACEMENT OF RIBBONS:** *DOES NOT* guarantee correct placing in judging. Only the official placing on the judging sheet constitutes the final placement.

6. **REFUNDS:** Requests for refund of entry fees and added purse money must be in writing to the Fair, and may be granted upon approval of the Board/Fair Management. Refunds may be made only because of sickness, accident, death, cancellation of a class, or return of entries for lack of exhibit space. Non-selected exhibits in a juried show are not eligible for refunds. For animal classes, request must be made prior to the event. Requests involving health or soundness of an animal must be accompanied by a Veterinarian's Certificate and must be received by the Entry Office 24 hours prior to judging to be considered. **NO refunds less than \$3.00.**

7. **DISQUALIFICATION:** With prior review and approval of an executive committee comprised of Fair Board Members and the Fair Management, the Manager, Superintendent or Department Head of any department shall have the authority, without liability or recourse to the Amador County Fair Board or Employees, to bar any exhibitor or his/her representatives in the event of a discourteous act to a Judge or an Official of the Fair, and he or she shall have the power to disqualify the entry of said exhibitor. *In the event of such disqualification, the exhibitor forfeits all entry fees, stake fees, stall fees, and all other charges against the exhibitor as well as all prize money that may have been won up to that time.*

8. **JUDGING:** Exhibitors talking to the judge is prohibited, except when answering a question of the judge. Those who wish to explain in regard to their exhibit must do so through the Superintendent or clerk and must not interfere with the judge. A judge's decision is final. See State Rules for additional rules.

9. **EXHIBIT ID'S:** Exhibitor tags and stall cards will be issued as follows: Stall cards at the Livestock Office. Horse Show numbers and stall assignment will be issued at the Horse Show Office. Exhibitor tags/claim checks for still exhibits will be issued upon delivery of articles.

10. **PREMIUM (a.) DISPUTE:** **NOVEMBER 15** of each year is the deadline for reporting any error in a premium check or check not having been received by the exhibitor. **AFTER THAT DATE, NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE, NOR CHECKS ISSUED.** (b.) **Premium checks not cashed after 1 year will be null and void.**

(c.) **Premium checks over \$600 will not be mailed until a social security number is provided.**

11. **CLAIM CHECKS:** **MUST** be presented when claiming entries at the close of the Fair. Other ID may be required.

12. **LOCAL DIVISION:** Any class designated as "Local" may be entered only by legal residents or producers in Amador County or that part of El Dorado County lying south of the middle fork of the Consumnes River.

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**13. EXTENDED DIVISIONS:** Divisions open to residents or producers in the State of California.

**14. RESIDENT:** Any exhibitor may be required to prove residency by presenting proof of any one, or combination of the following items if requested by Fair Management: Voter Registration within the designated area, driver's license showing residence address, or a *Producer of livestock in normal marketable quantity or commercial quantities, the specific type of animal or product entered within the designated area or property owner.* In the event the exhibitor is under 18 years of age, the exhibitor's legal parent(s) or guardian will be responsible for proof of residency.

**15. ON-GROUNDS PARKING:** – other than general parking: **Vehicle passes admit ONLY the vehicle & must be visible on rearview mirror of vehicle. Each occupant must pay admission or have a daily pass on their person to be allowed to enter grounds.** Service vehicles delivering goods to the fairgrounds will be allowed admission for a limited time length only & requires a delivery pass. **Vehicle passes**, if eligible, MUST BE purchased at the Fair Office. No vehicles, with the exception of official Fair vehicles, such as electrician's trucks, caretaker's vehicles and other maintenance equipment, will be allowed to enter the Fairgrounds, except in the case of emergencies and authorized by Fair Management, other than designated parking areas, after 8:30 AM each day. All vehicles entering before that time must be removed by 8:30 A.M. Exceptions CANNOT be made for Concessionaires, Commercial Exhibitors, (Vendors) or Exhibitors.

**16. STATE RULES:** for California Fairs for judging as prescribed by the Division of Fairs and Expositions are published in a separate book and apply to all entries of this fair and are incorporated herein by reference. These books are available upon request at the Fair Office or on line at [www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe).

**17. ANY OTHER:** Fair Management reserves the right to create classes from an "Any Other" class when a specific variety's entries are in excess of five (5). These changes will be noted and adjustments will be made for the following years fair, if necessary. These procedures are intended to maintain industry standards and accommodate changing trends and varieties.

