



2026 Junior Livestock Breeding & Market Shows

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IMPORTANT ENTRY DATES

May 23, 2026- Online Livestock Entries Close

May 28, 2026 – Missing Entry Information Deadline
(4-H/Grange Leaders & FFA Advisors for Junior Shows ONLY)

May 28, 2026 – YQCA Training Completion Form Deadline (Youth Exhibitors Only)

ENTRY CHECKLIST

Submit Camping, Jockey Quarter, & Badging requests and payments online.

JUNIOR EXHIBITOR /YOUTH SHOW:

- All animals must be registered online only.
- All showmanship must be registered online only.
- Camping *AND/OR* Jockey Quarters.
Reserve and purchase your space online with a credit card.
- All Youth Exhibitors must be badged. Exhibitor and Family Badging Fees **MUST** be paid online with entries. Directions for receiving badges will be sent upon receipt of payment.
- First Aid/Parent Permission Form completed [ONLINE](#) BY May 28, 2026.
- YQCA Completion Certificate to be submitted **ONLINE** BY May 28, 2026.

Junior Livestock Market & Breeding Shows

(Tentative Schedule - Subject to Change)

NOTE: All Barns Close at 9 PM Daily

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Barns available for Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats.
All animals must be checked by a vet and in place, vehicle in parking lots.

7:00 pm

Open & Junior Milking Competition Pre-Test

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

7:00 am & 7:00 pm

Official Milk Test Competition

10:00 am

All Original Registration Papers and Tattoo's/Permanent Identification must be checked in by this time for Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats

12:00 pm

Open Division: Junior Doe show (all breeds)

Thursday, June 18, 2026

Time TBD

Judge: Open Alpine Show; A.O.P Show; Nubian Show; Toggenburg Show

Friday, June 19, 2026

Time TBD

Judge: Open La Mancha Show; Recorded Grade Show; Saanen Show; Nigerian Dwarf Show

Saturday, June 20, 2026

12:00 pm

Junior Dairy Goat Showmanship Followed by Junior Dairy Goat Show

Time TBD

Selection of Champions: Junior Division Dairy Goat Best & Reserve Best Doe in Show; Junior Division Supreme Champion Dairy Goat Udder; Open Division Dairy Goat- Best Junior Doe & Best Senior Doe in Show; Supreme Champion Udder

Sunday, June 21, 2026

7:00 pm

Release all Dairy Goats & Dairy Cattle- Time to be announced following conclusion of all shows.

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June 20 - 22, 2026

Times to be Scheduled Scheduled Camper Check-in. If necessary, there will be additional Overflow camper check-in on Monday.

Monday, June 22, 2026

Times to be Scheduled Scheduled Tack & Feed move-in ONLY. No livestock will be allowed to enter the fairgrounds at this time.

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Times to be Scheduled Livestock Move-In: Beef (Market & Breeding), Sheep (Market & Breeding), Swine (Market & Breeding), & Boer Goats (Market & Breeding) **Upon Arrival-** All livestock to be vet checked and in place. All vehicles to be moved to designated parking areas no later than 7 PM

Tentative- 2:00 PM Official Weigh-in of Market/Prospect/Breeding Animals- Beef, Sheep Swine, Goats (Official Order to be posted)

6:30 PM Mandatory All-Exhibitor Meeting

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Starting at 11:30 AM Judging of Breeding Swine, Market Swine, Progress Swine, and Breeding Swine Showmanship followed by Judging of Breeding Cattle, Market Cattle, Progress Cattle, and Breeding Cattle Showmanship.

Thursday, June 25, 2026

7:00 – 9:00 AM Check-In, Vet Check, and Weigh-In of Market Chickens & Turkeys

9:30 – 11:00 AM Check-In, Weigh-In and Judging of Junior Market Rabbit Meat Pens followed by Market Rabbit Showmanship (Exhibitors must be in show uniform)

Starting at 11:30 PM Judging of Breeding Goats, Market Goats, Progress Goats, and Breeding Goat Showmanship followed by Judging of Breeding Sheep, Market Sheep, Progress Sheep, and Breeding Sheep Showmanship.

12:00 PM Judging of Junior Market Rabbit Meat Pens followed by Market Rabbit Showmanship (Exhibitors must be in show uniform)

7:30 PM Market Champion Drive (Swine, Chicken, Goats, Rabbits, Sheep, Turkeys, Beef)

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Friday, June 26, 2026

Starting at 12:00 PM Judging of Market Goat Showmanship followed by Market Sheep Showmanship (Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Advanced FFA, Novice FFA, Junior High FFA)

Starting at 12:00 PM Judging of Market Swine Showmanship followed by Market Beef Showmanship (Junior High FFA, Novice FFA, Advanced FFA, Junior, Intermediate, Senior)

Saturday, June 27, 2026

12:00 PM Junior Livestock Auction – *Swine, Chicken Meat Pens, Goats, Rabbit Meat Pens, Lambs, Ag Mechanics, Turkeys, Beef*

7:30 Awards Ceremony

Time TBD Release of Animals & Tack

Sunday, June 28, 2026

12:00 PM Large Animal Master Showmanship Check-In

1:00 PM Large Animal Master Showmanship- Junior Livestock Breeding & Market Winners & Junior Dairy Goat Winners; Awards to Follow,

Time TBD Release of Animals & Tack

Friday, July 3, 2026

12:00 PM Small Animal Master Showmanship followed by Youth Breeding Small Animal Awards Ceremony

How to Enter

1. After reading all entry materials, click the “Enter Now” link below to go to the ShoWorks Entry Homepage.
2. Register as an **Exhibitor**.
3. Select the appropriate division and class and input the required information. (See “Divisions and Classes” below for a list of all divisions and classes.)
4. Review your entry before completing registration to ensure that you have entered the correct division and class for each entry.
5. Click the check-out button and pay for all entries.
6. Read the confirmation statement and type YES. **Do not click multiple times**, as it will charge you each time.

If you plan to make changes to your entries or need to leave ShoWorks at any time, SAVE YOUR CART before exiting out.

For additional help with entering, review this detailed step-by-step guide: [Entry Tutorial](#)

Still have questions? Please call or [email the Entry Office](#).

Phone: (858) 792-4207, Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm

If you have any questions regarding classes, please contact:

livestock@sdfair.com or phone, (858) 248-4207.

Livestock Show Rules

The Local and State Rules, found on our website www.sdfair.com/entry, apply to this Department. Please read them carefully.

1. This Competition Guide is posted in advance and will be subject to any action that may cause revision or curtailment of the sections, premiums or regulations listed.
2. **ELIGIBILITY:** Exhibitors must meet age requirements set forth in the State Rules. See State Rule VII for Age & Eligibility Requirements. All Youth Exhibitors must be under the supervision of chapters'/clubs' leader while on the Fairgrounds.
 - **FFA:** must be an FFA member in good standing in a California FFA Chapter.
 - **4-H:** must meet the requirements to be a member of 4-H in a California County.
 - **4-H Primary:** Must be 5 years old as of December 31 last calendar year to exhibit at fair. Primary membership ends when members qualify as a junior member. Exhibitors who are under 9 years of age on or before December 31 last calendar year are not eligible to compete in large animal (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Boer Goats, Market & Fiber Goats, Horse & Llama) competitions at the San Diego County Fair.
 - **Grange:** must meet requirements to be a member of Grange.
 - **Independents:** must attend a school in San Diego County. The Livestock Office may request an official school transcript as proof of eligibility. Youth may be ineligible to participate as Independent if documented disciplinary action involving their project(s) has been taken against them by 4-H, FFA or Grange organizations. Length of ineligibility to be determined by Fair management. Juniors who have been 4-H, Grange, or FFA 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.
3. **MARKET DIVISION ELIGIBILITY: Market Divisions (including prospect & showmanhips) are open ONLY to exhibitors residing in San Diego County.** Exhibitors who are not 4-H, Grange or FFA members in San Diego County may enter the Junior Livestock Market Show provided they meet requirements of participating as an Independent Exhibitor at the San Diego County Fair. In order to participate as an Independent, they must notify the Livestock/Entry Office by the Ownership Deadline.
4. **JUNIOR BREEDING DIVISION ELIGIBILITY: Junior Livestock & Small Animal Breeding Divisions (including showmanships) are open to 4-H, Grange, and FFA exhibitors in California or Independent Exhibitors residing in San Diego County.** In order to participate as an Independent, an exhibitor must notify the Livestock/Entry Office of intent to show by the Ownership Deadline for the species. **Junior Dairy Goat Breeding Divisions (including showmanships) are open to 4-H, Grange, FFA and Independent exhibitors throughout the world.**
5. **YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS PROGRAM (YQCA):** Every Junior Market and Junior Breeding Livestock & Small Animal Exhibitor is required to hold a current YQCA Training Certificate. Training can be completed at: [YQCA \(yqcaprogram.org\)](http://YQCA(yqcaprogram.org)) Proof of certification is the submission of a copy of a current YQCA Training Form by each exhibitor. YQCA forms need to be submitted digitally by Thursday, May 28, 2026.

Livestock Show Rules (Continued)

6. **ENTRY REGISTRATION:** You must enter ONLINE for San Diego County Fair, Livestock Department. Supporting documents for online entries are due at time of online submission. All required forms will be accepted in the Livestock Office, during normal office hours, until the deadline. Late entries will NOT be accepted.
7. **OWNERSHIP:** An animal must be owned, managed and personally cared for by the exhibitor for:
- Market Beef.....120 consecutive days
 - Market Swine.....60 consecutive days
 - Market Sheep60 consecutive days
 - Market Goats.....60 consecutive days
 - Meat Pens30 consecutive days
 - Breeding30 consecutive days
 - Prospect30 consecutive days

Proof of ownership for market animals will be a DNA Sample submitted to the fair on the appropriate Ownership Deadline, brand inspection, bill of sale, or signed statement and project record showing the animal was bred by the exhibitor. Proof of ownership for cattle will be required at the scale.

All breeding and market animals must continue to be owned, managed, and personally/physically cared for by the exhibitor during ownership period up until the animal's removal from the Fairgrounds on the designated day/time. Per State Rules, *"Animals are not to be entered by another exhibitor at any other show/jackpot within the ownership period."* If at any point in time an animal is sold through **any** auction or sale, the ownership date recalculates and the ownership period starts over.

8. **MARKET/PROSPECT PROJECT LOCATION:** Market/Prospect projects must be housed in San Diego County and be personally cared for by the exhibitor that resides in San Diego County within the ownership period. Leader/advisor signature on the entry form serves as proof that the project was personally cared for, in person, by the exhibitor in its respective youth program. The Parent/Guardian signature on the entry form serves as proof that the project was personally cared for, in person by the Independent Exhibitor. Animal projects raised outside of San Diego County will not be permitted entry into the market show.
9. **MARKET ANIMAL PROOF OF OWNERSHIP:** The San Diego County Fair will require that any & all large market animals, designated for entry in the 2026 San Diego County Fair must have had two DNA hair samples submitted, with a signed official Market Project Agreement and copy of Bill of Sale, by the exhibitor on or prior to February 23, 2026 for market beef and on or prior to April 24, 2026 for market lambs, market hogs, and market goats. No large market animal entry will be eligible for official entry until the above mentioned items are submitted and officially received by the Entry Office. All DNA hair samples in the first collection will be the responsibility of the exhibitor as required by the DNA collection packet and related collection procedures.

