

2024 San Diego Fair Local Rules

Presentation of completed entry form shall be deemed acceptance of all rules. Acceptance includes permission to use your name, photograph, and exhibit for the news media.

1. Online registration is required in all departments and some one-day contests. Online entries are accepted until 8:00pm (Pacific Time) on the deadline day for online entry registration, unless otherwise stated.
2. Incomplete or incorrect entry forms may be returned at the discretion of the management. The Management is not responsible for errors on entry forms which may lead to elimination or disqualification of an entry.
3. Processing fees must be paid online at the time of registration.
4. Requests for refunds must be submitted in writing, in accordance with State Rules. Refunds under **\$15** will not be granted. **Badging and entry processing fees are non-refundable.**
5. Exhibitors must be living at the time the entry form and/or online entry is submitted.
6. All non-livestock entries must be the creative work of the exhibitor.
7. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to obtain necessary permission to use material that is considered copyrighted in their entries.
8. Youth exhibitors must be **5 years** of age by January 1, 2024, and not older than 17 years on June 1, 2024, unless otherwise stated in Department Information.
9. The Management reserves the right to reject any exhibit/entry if it is objectionable in any way, requires an excessive amount of space, or the capacity of the department has been reached. All material used in decorating booths or exhibits must comply with State Fire codes. No entry will be accepted should the exhibitor describe conditions under which he/she will exhibit or the exhibit will be displayed.
10. The Management reserves the right to limit entries, and display thereof, to facilities available and to cancel any division or class in which, in its judgment, the entries are insufficient to secure adequate competition. Classes may be closed when capacity is reached.
11. Substitutions may only be made in the original Division and Class, unless otherwise noted in the Department rules.
12. Entries must be delivered on the date(s) and times specified. Entries will not be accepted before or after the stated delivery date. All accepted exhibits must remain on display and shall not be removed until the date specified in the rules. Any exhibit not picked up on the specified date becomes the property of the San Diego County Fair and will be disposed of promptly.
13. All exhibits are entered and shown at the owner's risk. Reasonable care will be taken to prevent loss or damage to exhibits, but in no event will the 22nd District Agricultural Association (San Diego County Fair) be responsible for any injury or loss which may occur or for the actions of third parties. Insurance, if desired, should be obtained by the exhibitor at his/her own expense.
14. The American System of Judging will be used in the Adult Divisions and the Danish System of Judging will be used in the Youth Divisions, unless otherwise stated.
15. All entrants at exhibits must be neatly attired, wear shoes, and conduct themselves in a quiet and orderly manner.
16. Any person who violates any Local, State, or Department rule or displays unethical conduct will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the District may order.
17. **Contact Information:** If an entrant experiences a change of address, phone number, or email address, they are required to update this information with the Entry Office so they may be contacted regarding awards. This notification must be in writing and can be emailed to entry@sdfair.com or mailed to the Entry Department, 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd, Del Mar, CA 92014.
18. All premium money will be paid from the awards as marked by the judges in the official judging books and not from ribbons that may be attached to the exhibits. The San Diego County Fair assumes no responsibility for special awards offered by clubs, individuals, or sanctioning bodies.
19. All premium and auction checks will be made payable to the exhibitor as listed on the entry form or online entry. Checks will be mailed within 30 days after the close of the Fair to the address shown on the entry form. Auction checks may be held longer if the buyer has not paid. Checks not cashed within 12 months from the date of issue will be forfeited. Replacement checks may be subject to a **\$35** stop payment fee.
20. The 22nd District Agricultural Association (San Diego County Fair) is required by the Internal Revenue Service to report any premiums paid totaling the amount of **\$600** or more. Exhibitors may be required to submit a W-9 form.
21. The 22nd District Agricultural Association management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules, the 22nd District Agricultural Association (San Diego County Fair) assumes no liability or responsibility not herein expressed.