

PROCEDURES FOR ENTERING EXHIBITS

Entry forms are available online by clicking on the 'ENTRY FORMS' link or at the fairgrounds office. Entry forms will also be available on Wednesday, September 13th in Pioneer Hall. We encourage you to submit your entry forms early, or you may submit them when you bring your entries to Pioneer Hall. Use a separate entry form for each department in which you choose to enter. For example, if you are entering a jar of jam, fill out an entry form for Department D "Culinary Arts". If you are also entering a photograph, you would fill out a separate form for Department G "Photography".

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Competition is limited to Santa Cruz County and the area lying geographically and historically adjacent.
2. Every entry shall be entered in the name of the producer or the owner or his/her agent.
3. Entry tags will be furnished for each animal or article exhibited. These will be properly filled out and attached to the exhibit.
4. All exhibits and entries shall be under the complete control of the Fair Management Board and cannot be removed from the grounds before 4:00pm September 17, 2023, or by appointment.
5. Judges will award ribbons according to merit. Except where noted, the Santa Cruz County Fair utilizes the Danish system of judging.
6. Ribbons will be awarded according to judging records. NO EXCEPTIONS.
7. THE FAIR MANAGEMENT BOARD WILL TAKE EVERY PRECAUTION TO INSURE CARE AND PROTECTION OF EX-HIBITS, BUT WILL ACCEPT NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES OR DAMAGE TO ANY EXHIBIT OR PERSON.
8. All exhibits must be prepared to conform to the special regulations of the department in which exhibited. Any EXHIBIT found offensive in any way will not be displayed or judged.
9. In the event of a dispute, the decision of the Fair Management Board will be final.
10. Commercial organizations and others exhibiting articles not for competition must make arrangements for available space (call 520-455-5553).
11. Exhibitors will be responsible for transportation of exhibits to and from the Fair.
12. All classes except Fine Arts have Children's, Junior, Developmentally Disabled, and Visually Impaired Categories that will be identified in the sub-class column on the entry form (unless otherwise noted in department). Children "CH": age 6-13: Junior "JR": age 14-18: Adult "A": Developmentally Disabled "DD": Visually Impaired "VI". Age must be on entry form. Exhibitor must stay in age group and cannot exhibit in any other section.
13. Articles previously entered in the Santa Cruz County Fair or any other county fair may be entered & marked for display only but are not eligible for competition.
14. Fair Management is not responsible for any awards offered by private individuals or businesses.
15. The Fair Management Board has the right to reject any exhibit.
16. Animals showing disease or infestation (open or 4-H/FFA) will not be allowed to exhibit. Animals that are deemed uncontrollable or a safety hazard must be removed from the grounds upon owner/exhibitor receiving notice.

DEPARTMENT 'G' PHOTOGRAPHY

SPECIAL RULES—READ CAREFULLY

1. This Department is NOT eligible for the State Fair Outreach Program.
2. Exhibits must be solely the work of the exhibitor.
3. Maximum size: 11" x 14", minimum size: 5" x 7".
4. Mounting is required for all entries. For the protection of the print, it should be in a clear plastic sleeve.
5. Snapshot series: Photos must be related and captioned, telling a story or depicting an event. Limit of six (6) prints per series. These must be mounted on a single display with a maximum size of 16" x 20". Covering is not required.
6. No frames or glass accepted.
7. Photos printed on anything other than photo paper, will NOT be accepted.
8. Photos may be either digital or printed from film.
9. A professional photographer is defined as someone who sells their work.
10. Ribbons will be given for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & Honorable Mention in each Division. Best of Show will also be awarded.
11. You may enter three (3) photos per Division.

DIVISIONS 1 - PROFESSIONAL BLACK AND WHITE

DIVISION 2 - PROFESSIONAL COLOR

DIVISION 3 - AMATEUR BLACK AND WHITE

DIVISION 4 - AMATEUR COLOR

DIVISION 5 - YOUTH (AGE 13 & UNDER) BLACK AND WHITE

DIVISION 6 - YOUTH (AGE 13 & UNDER) COLOR

DIVISION 7 - PHOTO SERIES (OPEN TO ALL OF THE ABOVE)

CLASSES FOR ALL DIVISIONS

001 - Portrait

002 - Landscape

003 - Animals

004 - Digitally enhanced