

LOCAL RULES

1. The Monterey County Fair will open its gates to the public on August 29, 2019 and will close its gates to the public on September 2, 2019.
2. Please carefully read all rules and regulations that pertain to your department.
3. The Management reserves the right to limit entries according to space available and to eliminate classes if insufficient entries are received.
4. State Rules, Health Rules and Score Cards for judging as prescribed by the Division of Fairs and Expositions apply to all entries of this Fair. A copy of the State Rules may be obtained at the local Fair office or from the Division of Fairs and Expositions website. Questions can be answered by contacting the Fair Administration Office at 2004 Fairground Road, Monterey, CA 93940, or call (831) 372-5863. Submit your entry forms as early as possible to insure space for your exhibit. Official entry forms are contained in this entry guide book, may be obtained at the Monterey County Fair Administration Office, 2004 Fairground Road, Monterey, CA 93940, or online at www.montereycountyfair.com. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. No refunds will be made to exhibitors or organizations.
5. Paper Entry Form fees may be paid with cash, personal or business check. Online Entry Fees by credit card only. Monterey County Fair policy for bounced checks: **A \$25.00 service fee per check plus all bank fees will be added to the amount of the bounced check.** Entries will not be accepted until ALL fees are paid. The Monterey County Fair reserves the right to refuse payment from accounts with bad credit history.
6. Entry forms must be postmarked on or before midnight for the designated dates & times. **ONLY U.S. POSTMARKS ACCEPTED.** All entry forms must contain correct names, mailing addresses (with proper zip codes), telephone number, and for the Junior entries, the age of the exhibitor. Our office staff will answer any questions you may have regarding your entry form.
7. All drapes, hangings, curtains, drops and all other decorative material, that would tend to increase the fire and panic hazard shall be made from non-flammable material, or shall be treated and maintained in a flame-retardant condition by means of a flame retardant solution or process approved by the State Fire Marshal, as set forth in Sub-Chapter 8, Chapter 1, Title 19, CAC. Exit doors, exit lights, fire alarm sending stations, wet standpipe hose cabinets, and fire extinguishers shall not be concealed or obstructed by any decorative material.
8. Exhibitors of animals, machinery in motion and other exhibits that might cause accidents, injury or damage to persons coming in contact with them, shall guard their exhibits and protect the public. Every such exhibitor shall indemnify the 7th District Agricultural Association from and against all claims and demands, costs, charges and expenses which it may incur, suffer, or be put to, by reason of any accident or of any person being injured or suffering damages.
9. As a consideration of their exhibits or participation in events on the Monterey County Fairgrounds the exhibitor holds harmless the U.S. Government or other parties from which the Fair leases ground from any and all claims or demand of any kind or nature which may be incurred directly by reason of such exhibits or participation including any and all claims or demands of their agents, servants and employees or spectators of such exhibits or events.
10. Neither the Fair Management nor Departments will be responsible for unclaimed articles. All precautions will be taken during the Fair to protect the entries, but no liability for loss or damage from any cause can be assumed by the Department or the Fair Management.
11. No sign larger than a 14" x 20" may be placed on or at any exhibit, nor shall any advertising be posted at exhibits without permission of Fair Management.
12. Local divisions are open only to legal residents or producers from Monterey County, San Benito County, Santa Clara County, Santa Cruz County and San Luis Obispo County unless otherwise indicated.
13. Extended divisions include entries from California and the eleven Western States.
14. The judge(s) shall award placing according to merit; and or without merit, the judge(s) shall make no award under any circumstances. This rule applies whether there are one or more entries in the class. See State Rule III JUDGING (1 - 7).
15. Entries cannot be entered in "any other" classification if there is a division and class for that specific item.
16. Exhibits must be adequately and correctly labeled unless otherwise instructed by the rules of the department, division or class.
17. Items which have been shown/displayed at previous Monterey County Fairs are not eligible for competition.
18. Without exception, no exhibit shall be released until the time and date specified in each section of the entry guide book. All entries are to be picked up at the building or area it was displayed, and the owner must present the claim check to the Building Clerk. No exception to this rule will be allowed without written permission from the Management of the Monterey County Fair prior to the starting Fair date. Any exhibitor who removes his exhibit before the release date will have his/her premium monies withheld by Management.
19. Protests will be considered only if there has been a violation of State or Local Rules. Decisions of judges, veterinarians, weigh masters, Livestock Superintendent and timers cannot be protested and are final. All protests must be presented to the management of the Fair within 24 hours of the alleged violation, or 24 hours after the results are available to the public of exhibits judged pre-Fair. Protest must be accompanied by a \$500 deposit (cash, money order, or certified check) which will be returned only if the protest is determined valid. Protest and appropriate action are decided by the Fair's Board of Directors or designees in a timely manner. Violations of State Rules may be appealed to Fairs and Expositions.
20. The ribbons and premium checks will be available at the time of release of the exhibit or will be mailed to the exhibitor according to the address printed on the entry form. **\$50.00 will be charged for all replacement checks. All checks must be cashed within 90 days. NO checks will be issued after 90 days.** Livestock premium checks will be presented to exhibitors upon release of their animals, or the premium checks will be mailed to the address shown on the entry form. Jr. Division premium checks will be presented by leaders or advisors.
21. Sweepstakes and division Scoring will be as follows:
1st Place = 5 Points. 2nd Place = 3 points. 3rd place = 1 point.
Sweepstakes shall be awarded only when at least 3 separate exhibitors have achieved at least a combined point total of 30. To receive sweepstakes awards, an exhibitor must have a minimum of 10 points. (Please see Section VI – Awards and Scoring located under State Rules.