Livestock Show Rules (Continued)

10. Designated junior market animals may be required to have an additional DNA sample collected on their particular show day. Exhibitor must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or advisor/leader at this time. From this sample, a DNA Matching Analysis test may be run to verify that this sample matches those submitted at the ownership deadline and confirm the identity of each animal.
11. **SUPERVISION & SIGNATURES:** All Youth Exhibitors must be under the supervision of Chapter/Club leader while on the Fairgrounds. Youth Divisions: Approval of 4-H, FFA, or Grange Instructor are required for entries. Youth exhibitors and parents are required to complete each First Aid Form and YQCA Certification by posted deadline.
12. **BADGES:** All Livestock Exhibitors and their approved family members living on grounds must have a photo badge issued by the Fairgrounds. All badging will be completed online. No exceptions. A \$20.00 fee will be charged for lost/replacement badges.
13. **LIMIT OF ENTRIES:** Exhibitors are limited to a total of three market animals. Large Livestock: No more than 2 of any species. If the number of animals entered exceeds barn capacity, management will exclude the second animal in a species. Only one meat pen of each species may be entered per exhibitor. Meat pens are considered one animal.

Stalls and pens will be reserved for exhibitors only to the number of head entered on their online entry and for which facilities are available. Due to the limited space in the livestock area, there will be no bogus entries to subsequently use the space for storage, picnics, rest areas, etc. Storage in swine, sheep, and goat areas will be designated, but is limited.
14. **ENTRY FEES:**
 - \$25.00 per Market Class (including Small Animal Meat Pens)**
 - \$12.00 per Prospect or Breeding Class**
 - \$10.00 Showmanship**

Entry fees are non-refundable except as noted in the State Rules. Fees MUST be received through the online system with all completed entries by entry closing date.
15. **YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS PROGRAM (YQCA) & First Aid:** Every Junior Market and Junior Breeding Livestock & Small Animal Exhibitor is required to submit YQCA Certificates and First Aid Forms no later than May 28, 2026 via the Online Submission Forms: YQCA ONLINE SUBMISSION [FIRST AID SUBMISSION](#)
16. **PRE-TAGGING:** All Market animals must be pre-tagged. All clubs/chapters/Independents are responsible for obtaining required tags from the Fair and tagging their own animals according to instructions provided. Any club or chapter needing tagging assistance should notify the Livestock Office at least two weeks in advance of tagging needs.
17. Breeding Animals not identified at least by birthdate and at least one of the following: dam's name and her registration number, ear tag, tattoo or permanent marking or by the registration number prior to the closing date of entries may be made eligible only by paying a penalty of \$10.00 per entry. Only cash or certified cashier's check will be accepted as payment for these penalties.

Livestock Show Rules (Continued)

18. **SCRAPIE** (Sheep & Goats): Pursuant to USDA, all sheep and goats entering fairs are required to have official scrapie identification. All out-of-state sheep and goats are required to have official identification, a certificate of veterinarian inspection and California entry permit. State Rules, Section X. – Sheep and Goats Health Rules
19. **SUBSTITUTIONS:** Substitutions will be made ONLY in the same class of original entry. All substitutions must be COMPLETED 24 hours before the show opens. NO EXCEPTIONS.
20. **CONTACT INFORMATION:** If you have a change of address, phone number or email address, you are required to update this information with the Entry Office so we can contact you regarding awards.
21. **CHECK-IN:** All livestock will be accepted based on a schedule made by the Livestock Office. **All animals must be inspected by the show veterinarian and checked in with the Supervisor before caging/penning.** Only animals properly entered, or for special display purposes, will be permitted on the grounds and/or in the show.
22. **VET SERVICE:** Exhibitors who fail to pay for veterinary services rendered on the fairgrounds by the contracted Fair veterinarian will not be permitted to show or leave the grounds until outstanding bills have been settled.
23. **UNRULY ANIMALS:** Will be removed at the discretion of the Livestock Department Coordinator, Small or Large Animal Coordinators, or Veterinarian at any time.
24. **ANIMAL SPECIES RULES:** Specific animal species rules (tail docs, age of animals, horns, etc.) must be in compliance with State Rules- See section IX. Animal Species Rules for specifics.
25. **WEIGH-IN:** Only exhibitors, Livestock staff, leaders, and advisors may handle livestock in the weigh-in area. All animals must be given the opportunity to drink prior to stepping on scale. No wet animals will be allowed on the scales. Only exhibitors whose animals did not make market weight may request a re-weigh. Re-weigh must be requested BEFORE the exhibitor and animal leave the scale area. Minimum weight listed below, no top weight.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum Weight</u>	<u>Maximum Pay Weight</u>
Beef	1000 lbs.	No Maximum Weight
Sheep	100 lbs.	No Maximum Weight
Swine	210 lbs.	No Maximum Weight
Goats	65 lbs.	No Maximum Weight

***Small Market Animals- See species specific rules for minimum and maximum weights.**

Underweight beef, sheep, swine, and goats are not eligible for auction and will be moved to appropriate progress class. All underweight animals will be allowed to remain on grounds for showmanship classes.

Livestock Show Rules (Continued)

- 26. SCALES:** Personal scales for all species are prohibited on the Fairgrounds. This also includes the small animal barns. Exhibitors found in violation of the scales rule will have scales confiscated by the livestock staff.
- 27. DECLARATION OF MEDICATION:** The San Diego County Fair requires exhibitors of all market animals to complete a Medication Declaration Form for each animal brought to the scale for an official weigh-in. It is requested that breeding animals complete a Medication Declaration Form. If an animal requires medical treatment while on the fairgrounds, only a licensed veterinarian will be allowed to administer any drug, chemical or feed additive. An exhibitor may choose a licensed veterinarian other than the official Fair veterinarian, but the official Fair veterinarian must be notified in advance and he/she must be present. (Please see Residue Avoidance Program pages for more information)
- 28. DRUG TESTING:** The staff veterinarian may order a drug test at any time. Each exhibitor must complete and sign a Declaration of Medication Form. Exhibitors agree that the Fair shall be entitled to disqualify any exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug. Disqualification results in the forfeiture of all prize and sale money. All Champions and Reserve Champions will be drug tested. After Grand Champion Judging, all Champions MUST be presented for drug testing. No drugs will be permitted that has not been approved by a veterinarian and declared to the Livestock Office. The only individuals allowed in that area will be the exhibitor, leader, one family member, licensed vet and Fair staff.
- 29. SECURITY & SAFETY:** Reasonable security and precautions will be taken for the safety of exhibits. The 22nd DAA is not responsible for the acts of third parties or the loss or damage, whatsoever the cause. Liability insurance is the responsibility and at the discretion of the exhibitor. Therefore, it is suggested that exhibitors consider taking out a liability policy covering themselves and their exhibits. The San Diego County Fair will not be responsible for accidents or loss that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at the show and the exhibitors shall hold the management harmless and indemnify it against any legal proceedings arising from such accident or loss. Presentation of online entry submission shall be deemed acceptance of this rule.
- 30. BARN HOURS:** Barns will be open to the Exhibitors from 6:00 AM to 9:30 PM. Absolutely NO ACCESS is permitted outside of these hours without the escort of approved Livestock Fair Staff. The Fair is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays for the duration of the fair.
- 31. FEED & CARE:** Exhibitors are responsible for providing adequate food and water, maintaining clean conditions, and ensuring the health and well-being of their animals for the entire time the animals are on the grounds. Any exhibitor not properly caring for their animal will forfeit premiums and/or sale proceeds.
- 32. VEHICLE ACCESS:** Service Permits must be obtained from the Livestock Office. Service Permits are for delivery only and not for parking. Clubs/Chapters may receive one permit per club/chapter. All vehicles must be removed by 9:00 am. Passes will be issued to designated leader.

Livestock Show Rules (Continued)

- 33. CLEANING:** Cleaning must be completed by 9:00 am each day. Pens MUST be cleaned daily. Manure must be placed in designated areas only.
- 34. BEDDING:** For disposal, bedding must be wood shavings or pellets. The initial bedding will be provided by the Fair. All other bedding will be the responsibility of the exhibitor.
- 35. PENS:** Please be advised, if you remove or rearrange a panel in your assigned pens you will be required to return the panel(s) to their original location before a release slip is issued. Failure to do so will result in a \$50.00 back charge for each panel our staff has to re-install to its original configuration. Barn assignments will be used to back the bill, so make sure if you change locations in the barns that your show superintendent knows your final location.
- 36. JUDGING:** American System of judging will be used, unless otherwise noted. The aisles will be closed during judging. People interfering with the judge or judging in any way will have their animals disqualified.
- 37. OFFICIAL SHOW UNIFORMS:** All exhibitors are required to wear the uniform specified in these entry materials whenever showing, auctioning and/or representing their respective clubs or chapters at official fair events or business. Please note that this rule also applies to those individuals that will be assisting the exhibitor in the show ring. All 4-H, Grange, and FFA members exhibiting livestock must wear the top half of the official uniform of their organization while showing or selling their animals. Dress code compliance is the responsibility of the 4-H and Grange Leaders and FFA Advisors. These guidelines apply to ALL exhibitors for all shows including Market, Showmanship, Breed, as well as the Junior Livestock Auction. Criteria for jeans are as follows: jeans must be clean, unfaded, free from holes and fraying, and worn in a fashion consistent with the values of the San Diego County Fair as well as the organizations being represented. Traditional whites are optional but NOT required.

FFA Uniform

- Blue, black, or white pants, white collared shirt, FFA tie/scarf and official FFA jacket (zipped to the top) or FFA patch attached to the white shirt. No hats or headgear of any kind is allowed.

4-H Uniform

- Blue, black, or white pants, white collared shirt, the appropriate tie/scarf/jacket, and the appropriate 4-H hat (white or green). No other hats will be allowed.

Grange Uniform

- Blue, black, or white pants, white collared shirt and red vest with Grange emblem on back. Exhibitors are not allowed to wear any kind of tie/scarf or hat.

Independent Uniform

- Blue, black, or white pants and plain white collared shirt. Exhibitors are not allowed to wear any kind of tie/scarf or hat.

Sunglasses may only be worn when medically necessary, otherwise, **NO SUNGLASSES**. Closed-toe shoes must be worn at all times and are part of the show required attire.

Livestock Show Rules (Continued)

- 38. AWARDS:** See specific Division for awards. Two or more exhibitors must show in a division to qualify that division for championship money. Exhibitors are eligible to receive only two cash awards per class. The Fair assumes no responsibility for awards sponsored by clubs, firms or individuals. Premium checks will be issued within 30 days following the closure of the Fair.
- 39. TAX IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION:** The 22nd DAA (San Diego County Fair) is required by the Internal Revenue Service to report any premiums paid totaling \$600 or more. Exhibitors will be required to complete a W-9 form at the time of entry. Place Tax I.D Number and corresponding name on "**Issue Check To**" line if this information is different from exhibitor name. **A new W-9 is required each year.** For checks to match the W-9, exhibitors must register under their legal name.
- 40. GROOMING:** All animals should arrive clean and remain clean for the duration of the fair. Market lambs may not carry more than one inch of stretched fleece at any point on their bodies at weigh- in. Animals may be washed in the designated wash rack during designated times only. Grooming shampoos and conditioners may be used. No use of glue, spray powders, adhesives, or paints that alter the natural conformation, color, or weight of the animal may be used at any time. The use of baby powder, oils, and conditioners that may be easily removed with soap and water are allowed. If questions arise regarding the use of a product, seek approval from the Livestock Department Coordinator. No alterations may be made to the natural conformation, color, or weight of the animal except to identify the animal by chip, ear notch, or ear tag. Junior exhibitors are expected to handle, groom, and care for their animal(s) when at the fair. They shall refrain from accepting active assistance from adults and non-exhibiting youth unless the junior exhibitor is actively engaged, and the assistance is only for instruction. Local fair rules will determine enforcement. Adults or non-exhibitors found grooming or handling animals risk disqualification of entry, ineligibility for auction and/or dismissal from the Fairgrounds.
- 41. NECK ROPES:** All cattle must have neck ropes.
- 42. HOSES & FAUCETS/SINKS:** All hoses must have shut-off nozzles. Hoses must be coiled and out of aisles when not in use. At NO time should sinks inside the Livestock Barns be used for the rinsing of animal equipment such as brushes, buckets, or feed pans. All livestock feeding and watering containers MUST be emptied in appropriate wash racks.
- 43. FANS & GENERATORS:** No fans or generators may be brought onto grounds without the prior approval of the Livestock Department Coordinator or the Small or Large Animal Coordinators. Exhibitor found in violation of this rule will have items confiscated by the livestock staff and returned after the conclusion of the market week
- 44. ANIMAL & TACK RELEASE:** Livestock personnel will check the animal(s) and produce a release form for each exhibitor before departure. Release forms will be issued to exhibitors or their authorized agents only and **must** be presented at the gate when exiting. Animals removed without a release will be turned away at the exit gate and may forfeit premiums.
- 45. FOOD AND DRINK:** Food and/ Drink for human consumption is prohibited in the barn area. Consuming food and beverage items may only take place outside of the barns.

