



**GET OUT THERE**

*2023 San Diego County Fair*

**ENTERTAINER  
HANDBOOK**

**Entertainment  
Department**

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR**

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# ENTERTAINER HANDBOOK COMMUNITY ENTERTAINMENT

## SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR

Wednesday, June 7 through Tuesday, July 4  
(closed Mondays & Tuesdays in June)

### Fair Operating Hours:

Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays & Tuesday, July 4: 11:00am–10:00pm  
Fridays, Saturdays & Monday, July 3: 11:00am–11:00pm

The **San Diego County Fair** returns this summer as “Get out There” from **June 7 through July 4** (closed Mondays and Tuesdays in June) at the Del Mar Fairgrounds.

Community Entertainment is a vital component of the Fair, offering an opportunity for local talent to gain exposure by performing to audiences of all sizes, and allowing Fair guests to discover and enjoy local entertainers. We are thankful for your interest in performing at the **2023 San Diego County Fair** and are eager to review your application.

### Application Guidelines:

- Submission of an application **does not guarantee** a booking nor does it constitute any guaranteed agreement to provide a stage, space, services, or compensation.
- Each band/group must submit individual applications, we will not accept multiple bands/groups under one application.
- Applications **MUST** be filled out completely with a \$25.00 non-refundable processing fee to be accepted.
- The deadline to apply is **Saturday, April 1, 2023**.

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED USING THE ONLINE APPLICATION.  
FAXES, WALK-INS, MAILED OR EMAILED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

All applicants who submit their application by **April 1, 2023** will be notified by email no later than **April 28, 2023** should they be chosen to perform. If you are not chosen, you will be placed on our waiting list, where you might be selected if we receive cancellations.

Entertainment applications are only for **Community Entertainment** on the following stages: Flower & Garden Stage (**New location**), Coors Light Avenue Stage (formally Showcase Stage), Paddock Stage, and Funville Stage.

### Selection Criteria:

Due to the volume of applications we receive and limited performance space, not all groups will be accommodated. Each application is given consideration on the following criteria:

- Timely submission of completed application
- Uniqueness and stage presence based on link to previous performances
- Appropriateness of the performance for our family-friendly Fair audience. All acts must be “G” rated, profanity will not be tolerated.
- Performance date and time availability

### Booking Information:

All groups will be notified of booking status by April 28, 2023. Upon acceptance, further instructions will be provided to each performer/group in regards to the remaining steps, and performance day & time. If you are not booked, you will be placed on a waiting list. If we receive cancellations we will select from the waiting list.

**Please note:** Time slots fill up quickly on evenings and weekends. **We try and honor dates/availability in your application but due to other events and artists, we are limited.** Booking is subject to availability.

### Cancellations:

If you need to cancel your performance, you must email [entertainment@sdfair.com](mailto:entertainment@sdfair.com) (3) days prior to your performance date.

Performers who fail to appear without adequate advance notification will not be allowed to perform at future San Diego County Fairs.

### **Performance Policies:**

The San Diego County Fair is a family-friendly event. Attire and image of all performers, as well as performance content, must be respectful of accepted community standards. Performances deemed offensive or conduct by performers that is considered disrespectful of the San Diego County Fair will result in the performance being canceled immediately. Fair staff has the right and sole discretion to monitor and manage sound levels. Violations of Performance Policies may be a factor when being considered for future participation at the San Diego County Fair.

### **Stage and Time Allocation Policy:**

Upon arrival for your performance, performers must check-in with the Stage Manager at their assigned stage at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled performance time. Performers are encouraged to arrive to the Fair 90 minutes prior to the scheduled performance time to allow for potential traffic and parking delays and to locate the assigned stage location. Each performance is given (60) minutes of performance with allocated set up and tear down times if applicable. We ask that performers be respectful of the performers after them and adhere to the time parameters.

