

General Information & Local Rules

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Fairgrounds

San Bernardino County Fair is located in Victorville, off 7th Street, east of the 15 Freeway. Our address is: 14800 7th Street, Victorville, CA 92395. Entries mailed to the fairgrounds are accepted at owner's risk. Their return will not be guaranteed. Postage due letters, entry forms or packages will be returned to sender.

Fair dates and Times

The 73rd Annual San Bernardino County Fair will be held **Saturday, May 23 through Sunday, May 31 from 12 p.m. to 11 p.m., Thursday, May 28 from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., Friday, May 29 from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturday, May 30 through Sunday, May 31 from 12 p.m. to 11 p.m.**

Closing hours for the exhibit buildings will be 10 p.m. daily unless otherwise authorized.

The San Bernardino County Fair will be closed on Tuesday, May 26th and Wednesday, May 27th.

State Rules

All local and State Rules, Health Rules and Score Cards for judging, as prescribed by the Division of Fairs and Expositions, apply to all entries of this Fair. State Rules can be found on-line at www.cdfa.ca.gov.

Entrance Requirements

All competitive entry divisions are open to all residents of San Bernardino County and to residents of adjacent counties. See each department's guidelines and entry qualifications.

Entry Form Deadlines

Entry forms will be accepted in the Entry Office Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The deadline for Competitive Entries is Friday, April 10, 2020

Late competitive entries will be accepted from April 13-15 with a double entry fee per entry.

Agriculture and Floriculture (i.e. flowers, vegetables and herbs) entry form deadline is Friday May 8, 2020, 4 p.m.

Deadline for Livestock Entries is April 25, 2020 All Livestock entries are ONLINE.

All State Rules for California Fairs apply to the event and will be strictly enforced. **Fill out your entry forms carefully. All entries can be on ONE (1) entry form regardless of department.** Check with each department you wish to enter for specific entry form instructions and guidelines. Please see that each requirement has been complied with to avoid possible premium disallowances. Entries will be accepted in the "Any other" or "Miscellaneous" classes **only** when the item or article represents a substantial difference from the classes offered. In all departments the Fair Management reserves the right to limit entries to the available space in the facility and may limit the number of entries made by an Exhibitor. Any return of entries under this rule will be made generally and without discrimination.

Entry Fees

Entry fees, **unless noted**, for **Adult** Divisions are **\$2.00** per entry and **Youth** Divisions are **\$1.00** per entry. All entry fees must accompany all entry forms. Make checks payable to: **28th DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION (28th DAA)**. A penalty fee of \$25.00 per exhibitor per check must be paid before exhibit is accepted if the check is returned by the bank for non-sufficient funds. Over-payment of entry fees totaling less than \$5.00 will not be refunded. Exhibitors are urged to carefully follow the scheduled entry fees as indicated in the Competition Handbook. Entry fees will be forfeited on entries not exhibited.

Exhibitor's Responsibility

Exhibitor's signature on the entry form signifies their acceptance of the guidelines, rules and regulations governing the San Bernardino County Fair as printed in the Official Exhibitor's Handbook and the California Division of Fairs and Expositions State Rules. Any person who violates any General, State or Department Rule will forfeit all privileges and premiums.

Sale of Exhibit

The Fair will not permit the sale of any exhibit or any part of an exhibit.

Exhibits Arrival - Fairgrounds

Please see our Schedule of Events on **Page 9** for arrival dates/times. If you are in doubt as to the division or class your entry belongs, please call the entry office (760) 951-2200.

During our 2020 receiving days ONLY!

All YOUTH Exhibitors that entered an individual entry will receive 1 (one) Free Fair Admission Ticket.

Adult Exhibitors can purchase "Fair Admission" tickets for \$3 each, limit 2 (two) per person.

~All ticket sales are final, there are no refunds or exchanges. The fair is not responsible for any lost tickets. Make sure to hang on to them.~

Exhibit Releases

Exhibitors must have Claim Check Stub (which was given on receiving day), in order for your exhibits to be released by the Department Chairperson or Fair Management. All exhibits released on Monday, June 1, 2020 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m..

All items not picked up within 10 days of the closing date of the 2020 San Bernardino County Fair will become the Fair's property and will be disposed of at the discretion of the Fair Management.

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Decorations

All decorative material must be FLAME PROOF in accordance with requirements of the State Fire Marshal. Corn stalks, hay and/or other dry decorative material must be treated with an approved retardant preparation.