**18. PROTESTS:** – State Rules will apply. Protests will be considered only if there has been a violation of state or local rules. Decisions of judges, official Fair Veterinarians, weigh-masters and timers cannot be protested and are final. Protests must be accompanied by a deposit of either \$100 in cash, money order or certified check made out to the Fair, or \$200 if the protest relates to violations of State Rules X-X1 (animal health rules). NOTE: The deposit will be returned if the protest is upheld. If the protest is upheld, the violator may be held liable for any portion of the direct costs incurred by the Fair in the course of the protest resolution. Failure to reimburse the Fair shall be cause of disallowing future entries in any of the network of CA fairs. Given the short duration of the Fair:

(a) The protestor shall make every effort to file the protest prior to judging. **All protests must be filed within 24 hours of the time of the cause of the protest.**

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(b.) The Fair will make every effort to resolve protests as quickly as possible. All exhibitors, by entering an exhibit, and all persons by filing a protest, agree to cooperate with Fair Management to resolve protests in a timely manner. (c.) Protests shall be adjudicated by Fair Management and/or members of the Board of Directors. Protests of still exhibits may be made within 48 hours of the official opening of the Fair. The Fair's Board of Directors or designees decide protests and appropriate action. A minimum of five (5) members (quorum) of the Board, including the CEO and Director in charge of the area being protested, may hear and decide a protest. Fair management will respond within 24 hours after receiving a protest. Responses from Fair Management will be in writing. If protests cannot be resolved with the Board of Directors and the CEO, the Division of Fairs & Expositions may intervene. All State Rules shall apply.

**19. NO DOGS OR PETS ALLOWED:** on fairgrounds except those entered in Fair as exhibits.

**20. ENTRY FORMS:** For Official Entry Forms write or call: Amador County Fair, P.O. Box 9, Plymouth, CA 95669 or phone (209) 245-6921 or **go to the website: [www.amadorcountyfair.com](http://www.amadorcountyfair.com)**. No faxed or e-mailed entries will be accepted. All entries must be mailed or hand delivered to the Fairs Entry Office within the time limits specified. Make all checks payable to the *Amador County Fair*.

**21. INSURANCE:** *The Amador County Fair would like to make you aware as an exhibitor there is NO liability coverage provided on your behalf in the event that your animal/exhibit would cause bodily injury or property damage. It is strongly recommended that you check with your insurance agent or insurance company to see if your present liability extends to you while participating as an exhibitor at the Amador County Fair.*

**Independent exhibitors shall provide insurance coverage as required by the Fair.**

Special events insurance is available through the California Fair Services Authority (CFSA). Contact the Fair office for rates. **Waiver: ALL EXHIBITORS must sign a release & waiver of liability agreement (a parent or guardian must also sign the waiver for an exhibitor under the age of 18). Livestock & horse show waivers are on a separate form; all other entries, the waiver is included as part of the entry form.**

**22. Anything other than straw or shavings is prohibited for livestock bedding.**

**23. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE RULES MAY RESULT IN A DISQUALIFICATION OF THE EXHIBITOR.**

## **JUNIOR DEPARTMENT RULES**

**1. FFA MEMBERS - AGE REQUIREMENTS:** May participate as members until the end of the calendar year following the year of graduation from high school. (For example, graduates this year are eligible until December 31 of next year), and are in good standing with their local and state organization.

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**2. 4-H AGE REQUIREMENTS:** Amador County Club members only who are under the supervision of the University of California Cooperative Extension. Primary Members must be at least 5 years old or in Kindergarten as of January 1 of the year of the Fair in which they are exhibiting. Primary members may only exhibit small animals (rabbits, poultry, Pygmy & Nigerian goats, cavies, dogs, rats, mice) as approved by 4-H State Policy. Junior, Intermediate & Senior members must be 9 years old or in the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade by January 1 of the Fair year in which they will be exhibiting. Exhibitors may compete/exhibit through December 31 of the year in which they turn 19 years of age.

**3. GRANGE:** Amador County Grange members who are under the supervision of the California State Grange, and are residents of Amador County. Grange members must be at least 5 years old on January 1 to exhibit. Must be 9 years old on January 1 to exhibit large animals. They may exhibit until the end of the calendar year in which they reach age 19. Grange Youth must be 9 years old on January 1 to exhibit large animals (horses, cattle, sheep, swine, llamas) Grange members 12 and under show with 4-H; 13 and over with FFA. Age determined as of the first day of the Junior Livestock Judging.

**4. INDEPENDENT JUNIOR:** Must be residents of Amador County and at least 9 years of age or in the 4th Grade by January 1. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31 of the year in which they turn 19 years of age. Exhibitors will be placed/penned within their age appropriate classes/barn. Independent Youth ages 5 through 8 years of age as of January 1, may exhibit livestock in Pre-Junior Showmanship only, uniforms suggested will be white pants and white long or short sleeved shirt, no hat/cap.

