

2023 Local Rules

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

1. Incomplete or incorrect entry forms may be returned at the discretion of the management. The management is not responsible for errors on entry forms which may lead to elimination or disqualification of an entry.
2. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to obtain necessary permission to use material that is considered copyrighted in their entries.
3. If the check for the processing fees is refused by the bank, a penalty of **\$35** per check must be paid prior to the judging and/or may result in disqualification. Any or all premiums won will be held until fees and penalties are paid.
4. The management reserves the right to reject any exhibit/entry if it is objectionable in any way, requires an excessive amount of space, or the capacity of the department has been reached. All material used in decorating booths or exhibits must comply with State Fire codes. No entry will be accepted should the exhibitor describe conditions under which he/she will exhibit or the exhibit will be displayed.
5. Registration is required in all departments and some one-day contests. Online entries are accepted until 11:59pm (Pacific Time) on the deadline day for online entry registration. Mailed entry forms and processing fees must be USPS postmarked on or before the entry deadline. Registration Forms postmarked on the closing date must be received 10 calendar days after the deadline. Any entry form received after this time, regardless of postmark, will not be accepted. Only official USPS postmarks will be used to determine eligibility. The Fair is not responsible for any lost or misdirected mail.
6. Entries must be delivered on the date(s) and times specified. Entries will not be accepted before or after the stated delivery date. All accepted exhibits must remain on display and shall not be removed until date specified in the rules. Any exhibit not picked up on specified date becomes the property of the San Diego County Fair and will be disposed of promptly.
7. Substitutions may only be made in the original Division and Class, unless otherwise noted in the Department rules.
8. All entrants at exhibits must be neatly attired, wear shoes and conduct themselves in a quiet and orderly manner.
9. All premium money will be paid from the awards as marked by the judges in the official judging books and not from ribbons that may be attached to the exhibits. The San Diego County Fair assumes no responsibility for special awards offered by clubs, individuals, or sanctioning bodies.
10. All premium and auction checks will be made payable to the exhibitor as listed on the entry form or online entry. Checks will be mailed within 30 days after the close of the Fair to the address shown on the entry form. Auction checks may be held longer if the buyer has not paid. Checks not cashed within 12 months from the date of issue will be forfeited. Replacement checks may be subject to a **\$35** stop payment fee.
11. Requests for refunds must be submitted in writing, in accordance with State Rules. Refunds under **\$15** will not be granted. Processing fees are non-refundable.
12. The 22nd District Agricultural Association (San Diego County Fair) is required by the Internal Revenue Service to report any premiums paid totaling the amount of **\$600** or more. Exhibitors will be required to submit a W-9 form.
13. All exhibits are entered and shown at the owner's risk. Reasonable care will be taken to prevent loss or damage to exhibits, but in no event will the 22nd District Agricultural Association (San Diego County Fair) be responsible for any injury or loss which may occur or for the actions of third parties. Insurance, if desired, should be obtained by the exhibitor at his/her own expense.
14. The management reserves the right to limit entries, and display thereof, to facilities available and to cancel any division or class in which, in its judgment, the entries are insufficient to secure adequate competition. Classes may be closed when capacity is reached. No entry will be accepted if the exhibitor describes conditions under which he/she will exhibit.
15. Exhibitor must be living at the time the entry form and/or online entry is submitted.
16. All non-livestock entries must be the creative work of the exhibitor.
17. Any person who violates any Local, State or Department rules or displays unethical conduct will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the District may order.
18. The American System of Judging will be used in the Adult Divisions and the Danish System of Judging will be used in the Youth Divisions, unless otherwise stated.
19. Youth exhibitors must be **5 years** of age by January 1, 2023, and not older than 17 years on June 1, 2023, unless otherwise stated in Department Information.
20. The 22nd District Agricultural Association management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules, the 22nd District Agricultural Association (San Diego County Fair) assumes no liability or responsibility not herein expressed.
21. **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 at (858) 792-4207 or entry@sdfair.com.