Livestock Show Rules (Continued)

- 46. CHANGES:** Fair Management reserves the right to move animals, if necessary, and to change the scheduled program.
- 47. BACKGROUND CHECKS:** All exhibitor-less leaders, advisors or adults in charge must be cleared through criminal and sex offender background checks. Individuals not cleared through 4-H, Grange, or their school will need to pay a \$20.00 background check fee, complete the paperwork and be cleared before a badge will be issued.
- 48. VARIANCE:** A variance may be granted to an exhibitor following the death of his or her animal. It is understood that the new animal is NOT eligible to compete for Champion at any level. The variance form provided by the Livestock Office must be filled out and signed by the exhibitor, parent, and advisor/leader.

The following documents are required to complete the variance:

- A death certificate from the veterinarian must be submitted to the Livestock Office.
- A copy of the bill of sale for the new animal must be submitted.
- A statement from the Leader or Advisor giving the ear tag number, species, and owner of the deceased animal.
- Eligible animals are those who completed the online entry process and submitted a DNA sample by entry deadline.

Variance requests other than those for death of an animal (submission of late entries, ownership, refund of entries, etc.) are granted on review of Fair Management and/or Board of Directors. Variances may be ruled upon by F&E at the request of Fair Management and/or Board of Directors.

- 49. PROTESTS:** All Protests shall be made according to State Fair Rules- Section V. Protest Protocol and shall be filed with the Livestock Department Manager.
- 50. Exhibitors,** their immediate family, leaders, advisors and agents thereof, not cooperating with security personnel or any other San Diego County Fair officials in all matters of policy, including but not limited to parking, stall/pen/space assignments and appearance, judging and/or animal care will have their entries cancelled and will be ordered to remove their exhibit from the grounds immediately and forfeit all awards, premium monies, and sale proceeds. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in being banned from participating at the San Diego County Fair.

SDCF- Residue Avoidance Program

In an effort to increase awareness of the responsibilities associated with the production of consumer-oriented products, the San Diego County Fair utilizes a Residue Avoidance Program.

This program requires exhibitors of market animals to sign a Medication Declaration Form. It is also required that breeding animals on medication also declare such treatment on a Medication Declaration Form. If an animal requires medical treatment while on the fairgrounds, only a licensed veterinarian will be allowed to administer any drug, chemical or feed additive. An exhibitor may choose a licensed veterinarian other than the official San Diego County Fair veterinarian, but the official San Diego County Fair veterinarian **MUST** be notified in advance, and he/she **MUST** be present. Furthermore, The Official San Diego County Fair Veterinarian, in agreement with Show management, reserve the right to treat any animal if, in the opinion of the Official San Diego County Fair Veterinarian, it is in the best interest of the animal's health and well-being to be treated.

All treatment costs are the responsibility of the exhibitor. All animals treated on the fairgrounds must submit a Medication Declaration Form. This form acknowledges the use of any substance in/on the animal for which the required withdrawal period has not completely elapsed prior to arrival at the Fair. This includes substances used per label or in an extra-label fashion. All extra-label drug usage **MUST** be done under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, and their contact information is required. Any animal requiring medically necessary treatment within 48 hours of competition may need to be withdrawn from competition if hydration status, mentation or gait will be affected by the necessary treatment.

The intent of the program is not to prevent medical treatment, but to ensure the animal's well-being and fair competition. The decision of the Fair's committee in regard to eligibility for competition shall be final. The San Diego County Fair is continuing its Residue Avoidance Program and reserves the right to test any animal officially entered in any division at any time without notice, for foreign substance including but not limited to drugs, chemicals or feed additives.

Compounds tested for may include but are "not" limited to:

- Antibiotics
- Local Anesthetics
- Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs
- Diuretics
- Sedatives/Tranquilizers
- Steroids/Growth Promotants

SDCF- Residue Avoidance Program (Continued)

Residue Avoidance Policy

1. The San Diego County Fair reserves the right to test any animal officially entered in any division at any time without notice, for any foreign substance including but not limited to drugs, chemicals or feed additives as well as DNA testing. At a minimum, some animals from the following groups will be tested: Champion and Reserve Market Animals, random selection of Market Animals, and any animals suspected of unusual physical appearance, demeanor or activity as deemed necessary by Fair Management and/or the Fair Licensed Veterinarian. As a condition precedent to accepting an entry, an entry form signed by the exhibitor, FFA (Agricultural Science) Instructor, 4-H Leader, Grange Advisor, Parent or Legal Guardian grants the San Diego County Fair permission to test any entry.
2. Testing may be performed on any body tissue or fluid on both the live animal and the carcass.
3. Test samples collected from all animals must have zero tolerance for any identifiable or unidentifiable foreign substances including drugs (legal & illegal), chemicals of any kind or feed additives unless established as permissible by the USDA or FDA or disclosed on the Medication Declaration Form.
4. If an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species and class, sufficient time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive for that drug upon arrival at the San Diego County Fair. Animals must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues while on show grounds unless being treated by the County Fair veterinarian or a licensed veterinarian while the County Fair veterinarian is present. Please note that elimination time (the time it takes for no drug residue to be found in the system) is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time for most approved drugs.
5. The showing of any animal that has been administered during its life any quantity of any unapproved drug, chemical or medication is strictly prohibited. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication. Unapproved means not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption.

SDCF- Residue Avoidance Program (Continued)

6. Animals testing positive to an unapproved foreign substance including but not limited to drugs, chemicals or feed additives, will be disqualified and declared ineligible to receive awards, premium money or sale proceeds. In addition to the disqualification and forfeiture of awards, premiums and/or auction proceeds, the County Fair may release to the media the name of the exhibitor, leader, advisor and the name of the exhibitor's animal that was disqualified and was in violation of the Drug Residue Program. The live market animal or carcass that tests positive will immediately become the property of the County Fair and the exhibitor may be compensated for the market value, less expenses, if the animal passes inspection. Carcass of disqualified animals or poultry will be disposed of per instructions by CAHFS if disposed of before entering the food chain or by written instructions from USDA or FDA if already in the food chain.
7. If entry is disqualified, the entry and/or the exhibitor will be declared ineligible and will not receive awards, premiums and/or any sale proceeds, further the exhibitor will be responsible for payment of all fees (including attorneys' fees), fines, and costs incurred by the San Diego County Fair as a result of the disqualification and any proceeding related to the disqualification. The owner/exhibitor and members of his/her immediate family may not be eligible to compete in subsequent San Diego County Fair Programs. The extent and degree of future eligibility shall be determined by Fair management.

Wholesome Assurance Statement

1. The use by non-veterinarians of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by the FDA is a violation of federal law.
2. Abuse of the extra-label privilege by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocation.
3. Any food animal must not exceed FDA/EPA/USDA established tolerances for any foreign substances including drugs, pesticides, feed additives or other chemicals.
4. Violative results of residue testing are subject to investigation by the USDA and FDA for prosecution.
5. Any misrepresentation of a food animal that can potentially affect the acceptability of the carcass or milk will be considered fraud.
6. If a Junior Exhibitor be found in violation of any of the Livestock Show rules, he/she and his/her family may be forever barred from showing at the San Diego County Fair.
7. Postmortem Examination: The San Diego County Fair may require a postmortem examination of any animal which dies at the County Fair. This will be performed by a licensed veterinarian at the expense of the exhibitor.

SDCF- Residue Avoidance Program (Continued)

Notice to Junior Livestock Exhibitors

1. **Residue Avoidance test fees:** Any fees related to testing any animal or carcass as required by The San Diego County Fair, USDA or FDA or food processors will be deducted from sale proceeds of the junior exhibitor.

Policy for 2026

1. If animal tests positive on the original residue test screen, the exhibitor shall be responsible for paying for the confirmation test. If the exhibitor fails to pay or post fees for the confirmation test, the animal in question will be declared ineligible.
2. It is the policy and rule of the San Diego County Fair that no animal which is entered for competition in the County Fair, at any point in which they are on the property of the San Diego County Fair, shall contain any trace residues of any substances which are not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals, unless disclosed on the Medication Declaration Form.
3. It is the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor to ensure that the animal is free of the prescribed drugs and substances listed in this Residue Avoidance Program. Extent of knowledge on the part of the Exhibitor with regards to the drugs or substance found in an animal is not relevant to any issue, and it shall not be the defense that person or persons unknown introduced the proscribed substance into the animal prior to, or at arrival, or after arrival on the San Diego County Fair property.
4. Personnel (employees and contractors) of the San Diego County Fair, other approved departments (and their representatives) within University of California at Davis, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and Pomona, California State University at Fresno or Chico, Modesto Junior College, University of California at Davis Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, FDA, USDA, California Department of Food and Agriculture, California Department of Health or any other representative approved by the San Diego County Fair reserve the right to take urine, blood, hair and other body tissue samples from any animal or its carcass at any time without notice, for the purpose of determining whether there is any residue of any substance found within the body of the tested animal. The exhibitor, by entering his/her animal, expressly agrees that he or she will cooperate with the person or persons charged with the responsibility of taking the sample from the animal at the time of arrival, weigh-in, during the show or any other time the animal is on the San Diego County Fairgrounds. Failure to fully cooperate with testing procedures, and/ or representatives collecting samples shall indicate a voluntary withdrawal by the Exhibitor of the animal from the competition, and result in the immediate disqualification of this project and automatic loss of participation privileges in all future California State Fair competitive events.

SDCF- Residue Avoidance Program (Continued)

5. All samples shall be taken by persons designated by the San Diego County Fair and tested in an approved Laboratory. Reasonable care will be taken regarding maintaining the purity and identity of the sample. The only chain of custody required will be that routinely relied upon by veterinarians practicing in and around the San Diego County Region.
6. As samples are taken, the Junior Exhibitor, a parent or legal guardian and/or a leader/supervisor shall be present to view the procedure. Upon collection of a sample, the Junior Exhibitor, and a parent or legal guardian or leader/supervisor shall provide their signatures to acknowledge that the sample was collected from the Exhibitor's animal.
7. If any animal is disqualified because of the violation of any of the rules found within the Residue Avoidance Program, or the animal is voluntarily withdrawn from the competition because of failure to cooperate with the testing procedures, then the Exhibitor shall immediately return awards and/or premiums previously presented. Regarding auction premium money, it shall be the option of the individual purchasing the disqualified animal to either donate the money to the Junior Livestock Auction for the next year's use or donate the money to the San Diego County Fair Scholarship Program, or upon request, receive a total refund of the auction premium money paid.
8. By making an entry in the San Diego County Fair Livestock or Small Animal Program, the Exhibitor, a parent or both parent(s)/legal guardian(s) and project leader/supervisor agree to abide by this Residue Avoidance Program.
9. Any misrepresentation of a food animal that can potentially affect the acceptability of the carcass or milk will be considered fraud.
10. If a Junior Exhibitor be found in violation of any of the Livestock Show rules, he/she and his/her family may be forever barred from showing at the San Diego County Fair.
11. Postmortem Examination: The San Diego County Fair may require a postmortem examination of any animal which dies at the County Fair. This will be performed by a licensed veterinarian at the expense of the exhibitor.
12. Test samples collected from all animals must have zero tolerance for any identifiable or unidentifiable foreign substances including drugs (legal & illegal), chemicals of any kind or feed additives unless established as permissible by the USDA or FDA or disclosed on the Medication Declaration Form.