Non-Liability of Association

Entries are made at Exhibitor's risk. A thorough system of security supervision will be maintained. The Fair Management ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY for loss, injury or damage done to or occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article exhibited by him/her, and shall indemnify the 28th District Agricultural Association against all legal proceedings in regard thereto. Presentation of entry form shall be deemed acceptance of this rule. Exhibitor will provide own exhibit insurance.

Safety

The San Bernardino County Fair will take reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of exhibits and property of every description entered for competition or display or any other purpose while anywhere on the Fairgrounds. In no case will the 28th District Agricultural Association be responsible for any loss, damage or injury of any character, to any property, article or person, while on the 28th District Agriculture Association Fairground.

Cancellation of Exhibit Privileges

The Management reserves the right to refuse, accept and/or cancel entries, disqualify exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries, or cancel awards without claim for damages.

Interpretation of Rules and Protests etc.

The Management reserves the final and absolute right to interpret all local rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regards thereto, and also reserves the right to amend and add to the local rules. State Rule interpretation is solely at the discretion of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Division of Fairs & Expositions. The San Bernardino County Fair will enforce State Rules as written.

Premium Checks

Placement of ribbons **does not guarantee correct placing by the judges**. Only the official placing on the certified judging sheets constitutes the final placement. All premium money will be paid from the official judging sheet results and not from ribbons or awards that may be attached to the exhibit. **The Fair does not guarantee the payment of sponsored and special awards offered in this Handbook by merchants and Breed Associations. These prizes are typically secured by the Fair with a promissory statement from the sponsor in good faith and must be contested under these conditions.** Premium scales are listed in each Department. Ribbons, tags and cards have no value as payment. ONLY THE OFFICIAL PLACING ON THE JUDGING SHEET CONSTITUTES THE FINAL PLACEMENT.

***Important Premium Pay-Out Information—** Premium and cash awards for **Competitive Exhibits** will be issued in person by a staff member from the Competitive Exhibits Office. Exhibitors that earned premiums and cash awards will pick them up **after picking up their items on Pick-Up Day, Monday, June 1st** with ID and/or claim checks to claim their monies. On Tuesday, June 4th through Thursday, June 6th you will come to the Entries Office, located in the Fairgrounds main office, to pick up your money. **Cash awards will be paid out Monday, June 1st from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Tuesday, June 2nd through Thursday, June 4th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. only. Cash awards not claimed by June 5, 2020 at 3 p.m. will be forfeited by the exhibitor.**

Livestock Premium checks are made payable to owner listed on entry form. PLEASE GIVE CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS WHEN ENTERING YOUR ENTRIES ONLINE. Livestock premium checks must be cashed within 60 days of the date of issue.

Judging Systems

AMERICAN: The judging process which ranks exhibits against one another and awards one 1ST place award, one 2ND place award, etc.

DANISH: The judging process which compares each exhibit on its own merit against the scorecard or recognized standard and awards as many first place awards, second place awards, etc., as merited.

Best of Show

Best of show will be selected from first place entries only. Judge's Choice Award may be selected from any placing.

Exhibitor Distinctions

As defined in the State Rules Book found online at [http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/Fairs_ & Expositions/Fair_Information/State_Rules_for_California_Fairs.asp](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/Fairs_&_Expositions/Fair_Information/State_Rules_for_California_Fairs.asp)

AMATEUR: A person who engages in an event or activity as a pastime rather than a profession. (Does not apply to junior organizations and horse shows).

PROFESSIONAL: A person who engages in an event or activity as a livelihood rather than a hobby.

Formation or Combination of Classes:

In all departments the Fair Management reserves the right to combine with another class or eliminate classes with less than two entries and/or may form new classes with no less than three different exhibitors with three different entries.

Vehicle Parking Regulations

All vehicles are to be parked in the parking lot only in an area designated by Fair Management. Handicapped marked spaces are to be used by those with Handicap placards only! Vehicles may not park in "NO PARKING" areas posted by the State Fire Marshal or the Fair Management. Section 21113 of the Vehicle Code shall apply to all vehicular traffic on the 28th District Agricultural Association's property. Vehicles parking in violation of these rules or in unauthorized areas will be towed away at the owner's expense. Vehicles are not to park in spots which have been posted as reserved.