**5. OPEN YOUTH:** under 9 years of age must exhibit in special divisions designated by the Fair. For junior exhibitors showing in divisions and classes other than 4-H, FFA, and Grange, the local Fair management may set requirements as to age, grade, etc. If not printed, Independent age rule will apply.

**6. OPEN JUNIOR:** If an open junior class is not available, junior exhibitors may enter an appropriate FFA/Grange (13+), or 4-H/Grange (12 and under) class if they meet all appropriate age and State Rule requirements. *Age to be determined as of the first day of Fair.*

**8. ENROLLMENT:** Jr. exhibitors who are enrolled in a project, in an established junior organization (i.e. 4-H, Grange, FFA), CANNOT also exhibit in Jr. Department Divisions as an "Independent Junior exhibitor" in the same project.

**9. ENTRY GUIDE LINES:** Any school project must be entered in the Open Junior Divisions. Entries shall be made on Jr. Department entry forms provided by the Fair. **4-H, Grange, FFA & Industrial Ed. entry forms must be signed by a Leader or Instructor and parent. Independent Junior exhibitors must have a parent signature on entry form.** State & Local Rules apply to all entries and score cards in corresponding Jr. Department classes & shall be used unless otherwise provided in these divisions.

**10. ELIGIBILITY:** Juniors must own and/or grow or construct their exhibits.

4-H, FFA, and Grange animal and poultry project members must be enrolled in the project for at least 60 days (120 days for horses & market beef) immediately preceding the opening day of the fair. Juniors who have been 4-H, FFA, or Grange project members within 60 days (120 days for horse and market beef) prior to the fair are not eligible to compete in that project as Independent Juniors or **enter project(s) under a different organization.**

Exhibitors, leaders, and advisors must be in good standing with the local and state organization(s) (4-H, Grange, FFA) to be eligible to exhibit at the Fair. Eligibility of a project according to 4-H, FFA, or Grange rules shall be determined by the exhibitor's advisor/leader or designee. Signatures of advisor, leader, teacher or parent/guardian is required on the entry form by the Fair certifying that: (a) Projects have been under their supervision in accordance with the rules and regulations of the organization and the Fair, and (b) The entry is the project of the exhibitor and is eligible for exhibit. Failure or refusal to sign the required entry form will prevent the exhibitor from entering that particular class(es).

Independent exhibitors must enter an Open Junior or Independent class unless one is not available. If an Open or Independent class is not available, Junior exhibitors may enter an appropriate 4-H, FFA, or Grange class, **Divisions and/or class placement of Independents may be determined by Fair management.** ALL Juniors must have project management records and proof of supervision available as to the length of project. ALL Junior exhibitors must have "on ground" supervision by a responsible adult.

**10. INDEPENDENT DECLARATION TIMELINE:** Independent Juniors entering market animals must provide Fair management with a picture of their animal, permanent tag and/or tattoo information, and the appropriate packet (available at the Fair Office)

120 consecutive days prior to the fair for horses and market beef, 60 consecutive days for sheep, swine & goats; 30 consecutive days for breeder & feeder animals and rabbits and poultry. Independent exhibitors **must have "on-ground" supervision by a responsible adult.**

**11. UNIFORMS:** All FFA, 4-H & Grange exhibitors of livestock & dairy cattle must wear the uniform of their organization while showing their animals. Independent exhibitors are required to wear white shirts (long or short sleeves) blue pants and appropriate footwear (no sandals).

**12. SENIOR DEPARTMENT RESTRICTIONS:** Junior exhibitors and Junior organizations may be allowed to enter exhibits in Senior Department classes for which they are eligible only when: (a) "ALL OTHER" classes are not available, or (b) A class for the exhibit is not provided in the Junior department, or (c) It allows participation in featured breed and/or sponsored association shows. The Junior exhibitor must also exhibit the project in the Junior Division. (d) **The Junior exhibitor is not eligible to exhibit in the junior department.**

**13. JUNIOR HORSE EXHIBITORS:** may be allowed to enter the Senior Department horse show unless Local Rules prohibit.

**14. See State Rules for additional rules.**

## **PRESALE and PASSES:**

Carnival, Pre- sale admission tickets 5 for \$25.00 (13 & over) are available when purchased by **WEDNESDAY, JULY 29 BEFORE 5:00 PM.**

### **LIVESTOCK ADMISSION TO GROUNDS FEES:**

Under the **ALL-PAY** system, a reduced admission credential will be issued per the following schedule. Entry into Livestock does not warrant 2 passes unless the combinations total over 5 animals. Such admission credentials will entitle exhibitors to **GROUNDS ADMISSION ONLY** for all 4 days at the reduced rate of **\$20 for ages 13 & over and \$8 for ages 12 & under** and are non-transferable.