SDCF- Residue Avoidance Program (Continued)

13. If an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species and class, sufficient time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive for that drug upon arrival at the San Diego County Fair. Animals must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues while on show grounds unless being treated by the County Fair veterinarian or a licensed veterinarian while the County Fair veterinarian is present. Please note that elimination time (the time it takes for no drug residue to be found in the system) is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time for most approved drugs.
14. The showing of any animal that has been administered during its life any quantity of any unapproved drug, chemical or medication is strictly prohibited. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication. Unapproved means not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption.
15. Animals testing positive to an unapproved foreign substance including but not limited to drugs, chemicals or feed additives, will be disqualified and declared ineligible to receive awards, premium money or sale proceeds. In addition to the disqualification and forfeiture of awards, premiums and/or auction proceeds, the County Fair may release to the media the name of the exhibitor, leader, advisor and the name of the exhibitor's animal that was disqualified and was in violation of the Drug Residue Program. The live market animal or carcass that tests positive will immediately become the property of the County Fair and the exhibitor may be compensated for the market value, less expenses, if the animal passes inspection. Carcass of disqualified animal or poultry will be disposed of per instructions by CAHFS if disposed of before entering the food chain or by written instructions from U.S.D.A. or FDA if already in the food chain.
16. If entry is disqualified, the entry and/or the exhibitor will be declared ineligible and will not receive awards, premiums and/or any sale proceeds, further the exhibitor will be responsible for payment of all fees (including attorneys' fees), fines, and costs incurred by the San Diego County Fair as a result of the disqualification and any proceeding related to the disqualification. The owner/exhibitor and members of his/her immediate family may not be eligible to compete in subsequent San Diego County Fair Programs. The extent and degree of future eligibility shall be determined by Fair management.

RVs, Trailers, Badging and Other Fees

Forms and fees must be submitted with online entries on or before Saturday, May 23, 2026.
Requests received after the deadline may not be eligible for accommodation.

FEES LISTED BELOW

Camping Space \$100.00 - Limit (1) Per Exhibitor

Septic Pumping - \$50.00 fee Per Week – 2 to 3 Pumps will be included.

Jockey Quarters Fee \$80.00 – Limited to exhibitor and 2 badged family members

Extra Parking Space \$ 55.00 - Limit (1) Per Exhibitor

Exhibitor Badge \$20.00 (REQUIRED for each exhibitor (Pay online with entries)

Additional Badging \$20.00 Limit (2) Per Exhibitor (Pay online with entries)

Weekly Guest Pass- \$35 Limit (4) Per Exhibitor (Valid MARKET WEEK ONLY June 23-June28)

One-Day Admission Ticket- \$10 Limit (4) Per Exhibitor (Valid MARKET WEEK ONLY June 23-June28)

Failure to comply with the following rules will result in removal from the Fairgrounds.

1. **Badges must be purchased through the online entry system.** Every exhibitor is *required* to purchase an exhibitor badge which is valid for the entire run of the San Diego County Fair, no exceptions.
2. Each exhibitor may purchase 2 (Two) additional badges for parents/guardians and immediate family members. Badges required beyond this number must be approved by the Agriculture/Livestock Department Staff via written request. Once approved, these additional badges can be purchased through the “Special Approval Badge Division” on Showworks. Badges purchased without approval will not be issued a refund.
3. Tents will require a camping space, the fee is \$100.00
4. Each reservation must be made online with the exhibitor’s livestock entries. Only one space will be available per family. Reservations are limited to exhibitors or parents, leaders, and advisors of exhibitors showing market animals on the dates requested.
5. **There will be no admission to the camp area prior to designated arrival time.**
6. Failure to vacate at the designated time will result in vehicles being towed at the owners expense.
7. The Livestock Coordinator assigns camp spaces. RVs and trailers must be in assigned space. All camp vehicles must be placed in accordance with Fire Marshal Restrictions.
8. **Pop-outs may only be extended towards the aisle and on one side of the trailer/RV. All camp vehicles must be approved as overnight stay vehicles and display proper credentials. Tow vehicles must be disconnected from all RV’s and parked in appropriate spaces.**
9. Non-camping vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas only. Each club/chapter may park only one stock trailer in designated dead storage area and display permit issued by the Livestock Office. All others must be removed from the Fairgrounds after delivery of animals. Any vehicle illegally parked is subject to towing.

RVs, Trailers, Badging and Other Fees (Continued)

10. If you pay a camp fee for a stock trailer, you will forfeit the fee and be asked to remove the trailer. The exception to this rule is Living Quarters trailers that are used for camping.
11. Each exhibitor receives one parking permit per session. ONE additional vehicle permit may be purchased to park in designated areas per family. Spaces may NOT be reserved to park additional vehicles. A parking permit does not guarantee a parking space. Vehicles improperly parked will be towed at owner's expense. **Parking permits must be always displayed and affixed to windshield in parked vehicle. No Taping of Permits. Failure to do so will result in the loss of the parking permit.**
12. Extra Parking Credentials does not guarantee a spot for the extra vehicle.
13. RVs must be self-contained. Water hookups are available. No electrical or sewer hook-ups are available. No generators. NO dumping of wastewater of any kind on the ground or in drains. Pump service is available for a nominal charge and must be purchased through the online entry portal.
14. All youth must always be under the supervision of an adult. A legal guardian or designated adult must be with the minor or minors that will be camping overnight.
15. **Jockey Quarters are reserved for overnight occupancy, those found unoccupied by overnight occupants will be locked by fair staff. Reservations will be available on a first come, first serve limited bases. The Jockey Quarter fee is \$80.00. Each jockey quarter is limited to the Exhibitor and 2 badged family members who have signed completed waivers on file. Failure to comply could result in loss of Jockey Quarter use for the current and future 22nd DAA livestock shows.**
16. **Bicycles, Motorcycles, Electric/Gas Bikes and/or scooters, and Electric/Gas Carts will not be allowed on the Fairgrounds.**
17. Quiet hours will be observed from 10:00 pm – 6:00 am.
18. All camping fees MUST be received by the entry deadline. Any Camping fees or requests received after the closing date of entries will be subject to space available and specific accommodations/requests may not be able to be fulfilled.
19. No dogs are allowed on the Fairgrounds. Guide or Service dogs, dogs in competition or as part of an exhibit, entertainment program or demonstration, and Junior/Youth dog show entries are the only exceptions. Any dog found in the livestock barns will be subject to removal by Fair Security or Animal Control, and the exhibitor subject to disqualification and/or loss of premiums.
20. Livestock Camping Bathrooms - Select bathrooms will be able to be opened in the camping area with the understanding that they can't be assigned to a specific club or chapter. ***Please be aware that the Livestock camping bathrooms are being offered as a privilege, if they are not kept clean, exhibitors and families will lose the ability to use these facilities in the future.***
21. Health & Safety - All campers must adhere to all health and safety policies & practices; these will be distributed to all exhibitors.

Junior Market & Breeding Beef

JUNIOR BREEDING CATTLE

Entry Fee: \$12.00 per entry per class American System of Judging

DIVISION AWARDS

Division ChampionRosette
Reserve Division ChampionRosette
Supreme ChampionRosette & Award
Reserve Supreme ChampionRosette & Award

Premiums Offered Per Class

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$25	\$20	\$15

Junior Livestock Exhibitors 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. Heifers shown in the Junior Breeding Heifer show are not eligible to compete in the progress or market beef show.

Special Rules

1. As a requirement for entry, all junior livestock (market, breeding, dairy cattle & dairy goat) exhibitors are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training prior to the date stated on the Entry Materials.
2. This is a female only show. All registered cattle in this division must carry registration papers from a U.S. Beef Breed Association. Percentage cattle with registration papers are acceptable. Only bona fide (original) certificates of registration will be accepted as evidence of registration and ownership, **No Photocopies.**
3. All females that are 24 months of age or older on or before the date of the show must have a natural calf at side OR show obvious signs of pregnancy OR must have a veterinarian's certificate stating that the animal, is or has been, an embryo-producing female. Nurse Cows will not be permitted on the Fairgrounds.
4. Junior Livestock Exhibitors in Breeding Beef 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 meets all Open Division entry deadlines and guidelines.
5. LIMITS: No limit on the number of head entered. Entries may be limited after the close of entries, based on space available.
6. This is a Junior Livestock Show; all Junior exhibitors (4-H, FFA, Grange, and Independents) shall compete together in the same classes.

Division 5024: Registered Beef Division 5025: Non-Registered Beef

Class – Females

01. All Breeding Heifers-(Registered to be divided by DOB/Crossbred to be divided by weight)

Junior Market & Breeding Beef (Continued)

JUNIOR MARKET BEEF

ENTRY FEE: \$25.00 per entry, per class
American System of Judging.

MARKET STEER SCORECARD

Blue Ribbon Market Ready: Market Beef projected to have sufficient fat deposition to meet the marbling specifications of USDA Prime, Choice, or Select+ quality grades.

Red Ribbon Not Market Ready: Market Beef lacking evidence of sufficient fat deposition to produce a desirable consumer product. Beef projected to grade USDA Select- or lower.

1. Exhibitors who are **NOT** 4-H, Grange, or FFA members may enter the Junior Livestock Market Show provided they meet age requirements for market animal exhibitors at the San Diego County Fair.
2. 4-H, Grange, and Independent Market entries will show together.
3. A market animal cannot be cross-entered in market, progress, or breeding divisions.
4. As a requirement for entry, all junior livestock (market, breeding, dairy cattle & dairy goat) exhibitors are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training.

Division 5035 – 4-H/Grange/Independent Market Steer

Division 5040 – FFA Market Steer

Classes

1. All– Weight Range will be 1000 lbs. and over; with animals eligible for auction.
Note: All market steers will be split by weight AND division and not by color.

CHAMPIONS

Division Champion	Rosette, Banner, Award
Reserve Division Champion.....	Rosette, Banner, Award
Grand Champion.....	Rosette, Banner, Award
Reserve Grand Champion	Rosette, Banner, Award

There will be a Class Winner and Reserve Class Winner in each class.

Class Winners will compete for Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion. The Division Champions will compete for Supreme Grand Champion and Supreme Reserve Grand Champion.

Junior Market & Breeding Beef (Continued)

JUNIOR PROGRESS STEERS

ENTRY FEE: \$12.00 per entry, per class
American System of Judging.

CHAMPIONS

Progress Champion Rosette & Award
Reserve Progress Champion..... Rosette & Award

Premiums Offered Per Class

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$25	\$20	\$15

1. Progress Steers are **NOT** eligible for the San Diego County Fair Junior Livestock Auction.
2. A progress beef may not be cross-entered in breeding and/or market classes.
3. This is a contest for beef that are designated to be shown at a later show in the calendar year. The steer shown as a progress steer cannot return to the show in future years to be entered or shown as a market steer.
4. All Progress Steers must be identified by a permanent number (ear tag, tattoo, ear notching or microchip) on the animal which matches the number recorded on the entry form.
5. Junior exhibitors must show their own animal(s). If they require assistance in the ring, it may be provided by other junior exhibitors.
6. All junior Progress steers are shown by weight, not by breed or color. Progress Steers will be divided into classes according to the weight from the official weigh-in.
7. All progress steers are to be entered online with regular livestock entries The exception being any steer previously entered as a market steer that does not meet the 1000 lb. minimum weight can be moved to the progress steer division.
8. As a requirement for entry, all junior livestock (market, breeding, dairy cattle & dairy goat) exhibitors are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training prior to the date stated on the Entry Materials.

Division 5050 – Progress Steer

Classes

1. All – Weight Range will be 1400 lbs. and under; with animals not eligible for auction.

There will be a Class Winner and Reserve Class Winner in each class.