Approved applicants will be assigned to either Flower & Garden Stage (**New location**), Funville Stage, Coors Light Avenue Stage, or the Paddock Stage. Stage assignments will be based on performance type, and group size. All stages are subject to availability.

### **Performance:**

All our stages will have aux cables. Those performers utilizing a backing track: please use a MP3 player or Smartphone. Please bring a backup just in case. If you are using an iPhone 8 or newer, please provide your own dongle and cord to connect to our system.

All performers needing microphones must submit a stage plot so that we know exactly how your stage setup is to be configured. If a stage plot is not submitted, and setup negatively affects the setup time, this time will be deducted from the performance time. All performers are required to bring all of their own instruments and amps.

All standard sound equipment (including sound board) will be provided and monitored by the San Diego County Fair Stage Manager. Bringing your own sound board and sound technician is strictly prohibited.

Please adhere to the scheduled performance time and exit the stage promptly, so that the following performer can begin setup.

### **Cart System:**

The cart system will be provided for groups who have heavy equipment, large props and items that cannot be carried in. You will need to fill out the appropriate section in the final booking form. Please be specific as to what you will be bringing and needing the cart service for.

Cart Base #: (858) 269-5281

### **Prohibited Items and Activities:**

The following items and activities by all Entertainers are prohibited; violations may result in performance cancellation and may jeopardize future participation:

- Performances or merchandise that include:
  - Offensive or inappropriate language
  - Depictions of pornographic, lewd, or obscene images
  - Depictions of drugs or drug-related material
  - Harassment or discrimination based upon sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, gender, or religion
  - Political or controversial statements, slogans, flags or emblems
- Smoking of any kind; including the use of electronic cigarettes, vaporizers and oil/wax pens.
- Intoxication, use or possession of any controlled substance.
- Impolite or discourteous behavior towards Fair staff or patrons will not be tolerated.
- **Stickers:** A fine of \$500.00 per occurrence will be assessed too any performer or performance group whose stickers are found anywhere on the fairgrounds.
- **Flyers:** A fine of \$500.00 per violation applies to the distribution of flyers, authorized or non-authorized, outside your performance time and stage.

- Unauthorized merchandise sales. The sale of merchandise must be made in advance with written approval of Fair staff.
- Items may NOT be thrown from the stage into the audience.
- Performers may not invite anyone onto the stage, that are **NOT** part of the act.

**Stages & Dressing Rooms:**

Stage assignments will be based on performance type, and group size. All stages are subject to availability.

The San Diego County Fair will provide the following:

- Electrical outlets
- Professional sound technician and lights
- Stage Manager
- 30 x 30 dance floor (Coors Light Avenue Stage and Funville Stage)
- Microphones (limited quantity)
- Mic Stands (limited quantity)
- Tables (limited quantity)
- Chairs (limited quantity)

Performers will need to bring:

- Instruments
- All props
- Costumes
- Aux Cables or dongle (for iPhone 8 and newer adapter)
- Dance groups and vocalists singing to track must bring all music on MP3 technology, i.e. iPod, iPad, mobile phone. If your music is on a thumb drive you will need to bring your own laptop with a charger.

Dressing room space is limited and may be shared among performers. Each group will be allowed one dressing room regardless of how many people in the performance group. If you have a large number of performers we advise that you have a dressing room schedule when you arrive. Only performers and crew/administrators will be allowed to access this area. The San Diego County Fair Stage Staff will assist in securing dressing room space, but please be aware that no one performer or group will be allowed to take over all of the dressing room space.

We ask that you vacate the dressing room area as soon as the performance has been completed. When vacating the dressing area, remove all trash and leave the dressing room as tidy as possible.

Note: Performers will not be allowed to leave belongings in the dressing rooms before or after their performance.

Once accepted and all forms have been completed, you will have the option to pick up your credential packets at the Fairgrounds, during packet pick up (by reservation system) OR mailed to you via FEDEX for an additional fee.

**Thank you** for taking the time to review our **Entertainer Handbook** and for applying for the **2023 San Diego County Fair**.