### **ADMISSION CREDENTIALS MUST BE PURCHASED WHEN SUBMITTING ENTRY FORM! OTHER THAN LIVESTOCK**

Adult Division - Entry fees of \$5 or more = 1 reduced 4 - day admission credential.

Junior Division - Entry fees of \$3 or more = 1 reduced 4 - day admission credential.

### **LIVESTOCK:**

1 to 5 animals = 1 reduced 4 day admission credential.

Over 5 animals = 2 reduced 4 day admission credentials.

3 INDIVIDUAL RABBITS AND/OR POULTRY = 1 ANIMAL

### **LEADERS, ADVISORS & PARENTS:**

May purchase a reduced day admission credential for the amount of \$20, Purchase must be made at the time of exhibitor's entry.

### **LIVESTOCK PARKING PASSES:**

Livestock & Horse Show exhibitors will be charged \$20.00 per vehicle for parking in the livestock area with a **LIMIT OF TWO VEHICLES PER FAMILY. PARKING PASS MUST BE IN VEHICLE AND VISIBLE AT ALL TIMES.** Vehicles that do not have a valid parking permit will be subject to being towed.

**\*\*\* DOES NOT INCLUDE STOCK TRAILERS \*\*\***

### **LIVESTOCK & HORSE STOCK TRAILERS:**

Due to the lack of parking in livestock area, all stock trailers will be subject to a \$25 parking fee *per day* if left in livestock/camping area overnight. Overflow trailer parking is available, or remove all stock trailers if exhibiting more than one day.

### **HORSE SHOW EXHIBITORS ADMISSION & PARKING:**

**NOTE:** Under the **ALL-PAY** system, a reduced **ADMISSION CREDENTIALS & PARKING PASS MUST BE PURCHASED WHEN SUBMITTING ENTRY FORM!**

**SEE HORSE SHOW RULES for details.**

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## **TRAILER AND TENT CAMPING RULES**

1. **OVERNIGHT CAMPING:** Is limited to livestock, horse show, and a limited number of commercial exhibitors only. No reservations will be taken for exhibitors without an entry form. Prior-year exhibitors are given first chance to re-reserve until June 5th. On June 10<sup>th</sup>, availability of open campsites will be on a first-come, first-serve basis in person at the Fair's Entry Office.
2. **All Junior exhibitors:** Camping overnight will be required to have a chaperon in attendance. It is permissible for one chaperon to be responsible for a maximum of seven (7) Junior exhibitors. All chaperons will be required to list, at the time of purchasing trailer space, the names of the Juniors for which they will be responsible.
3. **CAMPING:** A \$100.00 charge will be made for each unit for use of parking for duration of Fair, this includes one vehicle parking pass. Sites are **Limited to one 15' X 30' space per family. NO EXCEPTIONS ON SIZE WILL BE MADE.** A limited amount of electrical hook-ups are available; designated spaces only. Electrical hookups are not guaranteed. No loud noise (partying) after 11 PM **in** camping area. Be courteous to your neighbors.
4. **GENERATORS:** The use of generators may be disallowed if the exhaust is hazardous to the neighboring campsites. **ALL generators must have a muffler and the noise level must meet or be below the decibel level of a normal human voice.**
5. **REGISTERING:** Everyone camping overnight **MUST REGISTER AT THE ENTRY OFFICE BEFORE** being admitted to the camping area. Trailers or campers will not be permitted on the grounds before 8:30 AM, Saturday July 18, except employees of the Fair.
6. **PARKING:** Any and all **vehicles** must be parked and/or contained within the parameter of designated space. Vehicles not parked within camping area must park in camping parking lot.
7. **NO ELECTRICAL CORDS:** **NO** modifying of electrical outlets. **NO ELECTRICAL CORDS ACROSS ROADWAYS. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.**
8. **CAMPFIRES:** **NO** campfires of any sort.
9. **NO DOGS OR PETS ALLOWED** on fairgrounds except those entered in Fair as exhibits.
10. **SECURITY:** A security guard will be assigned to the area.
11. **EXTENSION CORDS** used to distribute power to electrical apparatus shall be rated 15 amps minimum and contain ground wire. Cords not meeting these requirements shall be confiscated for the duration of the Fair.
12. **PARKING PASS:** **ALL VEHICLES PARKED IN LIVESTOCK/CAMPING AREAS MUST HAVE A PARKING PASS VISIBLE IN THE VEHICLE. VEHICLES NOT BEARING A PARKING PASS WILL BE TOWED AT OWNER'S EXPENSE.**
13. **VEHICLES SHALL ONLY PARK WITHIN THEIR DESIGNATED CAMPSITE.**
14. **ANY EXHIBITOR WHO VIOLATES** the above rules and/or the rules of good conduct will be asked to leave the premises and will forfeit any and all premiums earned at the Fair.