Class Winners will compete for Progress Champion and Reserve Progress Champion

Junior Market & Breeding Sheep

JUNIOR BREEDING EWES

Entry Fee: \$12.00 per entry per class
American System of Judging

DIVISION AWARDS

Division ChampionRosette
Reserve Division ChampionRosette
Supreme ChampionRosette & Award
Reserve Supreme ChampionRosette & Award

Premiums Offered Per Class

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$25	\$20	\$15

Junior Livestock Exhibitors 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. Ewes shown in the breeding ewe show are not eligible to compete in the progress or market lamb show.

Special Rules

1. As a requirement for entry, all junior livestock (market, breeding, dairy cattle & dairy goat) exhibitors are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA),
2. This is a female only show. All wether dams will come across the official scale. After official weigh-in, wether dam divisions will be divided into equal classes.
3. This is an Open Junior Show. All Junior exhibitors (4-H, FFA, Grange and Independents) shall compete together in the same classes. Age requirements for this competition are the same as all other divisions within the junior show.
4. Junior exhibitors must show their own animal(s). If they require assistance in the ring, it may be provided by other junior exhibitors.
5. Junior Livestock Exhibitors in Breeding Sheep 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 meets all Open Division entry deadlines and guidelines
6. All sheep must be click shorn withing seven (7) days of show day.
7. Junior exhibitor animals must show proof of ownership of that Junior exhibitor and must be the project of said junior. All registered sheep in this division must carry registration papers from a U.S. Sheep Breed Association. Only bona fide (original) certificates of registration will be accepted as evidence of registration and ownership; **No Photo copies.**

Division 5170: Registered Ewes

Division 5175: Wether Dam/Crossbred Ewes

Class - Ewes

01. All breeding Ewes- (Registered to be divided by DOB/Crossbred to be divided by weight)

Junior Market & Breeding Sheep (Continued)

JUNIOR MARKET LAMBS

ENTRY FEE: \$25.00 per entry, per class

American System of Judging

MARKET LAMB SCORECARD

Blue Ribbon Market Acceptable: USDA Prime or Choice quality with 12th rib back fat range .16-.35, average conformation and cutability.

Red Ribbon Not Market Acceptable: Good or lower quality grade with 12th rib back fat range <.16 or >.35; under finished lambs grading USDA good or lower.

1. Exhibitors who are **NOT** 4-H or FFA members may enter the Junior Livestock Market Show provided they meet age requirements for market animal exhibitors at the San Diego County Fair.
2. 4-H, Grange, and Independent Market entries will show together.
3. A market animal cannot be cross-entered in market, progress, or breeding divisions.
4. As a requirement for entry, all junior livestock (market, breeding, dairy cattle & dairy goat) exhibitors are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training.
6. Market lambs are prohibited from showing yearling teeth. Market lambs must show only lamb's teeth.

Division 5180 – 4-H/Grange/Independent Market Lamb

Division 5185 – FFA Market Lamb

Classes

1. All– Weight Range will be 100 lbs. and over; with animals eligible for auction.

Note: All market lambs will be split by weight AND division and not by color.

CHAMPIONS

Division Champion Rosette, Banner, Award

Reserve Division Champion.....Rosette, Banner, Award

Grand Champion.....Rosette, Banner, Award

Reserve Grand ChampionRosette, Banner, Award

There will be a Class Winner and Reserve Class Winner in each class.

Class Winners will compete for Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion. The Division Champions will compete for Supreme Grand Champion and Supreme Reserve Grand Champion.

Junior Market & Breeding Sheep (Continued)

JUNIOR PROGRESS LAMBS

ENTRY FEE: \$12.00 per entry, per class
American System of Judging.

CHAMPIONS

Progress Champion Rosette & Award
Reserve Progress Champion..... Rosette & Award

Premiums Offered Per Class

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$25	\$20	\$15

1. Progress Lambs are **NOT** eligible for the 2025 San Diego County Fair Junior Livestock Auction.
2. A lamb cannot be entered in both progress and market divisions. Nor can it be entered in a breeding division.
3. This is a contest for lambs that are designated to be shown designated to be shown at a later show in the calendar year..
The lamb shown as a progress lamb cannot return to the show in future years to be entered or shown as a market lamb.
4. All Progress Lambs must be identified by a permanent number (ear tag, tattoo, ear notching or microchip) on the animal which matches the number recorded on the entry form.
5. All junior Progress lambs are shown by weight, not by breed or color. Progress lambs will be divided into classes according to the weight from the official weigh-in.
6. Progress lambs have to have been born after October 1, 2025, to be eligible.
7. Progress lambs must weigh between 60 and 150 pounds.
8. All progress lambs are to be entered online with regular livestock entries. The exception being any lamb previously entered as a market lamb that does not meet the 100 lb. minimum weight can be moved to the progress lamb division.
9. Progress lambs are prohibited from showing yearling teeth. Progress lambs must show only lamb's teeth.
10. As a requirement for entry, all junior livestock (market, breeding, dairy cattle & dairy goat) exhibitors are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training

Division 5195 – Progress Lamb

Classes

1. All – Weight Range will be 60 lbs. to 150 lbs., with animals not eligible for auction.

There will be a Class Winner and Reserve Class Winner in each class.

Class Winners will compete for Progress Champion and Reserve Progress Champion

Junior Market & Breeding Swine

JUNIOR BREEDING SWINE

Entry Fee: \$12.00 per entry per class
American System of Judging

DIVISION AWARDS

Division ChampionRosette
Reserve Division ChampionRosette
Best in ShowRosette & Award
Reserve Best in ShowRosette & Award

Premiums Offered Per Class

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$25	\$20	\$15

Special Breeding Swine Rules

1. As a requirement for entry, all junior livestock (market, breeding, dairy cattle & dairy goat) exhibitors are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training.
2. This is a female show only.
3. All breeding swine must come across the official scale. After official weigh-in, junior breeding swine will be divided into equal classes.
4. All breeding swine born prior to November 2024 shall have farrowed and suckled a litter, or must show ample evidence of carrying a litter at time of exhibition.
5. This is an Open Junior Show. All Junior exhibitors (4-H, FFA, and Independents) shall compete together in the same classes.
6. Junior exhibitor animals must show proof of ownership of that Junior exhibitor and must be the project of said junior. All registered swine in this division must carry registration papers from a U.S. Swine Association. Only bona fide (original) certificates of registration will be accepted as evidence of registration and ownership; **No Photo copies.**

Division 5239: Registered

Division 5238: Crossbred

Class - Females

01. All Breeding Swine Females- (Registered to be divided by DOB/Crossbred to be divided by weight)

Junior Market & Breeding Swine (Continued)

JUNIOR MARKET SWINE

ENTRY FEE: \$25.00 per entry, per class

American System of Judging

MARKET SWINE SCORECARD

Blue Ribbon Market Acceptable: U.S. No. 1 and No. 2 hogs of average or greater conformation that are acceptable in leanness, muscularity and production traits.

Red Ribbon Not Market Acceptable: Any hog of below average conformation including U.S. number 3, U.S. number 4 and utility grade hogs.

1. Exhibitors who are **NOT** 4-H or FFA members may enter the Junior Livestock Market Show provided they meet age requirements for market animal exhibitors at the San Diego County Fair.
2. 4-H, Grange, and Independent Market entries will show together.
3. A market animal cannot be cross-entered in market, progress, or breeding divisions.
4. As a requirement for entry, all junior livestock (market, breeding, dairy cattle & dairy goat) exhibitors are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training.

Division 5275 – 4-H/Grange/Independent Market Swine

Division 5280 – FFA Market Swine

Classes

1. All– Weight Range will be 210 lbs. and over; with animals eligible for auction.

Note: All market swine will be split by weight AND division and not by color.

CHAMPIONS

Division Champion Rosette, Banner, Award

Reserve Division Champion.....Rosette, Banner, Award

Grand Champion.....Rosette, Banner, Award

Reserve Grand ChampionRosette, Banner, Award

There will be a Class Winner and Reserve Class Winner in each class.

Class Winners will compete for Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion. The Division Champions will compete for Supreme Grand Champion and Supreme Reserve Grand Champion

Junior Market & Breeding Swine (Continued)

JUNIOR PROGRESS SWINE

ENTRY FEE: \$12.00 per entry, per class

American System of Judging.

CHAMPIONS

Progress Champion Rosette & Award

Reserve Progress Champion..... Rosette & Award

Premiums Offered Per Class

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$25	\$20	\$15

1. Progress Swine are **NOT** eligible for the 2025 San Diego County Fair Junior Livestock Auction.
2. A hog cannot be entered in both progress and market divisions.
3. This is a contest for swine that are designated to be shown at a later show in 2026. The hog shown as a progress hog cannot return to the show in future years to be entered or shown as a market swine.
4. All Progress Swine must be identified by a permanent number (ear tag, tattoo, ear notching or microchip) on the animal which matches the number recorded on the entry form.
5. All Junior Progress swine are shown by weight, not by breed or color. Progress swine will be divided into classes according to the weight from the official weigh-in.
6. Progress swine have to have been born after October 1, 2025, to be eligible.
7. Progress swine must weigh between 150 and 280 pounds.
8. All progress swine are to be entered online with regular livestock entries. The exception being any hog previously entered as a market swine that does not meet the 210 lb. minimum weight can be moved to the progress swine division.
9. As a requirement for entry, all junior livestock (market, breeding, dairy cattle & dairy goat) exhibitors are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA).

Division 5290 – Progress Swine

Classes

1. All – Weight Range will be 150 lbs. to 280 lbs., with animals not eligible for auction.

There will be a Class Winner and Reserve Class Winner in each class.

Class Winners will compete for Progress Champion and Reserve Progress Champion

Junior Market & Breeding Goats

JUNIOR BREEDING BOER GOATS

Entry Fee: \$12.00 per entry per class
American System of Judging

DIVISION AWARDS

Division ChampionRosette
Reserve Division ChampionRosette
Supreme ChampionRosette & Award
Reserve Supreme ChampionRosette & Award

Premiums Offered Per Class

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$25	\$20	\$15

Junior Livestock Exhibitors 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. Does shown in the Breeding Boer Goat show are not eligible to compete in the progress or market goat show.

Special Breeding Boer Goat Rules

1. As a requirement for entry, all junior livestock (market, breeding, dairy cattle & dairy goat) exhibitors are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training.
2. All wether does will come across the official scale. After official weigh-in, wether doe divisions will be divided into equal classes.
3. This is an Open Junior Show. All Junior exhibitors (4-H, FFA, Grange and Independents) shall compete together in the same classes. Age requirements for this competition are the same as all other divisions within the junior show.
4. Junior exhibitors must show their own animal(s). If they require assistance in the ring, it may be provided by other junior exhibitors.
5. Juniors must wear whites during competition. Official 4-H and FFA uniforms are acceptable but not required.
6. Show does will be groomed to exhibitors liking. Goats shall be free of any health or skin illness.
8. Does may be shown with or without horns. No discrimination without horns.

Division 5165: Wether Dam Doe Show

Class - Females

01. All Does (To be divided by weight)

Junior Market & Breeding Goats (Continued)

JUNIOR MARKET GOATS

ENTRY FEE: \$25.00 per entry, per class
American System of Judging.

MARKET GOAT SCORECARD

Blue Ribbon Market Ready: USDA Prime or Choice quality with 12th rib back fat range .08-.12 most desirable, .13-.22 back fat acceptable, average of greater conformation and cutability.

Red Ribbon Not Market Ready: Good or lower quality grade with 12th rib back fat range <.08 or >.22; under finished goats grading USDA good or lower, below average conformation or cutability.

1. Exhibitors who are **NOT** 4-H or FFA members may enter the Junior Livestock Market Show provided they meet age requirements for market animal exhibitors at the San Diego County Fair.
2. 4-H, Grange, and Independent Market entries will show together.
3. A market animal cannot be entered in both progress and market divisions.
4. As a requirement for entry, all junior livestock (market, breeding, dairy cattle & dairy goat) exhibitors are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training.
5. Market goats are prohibited from showing yearling teeth. Market goats must show only milk teeth.

Division 5145 – 4-H/Grange/Independent Market Goat

Division 5150 – FFA Market Goat

Classes

1. All– Weight Range will be 65 lbs. and over; with animals eligible for auction.

Note: All market goats will be split by weight AND division and not by color.

CHAMPIONS

Division Champion	Rosette, Banner, Award
Reserve Division Champion.....	Rosette, Banner, Award
Grand Champion.....	Rosette, Banner, Award
Reserve Grand Champion	Rosette, Banner, Award

There will be a Class Winner and Reserve Class Winner in each class.

Class Winners will compete for Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion. The Division Champions will compete for Supreme Grand Champion and Supreme Reserve Grand Champion.

Junior Market & Breeding Goats (Continued)

JUNIOR PROGRESS GOATS

ENTRY FEE: \$12.00 per entry, per class

American System of Judging

CHAMPIONS

Progress Champion Rosette & Award

Reserve Progress Champion..... Rosette & Award

Premiums Offered Per Class

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$25	\$20	\$15

Division 5160 – Progress Goat

1. Progress Goats are **NOT** eligible for the 2026 San Diego County Fair Junior Livestock Auction.
2. A goat cannot be cross-entered in both progress, market, or breeding divisions.
3. This is a contest for goats that are designated to be shown at a later show in the calendar year.
The goat shown as a progress goat cannot return to the show in future years to be entered or shown as a market goat.
4. All Progress Goats must be identified by a permanent number (ear tag, tattoo, ear notching or microchip) on the animal which matches the number recorded on the entry form.
5. All junior Progress goats are shown by weight, not by breed or color. Progress goats will be divided into classes according to the weight from the official weigh-in.
6. Progress goats have to have been born after October 1, 2025, to be eligible.
7. Progress goats must weigh between 30 and 120 pounds.
8. All progress goats are to be entered online with regular livestock entries. The exception being any goat previously entered as a market goat that does not meet the 65 lb. minimum weight can be moved to the progress goat division.
9. Progress goats are prohibited from showing yearling teeth. Progress goats must show only milk teeth.
10. As a requirement for entry, all junior livestock (market, breeding, dairy cattle & dairy goat) exhibitors are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training.

Classes

1. All – Weight Range will be 30 lbs. to 120 lbs.

There will be a Class Winner and Reserve Class Winner in each class.

Class Winners will compete for Progress Champion and Reserve Progress Champion

Junior Market Small Animals

JUNIOR RABBIT MEAT PENS

ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 per entry, per class

SHOW DATE: Thursday, June 25, 2026

LIMIT: One entry per Division

American System of Judging.

1. Exhibitors who are **NOT** 4-H or FFA members may enter the Junior Livestock Market Show provided they meet age requirements for market animal exhibitors at the San Diego County Fair.
2. 4-H, Grange, and Independent Market entries will show together.
3. As a requirement for entry, all junior small animal exhibitors are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training.
4. Primary Youth are not eligible.
5. Meat Pen animals may not be entered in any other division or class.
6. Meat pens will be judged according to the American Rabbit Breeders Association Standard of Perfection, however the market show is not ARBA sanctioned.
7. Meat pens consist of 3 rabbits. Weight of each rabbit is a minimum of 3.5 pound and not over 5.5 pounds. Rabbits not to be over 10 weeks of age, not over 69 days old. Meat pen ages are the age of the animals on the first day of the show.
8. All Breeds will be judged together
9. All animals must be tattooed to correspond with the online entry form.
10. All meat pens will be judged live and must be owned by the exhibitor for a minimum of 30 days.
11. Indicate the breed of the rabbits on the entry form. Meat pens must be of the same breed and variety (color). Mixed broken or different colored animals will be disqualified.
12. Weigh-In: Exhibitors must bring their animal(s) to be weighed. Animal(s) not brought to scales will be disqualified. See Market Show Schedule for specific weigh-in date and time. Animals not making weight must be immediately removed from the Fairgrounds.
13. Meat Pen Care: Exhibitors are responsible for care of their meat pens during Market Week, this includes feeding and cleaning.
14. Exhibitors must be in their organization-approved show uniform for any of the meat pen judging. Exhibitors who desire to assist their fellow exhibitors in the show must be in their organization-approved uniform.

Division 2890 – 4-H/Grange/Independent Rabbit Meat Pen

Division 2891 – FFA Rabbit Meat Pen

Classes

1. All meat pens.

CHAMPIONS

Division Champion	Rosette, Banner, Award
Reserve Division Champion.....	Rosette, Banner, Award
Grand Champion.....	Rosette, Banner, Award
Reserve Grand Champion	Rosette, Banner, Award

There will be a Class Winner and Reserve Class Winner in each class.

Class Winners will compete for Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion. The Division Champions will compete for Supreme Grand Champion and Supreme Reserve Grand Champion.

Junior Market Small Animals

NEW- JUNIOR RABBIT SINGLE FRYER

NOT ELIGIBLE FOR AUCTION

ENTRY FEE: \$10.00 per entry, per class

SHOW DATE: Thursday, June 25, 2026

LIMIT: One entry per Division

American System of Judging.

CHAMPIONS

Division Champion Rosette & Award

Reserve Division Champion..... Rosette & Award

Premiums Offered Per Class

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$25	\$20	\$15

1. Exhibitors who are **NOT** 4-H or FFA members may enter the Junior Livestock Market Show provided they meet age requirements for market animal exhibitors at the San Diego County Fair.
2. 4-H, Grange, and Independent Market entries will show together.
3. As a requirement for entry, all junior small animal exhibitors are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training.
4. Primary Youth are not eligible.
5. Single Fryer animals may not be entered in any other division or class. Exhibitors entering a Rabbit Meat Pen may **not** enter a Single Fryer.
6. Fryers will be judged according to the American Rabbit Breeders Association Standard of Perfection, however this market show is not ARBA sanctioned.
7. Single Fryer ages are the age of the animal on the first day of the show. Entries consist of one single rabbit.
8. All Breeds will be judged together.
9. All animals must be tattooed to correspond with the online entry form.
10. All animals will be judged live and must be owned by the exhibitor for a minimum of 30 days.
11. Indicate the breed of the rabbits on the entry form.
See Market Show Schedule for specific weigh-in date and time. Animals not making weight must be immediately removed from the Fairgrounds.
13. Animal Care: Exhibitors are responsible for care of their meat pens during Market Week, this includes feeding and cleaning.
14. Exhibitors must be in their organization-approved show uniform for any of the judging. Exhibitors who desire to assist their fellow exhibitors in the show must be in their organization-approved uniform.

Division 2893 – 4-H/Grange/Independent Single Fryer

Division 2894 – FFA Single Fryer

Classes

1. Single Fryer- Not over 69 days old and not over 5.5 pounds.
2. Single Roaster- Less than 6 months of age. Min weight 5 lbs, 8 oz. Max weight 8 lbs.
3. Single Stewer- 6 months of age and older, minimum weight 8 lbs.

Junior Market Small Animals (Continued)

JUNIOR BROILER MEAT PENS

ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 per entry, per class

SHOW DATE: Thursday, June 25, 2026

LIMIT: One entry per Division

American System of Judging.

1. Exhibitors who are NOT 4-H or FFA members may enter the Junior Livestock Market Show provided they meet age requirements for animal exhibitors at the San Diego County Fair.
2. 4-H, Grange, and Independent Market entries will show together.
3. As a requirement for entry, all junior small animal exhibitors are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training.
4. Primary Youth are not eligible.
5. Market broiler animals may not be entered in any other division or class.
6. Broiler meat pens consist of 3 broilers, each broiler must weigh a minimum of 3 pounds and not over 6.5 lbs. Broiler not be over 10 weeks of age, not over 69 days old. Meat pen ages are the age of the animals on the first day of the show.
7. All birds must be banded to correspond with the online entry form.
8. Birds not leg banded prior to weigh-in will be disqualified. Bands are not provided by the Fair.
9. All meat pens will be judged live and must be owned by the exhibitor for a minimum of 30 days.
10. Weigh-In: Exhibitors must bring their animal(s) to be weighed. Animal(s) not brought to scales will be disqualified. See Market Show Schedule for specific weigh-in date and time. Animals not making weight must be immediately removed from the Fairgrounds.
11. Meat Pen Care: Exhibitors are responsible for care of their meat pens during Market Week, this includes feeding and cleaning.
12. Exhibitors must be in their organization-approved show uniform for any of the meat pen judging. Exhibitors who desire to assist their fellow exhibitors in the show must be in their organization-approved uniform.

Division 2570 – 4-H/Grange/Independent Broiler Meat Pen

Division 2571 – FFA Broiler Meat Pen

Classes

1. All meat pens.

CHAMPIONS

Division Champion	Rosette, Banner, Award
Reserve Division Champion.....	Rosette, Banner, Award
Grand Champion.....	Rosette, Banner, Award
Reserve Grand Champion	Rosette, Banner, Award

There will be a Class Winner and Reserve Class Winner in each class. Class Winners will compete for Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion. The Division Champions will compete for Supreme Grand Champion and Supreme Reserve Grand Champion.

Junior Market Small Animals (Continued)

JUNIOR MARKET TURKEY

ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 per entry, per class

SHOW DATE: Thursday, June 25, 2026

LIMIT: One entry per Division

American System of Judging.

1. Exhibitors who are NOT 4-H or FFA members may enter the Junior Livestock Market Show provided they meet age requirements for animal exhibitors at the San Diego County Fair.
2. 4-H, Grange, and Independent Market entries will show together.
3. As a requirement for entry, all junior small animal exhibitors are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training.
4. Primary Youth are not eligible.
5. Market turkey animals may not be entered in any other division or class
6. Market turkeys must not be over 22 weeks in age. The owner must show proof of hatch date. Meat pen ages are the age of the animals on the first day of the show.
7. All birds must be banded to correspond with the online entry form.
8. Birds not leg banded prior to weigh-in will be disqualified. Bands are not provided by the Fair.
9. All market turkeys will be judged live and must be owned by the exhibitor for a minimum of 30 days.
10. Weigh-In: Exhibitors must bring their animal(s) to be weighed. Animal(s) not brought to scales will be disqualified. See Market Show Schedule for specific weigh-in date and time. Animals not making weight must be immediately removed from the Fairgrounds.
11. Market Turkey Care: Exhibitors are responsible for care of their market turkey(s) during Market Week, this includes feeding and cleaning. Market turkey ages are the age of the animals on the first day of the show.
12. Exhibitors must be in their organization-approved show uniform for any of the meat pen judging. Exhibitors who desire to assist their fellow exhibitors in the show must be in their organization-approved uniform.

Division 2574 – 4-H/Grange/Independent Market Turkey

Division 2575 – FFA Market Turkey

Classes

1. All meat pens.

CHAMPIONS

Division Champion	Rosette, Banner, Award
Reserve Division Champion.....	Rosette, Banner, Award
Grand Champion.....	Rosette, Banner, Award
Reserve Grand Champion	Rosette, Banner, Award

There will be a Class Winner and Reserve Class Winner in each class. Class Winners will compete for Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion. The Division Champions will compete for Supreme Grand Champion and Supreme Reserve Grand Champion.

Junior Dairy Goat Rules & Information

Entry Fee: \$12.00 per entry per class

American System of Judging

DIVISION AWARDS

Junior Champion Female	Rosette
Reserve Junior Champion Female	Rosette
Senior Champion Female	Rosette
Reserve Senior Champion Female	Rosette
Grand Champion	Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion	Rosette

OVERALL AWARDS

Best Doe in Show.....	Rosette & Award
Reserve Best Doe in Show	Rosette & Award
Supreme Udder	Rosette

Premiums Offered Per Class

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th
\$50	\$45	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$20

Premiums Offered For Udder

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$5	\$3	\$2

Junior Livestock Exhibitors 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.

Special Rules

1. As a requirement for entry, all junior livestock (market, breeding, dairy, and fur & feather) exhibitors are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training.
2. Junior Dairy Goat Show will alternate with the Open Dairy Goat Show in show ring.
3. This is an Open Junior Show, all Junior Exhibitors (4-H, FFA, Grange, and Independent) shall compete together in the same classes. This show is open to the world. All other rules apply as well.
4. Junior exhibitors must show their own animal(s). If they require assistance in the ring, it may be provided by other junior exhibitors.
5. Any assistance given to a junior dairy goat exhibitor in group or breed classes must be given by a 4-H, FFA, Grange or Independent exhibitor entered in the dairy goat show. Assistant must be in proper attire in the show ring
6. This show is open to the world.
7. Junior Livestock Exhibitors in the Dairy Goat Show that officially enter and show in the Junior Show are eligible to compete in the Open Dairy Goat Show as long as the same exhibit/animal is entered and shown in the Junior Show and the same exhibit/ animal is entered and meets all Open Division entry deadlines and guidelines.
8. All milk is to be dumped in a location designated by the Fair. No exceptions.
9. All dairy goats exhibited must be registered with American Dairy Goat Association, American Goat Society, or the Canadian Goat Society. The original registration or recording certificate for all animals of all ages is required. Stamped duplicates and pending transfers are not allowed.

Junior Dairy Goat Rules & Information (Continued)

10. Exhibitor Reminder: Per ADGA rule, your animal must be tattooed before registering it with ADGA. This means that there will not be any tattooing allowed at the show.
11. The San Diego County Fair reserves the right to require milk-out on Breed Champion Females and Udders for Supreme Champion selection.
12. The Youth Junior Doe and Senior Doe shows are not separately sanctioned.

The Youth Dairy Goat show is sanctioned by the American Dairy Goat Association.

Division 5100: Junior Alpine

Division 5105: Junior La Mancha

Division 5110: Junior Nigerian Dwarf Goats

Division 5115: Junior Nubian

Division 5120: Junior Oberhasli

Division 5125: Junior Saanen

Division 5130: Junior Sable

Division 5135: Junior Toggenburg

Division 5140: Junior Recorded Grade

Class – Junior Doe Kids

1. Junior Kid, April 1 - May 1, 2026
2. Intermediate Kid, March 2026
3. Senior Kid, January - February 2026
4. Yearling Not in Milk - January - December 2025

Class - Senior Does

6. Yearling Milkers, January - December 2025
7. Two Years and Under Three, January - December 2024
8. Three Years and Under Four, January - December 2023
9. Four Years and Under Five, January - December 2022
10. Five Years and Over, Prior to January 2022

Class – Groups *Per division, no mixing of divisions.*

14. Get of Sire: 3 does, any age, all sired by the same sire, all owned by exhibitor.
15. Produce of Dam: Three daughters, any age. Limited to one entry, per dam
16. Daughter-Dam: One doe and one of her daughters, any age. Daughters must be bred by exhibitor, and both must be owned by exhibitor. Each entry must consist of two animals; no animal may be used in two entries. Limited to one entry, per dam.
17. Dairy Herd: Three does in milk, any age, all owned by exhibitor, one entry per exhibitor.
18. Best Three Females: Three does, any age all owned by exhibitor, limit 1 entry per exhibit

Junior Dairy Cattle Rules & Information

Entry Fee: 12.00 per entry per class American System of Judging

DIVISION AWARDS

Junior Champion Female	Rosette
Reserve Junior Champion Female	Rosette
Senior Champion Female	Rosette
Reserve Senior Champion Female	Rosette
Breed Champion Female	Rosette
Reserve Breed Champion Female	Rosette
Breed Champion Udder.....	Rosette
Breed Champion Bull	Rosette
Reserve Breed Champion Bull.....	Rosette
Grand Champion Female	Rosette
Grand Champion Bull	Rosette

OVERALL AWARDS

Supreme Champion.....	Rosette & Award
Reserve Supreme Champion.....	Rosette & Award
Premier Exhibitor.....	Rosette

Premiums Offered Per Class

1st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$25	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10

Premiums Offered for Udder

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$5	\$3	\$2

Special Rules

1. As a requirement for entry, all junior livestock (market, breeding, dairy cattle & dairy goat) exhibitors are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training.
2. Junior Dairy Cattle Shows will alternate with the Open Dairy Cattle Shows in the ring.
3. Junior exhibitor animals must be registered in the name of that junior exhibitor and must be the sole project of said junior
4. Junior exhibitor animals may only be used as part of an Open exhibitors group entry when; (1) the junior exhibitor's animal was bred by the Open exhibitor and the group calls for the animal in question to be bred-by exhibitor and (2) when the Junior exhibitor's animal is to be used to fulfill the owned by exhibitor requirement of the group class. In the case of item (2) however, the Junior exhibitor's animal must be housed and tested at the operation of the open exhibitor.
5. This is an Open Junior Show, all Junior Exhibitors (4-H, FFA, Grange, and Independent) shall compete together in the same classes. All other rules apply as well.
6. Senior Yearlings that have freshened must be shown as 2-year-olds in both individual and group classes,
7. Junior exhibitors must show their own animal(s). If they require assistance in the ring, it may be provided by other junior exhibitors.
8. Junior Livestock Exhibitors in the Dairy Cattle Show that officially enter and show in the Junior Show are eligible to compete in the Open Dairy Cattle Show as long as the same exhibit/animal is entered and shown in the Junior Show and the same exhibit/ animal is entered and meets all Open Division entry deadlines and guidelines.
9. All milk is to be dumped in a location designated by the Fair. No exceptions.

Junior Dairy Cattle Divisions & Classes

Division 5075: Junior All Other Breeds Dairy Cattle

Division 5080: Junior Guernsey

Division 5085: Junior Holstein

Division 5090: Junior Jersey

Class – Bulls

1. Bull Calves, September 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026
2. Bull, Yearling, September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025

Class – Females

4. Junior Calf, December 2025 – March 31, 2026
5. Senior Calf – September – November 2025
6. Summer Yearling, June - August 2025
7. Junior Yearling, March – May 2025
8. Winter Senior Yearling, December 2024 - February 2025
9. Fall Senior Yearling, September - November 2024
11. Junior Get of Sire: Three animals, senior yearling or younger, none of which have freshened; either sex, the get of the same sire, not more than one can be a bull. Limit one entry per exhibitor.
12. Senior Yearling in Milk, September - November 2024
13. Two Years and Under Three, September 2023 - August 2024
14. Three Years and Under Four, September 2022 - August 2023
15. Four Years and Under Five, September 2021 - August 2022
16. Aged Cow, Born before September 2021
17. Dry Milkers (Must have freshened once)

Class - Groups

NOTE: *Senior and Junior Yearlings in milk must be shown with two-year-olds in both the individual and group classes. Note "in milk" on the entry form.*

GROUPS: *All owned by one exhibitor and entered as individuals. Indicate registration number of Sire or Dam on entry form where applicable.*

21. Get of Sire: Four animals, either sex, the get of the same sire, at least one to be two years of age or older. Not more than one can be a bull. One entry per exhibitor per sire.
22. Best Three Females: Any age. Each exhibitor limited to one entry.
23. Produce of Dam: Two animals, any age, either sex, the produce of one cow. Indicate registration number of Dam on entry form.
24. Young Herd: One bull, two heifers, senior yearlings or younger. Heifers must have been bred by the Exhibitor.
25. Dairy Herd: Four cows that have freshened, all owned. Limit of one entry per Exhibitor.

Large Animal Showmanship Rules & Information

Entry Fee: 10.00 per entry

American System of Judging

1. Animals must be owned by the exhibitor and must be shown in an individual junior class other than Showmanship to be eligible. Animals must stay on the grounds until the official checkout.
2. **MARKET SHOWMANSHIP ELIGIBILITY: Market Showmanships are open ONLY to exhibitors residing in San Diego County.** Exhibitors who are not 4-H, Grange or FFA members in San Diego County may enter the Junior Livestock Market Show provided they meet requirements of participating as an Independent Exhibitor at the San Diego County Fair. In order to participate as an Independent, they must notify the Livestock/Entry Office by the Ownership Deadline.
3. **JUNIOR BREEDING SHOWMANSHIP ELIGIBILITY: Junior Livestock & Small Animal Breeding Showmanships are open to 4-H, Grange, and FFA exhibitors in California or Independent Exhibitors residing in San Diego County.** In order to participate as an Independent, an exhibitor must notify the Livestock/Entry Office of intent to show by the Ownership Deadline for the species. **Junior Dairy Goat Breeding Showmanship is open to 4-H, Grange, FFA and Independent exhibitors throughout the world.**
4. Exhibitors entering the Showmanship contest must be 4-H, FFA, Grange members or Independent exhibitors and will be required to wear the uniform of their youth organization as stated in these entry materials or blue, black or white pants and white collared shirt for Independent Exhibitors. The preparation for showing must be done by the owner.
5. **4-H, Grange, and Independent Exhibitors** shall enter together in Showmanship, according to age.
6. Showmanship is judged on the exhibitor's ability to properly show his or her own animal. Therefore, you may enter only one time with each species you bring to the Fair. Example: If exhibitor enters two rabbits, only one will be shown in a showmanship class. If an exhibitor enters one rabbit and one cavy, he/she may enter each animal in showmanship.
7. Exhibitors shall be on hand and ready to exhibit at the time listed in the Small Animal Breeding Show Schedule of Events. Showmanship classes will not be held for exhibitors. It is the responsibility of the exhibitors to be on hand and ready to show when called for judging. There will be no reassignment for missing classes.
8. Exhibitors placing first in showmanship will be qualified for master showmanship with the first species with which they win if they win showmanship in any other species. First place showmen **must** notify the Livestock Office of their intent to participate in Master Showmanship no less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start of Master Showmanship. Should they fail to notify the office, or if they choose not to participate, the second-place showman will be offered the opportunity to compete in Master Showmanship and will be notified, in advance of their opportunity to participate.

Large Animal Showmanship Divisions & Classes

Division 5315 - Market Beef Showmanship

Division 5316- Junior Breeding Beef Showmanship

Division 5320- Market Swine Showmanship

Division 5321- Junior Breeding Swine Showmanship

Division 5325 - Market Sheep Showmanship

Division 5326- Junior Breeding Sheep Showmanship

Division 5330 - Market Goat Showmanship

Division 5331- Junior Breeding Boer Goat Showmanship

Division 5335 - Dairy Goat Showmanship

Division 5340 - Dairy Cattle Showmanship

Classes:

1. 4-H/Grange/Independent Junior – 9 or 10 years of age as of December 31, 2025
2. 4-H/Grange/Independent Intermediate – 11, 12 or 13 years of age as of December 31, 2025
3. 4-H/Grange/Independent Senior – 14 years and older on or before December 31, 2025
4. 4-H/Grange/Independent Challenged (not eligible for Master Showmanship)
5. FFA Middle School
6. FFA Novice - High School
7. FFA Advanced- High School
8. FFA Challenged (not eligible for Master Showmanship)

Age/Experience Qualifications

FFA Middle School – must be in certified FFA middle school program.

FFA Large Animal Novice – FFA members who have never exhibited a large animal (Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goat, Dairy Goat, Dairy Cattle) at any fair prior to the start of the project year.

FFA Large Animal Senior – FFA Members having prior showmanship experience with any large animal species

Large Animal Master Showmanship- Sunday, June 28

The winners of FFA, 4-H/Grange/Ind Junior, 4-H/Grange/Ind Intermediate and 4-H/Grange/Ind Senior Showmanship must compete in this class. Each contestant will be required to show/answer knowledge on the following:

Beef Sheep Swine Dairy Cattle Dairy Goat Boer/Market Goat

Please Note: Market Week Small Animal showmanship winners are also required to compete in this contest. The 4-H/Grange/Independent Senior and FFA Senior Master Showmanship winners will be eligible to compete in Small Animal Master Showmanship at the California State Fair.

Small Animal Showmanship Rules & Information

Entry Fee: 10.00 per entry

American System of Judging

1. Animals must be owned by the exhibitor and must be shown in an individual junior class other than Showmanship to be eligible. Animals must stay on the grounds until the official checkout.
2. **MARKET SHOWMANSHIP ELIGIBILITY: Market Showmanships are open ONLY to exhibitors residing in San Diego County.** Exhibitors who are not 4-H, Grange or FFA members in San Diego County may enter the Junior Livestock Market Show provided they meet requirements of participating as an Independent Exhibitor at the San Diego County Fair. In order to participate as an Independent, they must notify the Livestock/Entry Office by the Ownership Deadline.
3. **JUNIOR BREEDING SHOWMANSHIP ELIGIBILITY: Junior Livestock & Small Animal Breeding Showmanships are open to 4-H, Grange, and FFA exhibitors in California or Independent Exhibitors residing in San Diego County.** In order to participate as an Independent, an exhibitor must notify the Livestock/Entry Office of intent to show by the Ownership Deadline for the species. **Junior Dairy Goat Breeding Showmanship is open to 4-H, Grange, FFA and Independent exhibitors throughout the world.**
4. Exhibitors entering the Showmanship contest must be 4-H, FFA, Grange members or Independent exhibitors and will be required to wear the uniform of their youth organization as stated in these entry materials or blue, black or white pants and white collared shirt for Independent Exhibitors. The preparation for showing must be done by the owner.
5. **4-H, Grange, and Independent Exhibitors** shall enter together in Showmanship, according to age.
6. Showmanship is judged on the exhibitor's ability to properly show his or her own animal. Therefore, you may enter only one time with each species you bring to the Fair. Example: If exhibitor enters two rabbits, only one will be shown in a showmanship class. If an exhibitor enters one rabbit and one cavy, he/she may enter each animal in showmanship.
7. Exhibitors shall be on hand and ready to exhibit at the time listed in the Small Animal Breeding Show Schedule of Events. Showmanship classes will not be held for exhibitors. It is the responsibility of the exhibitors to be on hand and ready to show when called for judging. There will be no reassignment for missing classes.
8. Exhibitors placing first in showmanship will be qualified for master showmanship with the first species with which they win if they win showmanship in any other species. First place showmen **must** notify the Livestock Office of their intent to participate in Master Showmanship no less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start of Master Showmanship. Should they fail to notify the office, or if they choose not to participate, the second-place showman will be offered the opportunity to compete in Master Showmanship and will be notified, in advance of their opportunity to participate.

Small Animal Showmanship Divisions & Classes

Division 1602- Breeding Cavy Showmanship

Division 2552- Breeding Poultry Showmanship

Division 2902- Breeding Rabbit Showmanship

Division 5345 - Market Rabbit Showmanship

Division 5350 - Market Turkey Showmanship

Division 5355 - Market Broiler Showmanship

Division 7008- Pygmy Goat Showmanship

Dog Showmanship- See Small Animal Entry Material

Classes:

1. 4-H/Grange/Independent Junior – 9 or 10 years of age as of December 31, 2025
2. 4-H/Grange/Independent Intermediate – 11, 12 or 13 years of age as of December 31, 2025
3. 4-H/Grange/Independent Senior – 14 years and older on or before December 31, 2025
4. 4-H/Grange/Independent Challenged (not eligible for Master Showmanship)
5. FFA Middle School
6. FFA Novice - High School
7. FFA Advanced- High School
8. FFA Challenged (not eligible for Master Showmanship)

Age/Experience Qualifications

FFA Middle School – must be in certified FFA middle school program.

FFA Small Animal Novice – FFA members who have never exhibited a small animal (Rabbit, Cavy, Poultry, Pygmy Goat, Dog) at any fair prior to the start of the project year.

FFA Senior – FFA Members having prior showmanship experience with any large animal species

Small Animal Master Showmanship- Friday, July 3rd, 11:00 a.m.

The winners of FFA, 4-H/Grange/Ind Junior, 4-H/Grange/Ind Intermediate and 4-H/Grange/Ind Senior Showmanship must compete in this class. Each contestant will be required to show/answer knowledge on the following:

Chicken Turkey Pygmy Goat Rabbit Cavy Dog

Please Note: Market Week Small Animal showmanship winners are also required to compete in this contest. The 4-H Senior and FFA Senior Master Showmanship winners will be eligible to compete in Small Animal Master Showmanship at the California State Fair.

2026 San Diego County Fair Junior Livestock Auction

The auction book will list all of the animals by number in order of sale. The animal's weight, owner and 4-H/Grange/FFA or Independent affiliation are also listed. This will assist buyers in deciding which animals they wish to purchase.

As each animal enters the ring, the auctioneer will ask for bids in price per animal or per pound depending on species.

GOING ONCE - GOING TWICE - SOLD to the highest bidder.

A runner will bring the sales slip to the buyer and disposition of that animal will be determined based on the request of the buyer.

LIVESTOCK AUCTION RULES

1. Only Market Ready (Blue Ribbon) Animals are eligible.
2. **Sale lots will be sold by the head, with the exception of Beef and Hogs.**
3. This Auction is non-terminal. However, animals being sold may be permanently marked.
4. Each exhibitor will be limited to ONE large animal, with the exception of the exhibitor(s) who have one or more Grand Champions, Reserve Grand Champions, Division Champions, or Division Reserve Champions. All Supreme Grand Champions and Supreme Reserve Grand Champions **must** sell. Sale of Division Champions not chosen for Supreme and Reserve Supreme Champions are optional. Each qualified entry has the option to participate in the Junior Livestock Auction.
5. A processing fee of no more than 5% of sale price will be charged for each animal sold at the auction. The fee will be deducted from the seller's payment check.
6. Auction participants agree to waive their "right to reserve bid" and authorize the Fair to sell "without reserve" to the highest bidder.
7. Auction animals will be taken through sale only by the exhibitor, unless extenuating circumstances have been approved by the Livestock office.
8. Barn sales; Until further notice, The 22nd DAA will hold no responsibility for the sale or disbursement of the animals that don't participate in the Junior Livestock Auction. 22nd DAA will not provide transportation, hauling, processing or transfer of ownership of Barn Sales. Barn Sales are PRIVATE TREATY, and must be executed by the exhibitor.
9. Checks will be mailed a minimum of 30 days after the auction. Any exhibitor who has not received his or her auction check by September 30, of the calendar year, must notify the Exhibit Office at 858-792-4207 no later than October 1, of the calendar year. After October 1 a \$25.00 reissue fee will be deducted from payment. Checks not cashed within 12 months of issue date will be forfeited.
10. ALL SALES ARE FINAL.

Junior Livestock Auction (Continued)

AUCTION SCRATCH DEADLINE

Thursday, June 25, 1:00 pm

Any exhibitor having more than one animal eligible for auction must notify the Livestock Office as to which animal(s) will be scratched. Scratch Sheets will be available in the Livestock Office immediately after market judging. Scratches not submitted by the deadline will be decided by Livestock Management. Scratch Sheets are to be filled out and signed by the exhibitor AND an approved Leader/Advisor. The Final Auction Order will be posted for review by exhibitors before being sent to print. Any scratches made after this final review will be charged a \$50 Auction Withdraw Fee. This fee **must** be paid with the Livestock Office before animals are released off of the grounds.

ORDER OF SALE

(Subject to Change)

Swine, Broiler Meat Pans, Goats, Rabbit Meat Pens, Lambs, Turkeys, Ag Mechanics, Beef

(Champions Sell First in Each Species)

PAYMENT OF PURCHASES

Payment is due at the close of the auction.

Multiple buyers per lot are accepted and each buyer will be responsible for an equal portion of the sale unless otherwise stated. If a distribution other than equal portions is desired, this must be adjusted when the runner brings the sales invoice to the buyer at the time of sale. One bidder must be designated as the "Responsible Buyer" and will be the reference for any disposition information. This should be designated by the buyer on the invoice when delivered by the runner by checking the box to the left of the responsible buyer's name. If no selection is made, the first-listed buyer will be considered the "Responsible Buyer". Check transactions will require a Driver's License. All checks will be verified prior to acceptance. We accept cash, check, Visa, MasterCard and American Express. All credit card sales are subject to no more than a 5% processing fee.

The legality of tax deductions for the purchase of auction animals is a matter for consideration by the IRS or your own tax accountants

Thank you for supporting a very worthwhile activity of the
SAN DIEGO COUNTY 4-H, GRANGE, FFA & INDEPENDENT
YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE!

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS (IAFE)

NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations, which they impose, on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels. All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns or animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.

9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of the Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further consent that any action, which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be, released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions

2026 LOCAL RULES

1. Completion of online entry registration shall be deemed acceptance of all rules and permission to use your name, photograph, and images and description of entries in print, digital, and other media.
2. Online registration is required for all competitions and one-day contests. Online entries and any required image/document uploads are accepted until the published deadline, which specifies a date and time. Late entries will not be accepted.
3. Once registered, the exhibitor's name, entry description, title, and price may not be changed. Substitutions will only be allowed in accordance with current State Rules. Fair Management is not responsible for errors on entry forms, which may lead to elimination or disqualification of an entry.
4. Processing fees must be paid online at the time of registration. Processing fees are non-refundable.
5. Exhibitors must be living at the time when the online entry is submitted.
6. All non-livestock/non-agricultural entries must be the creative work of the exhibitor (whose name appears on the entry registration), be in good taste, and suitable for family viewing. Fair Management reserves the right to disqualify any entry/exhibit it deems objectionable or not in accordance with competition standards.
7. If an entry is disqualified after judging is complete, no changes will be made to the status of awards given for other entries.
8. Exhibitors are responsible for obtaining necessary permission from models and/or for using material in their entry that is considered copyrighted.
9. No entry will be accepted should the exhibitor describe the conditions under which he/she will exhibit, or the exhibit will be displayed.
10. Judges are selected for their expertise in the divisions or classes they evaluate. New judges may be appointed each year, and judging assignments may vary annually based on the needs of each competition
11. If a coordinator or judge deems an entry to be in the incorrect category, division, class, etc., he or she may direct the Entry Office to move that entry as appropriate. The Entry Office may combine divisions or classes to create an adequate judging pool.
12. Fair 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.
13. Entries must be delivered on the date(s) and times specified. Entries will not be accepted before or after the stated entry delivery date. All accepted exhibits must remain on display and shall not be removed until the stated entry pick up date. Any exhibit not picked up on the specified date becomes the property of the San Diego County Fair and will be disposed of promptly.

2026 LOCAL RULES (Continued)

14. 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.
15. 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 22nd District Agricultural Association (San Diego County Fair) may order.
16. To ensure reliable award notification, exhibitors are responsible for submitting all address, phone number, and email address updates promptly in writing to entry@sdfair.com or Entry Department, 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd, Del Mar, CA 92014.
17. Premium money will be paid per the recorded placings in the official judging reports rather than the ribbon attached to the exhibit.
18. Donated Award recipients will be selected per the instructions given on the Donated Award Confirmation Form submitted by the donor.
19. Premium, donated cash award, and auction checks will be made payable to the exhibitor as listed on the online entry registration. Checks will be mailed within 30 days after the close of the Fair to the address shown on the online entry registration, or as updated by the exhibitor via written notification to the Entry Office. Checks not cashed within six (6) months from the date of issue will be forfeited. Replacement checks may be subject to a stop payment fee.
20. The 22nd District Agricultural Association (San Diego County Fair) is required by the Internal Revenue Service to report any premium payments totaling \$600 or more. Exhibitors whose awards meet or exceed this amount must submit a W-9 form before their check can be issued.
21. The 22nd District Agricultural Association (San Diego County Fair) management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules and assumes no liability or responsibility not herein expressed.
22. California State Rules apply and are available [here](#).