

AGE AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUTH EXHIBITORS

THESE DIVISIONS ARE LIMITED TO FFA, GRANGE AND 4-H MEMBERS WHOSE CHAPTERS, CLUBS OR HEADQUARTERS ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF PLACER COUNTY AND INDEPENDENT EXHIBITORS WHO RESIDE IN PLACER COUNTY.

ALL EXHIBITORS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SHOWING LIVESTOCK AT THE GOLD COUNTRY FAIR.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

The FFA is a national organization of students enrolled in high school vocational agriculture classes. The local unit is the chapter in each high school offering vocational agriculture, under the supervision of the agriculture teacher who is always the chapter advisor. The State unit includes all chapters in the State, under the supervision of the State Department of Education as represented by the Bureau of Agricultural Education with its headquarters at the State Education Building, Sacramento, California. The national unit is the group of associations in each state and Puerto Rico, under the supervision of the Agricultural Education Division of the U.S. Office of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, DC. Every FFA project member in livestock, poultry, fruit or crops is a part of the practical education of the vocational agriculture student who owns it. The program includes the improvements of agriculture, leading ultimately to the ownership of the agriculture enterprises and the development of good citizenship. Participation in Fairs and livestock shows is recognized as having educational value as well as stimulation for better results and finer projects, under supervision of the qualified chapter advisor and with the cooperation of the Fair Management.

4-H YOUTH

4-H Youth programs are non-formal, voluntary educational programs, open to all youth, without regard to race, color or creed, not connected with the public school system, under the supervision of the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of California and United States Department of Agriculture. They are a part of Extension teaching. The projects exhibited at Fairs by members of these groups are the result of their efforts under the supervision of volunteer adults.

4-H DIVISION DEFINITIONS

PRIMARY MEMBERS: K THROUGH 3RD GRADES

JUNIOR MEMBERS: 4TH THROUGH 6TH GRADES

INTERMEDIATE MEMBERS: 7TH THROUGH 8TH GRADES

SENIOR MEMBERS: 9TH GRADE AND ABOVE

1. **4-H MEMBER AGE POLICY:** A bonafide 4-H member is a youth who is enrolled in, at least, kindergarten during the 2009-2010 school year, and can exhibit through December 31st of the year in which they turn 19 years of age. They must be enrolled in the Placer County 4-H Program with a card on file in the County 4-H Office, and have completed all project requirements by required deadlines, including a 4-H Recordbook, signed by all appropriate leaders. Showing in the Fair is the culmination of a year's efforts, therefore, a 4-H member must have been enrolled in at least the 4th Grade by January 1, 2010, and fulfilled all other membership and project requirements to show and/or sell 4-H Livestock. Any questions as to eligibility rest with the Placer County 4-H Leader's Executive Committee.

Junior/Intermediate & Senior Members: Exhibitors must be 9 years old or in 4th grade by January 1, 2010 and are eligible to exhibit through December 31st of the year in which they turn 19 years of age in order to enroll in any approved animal project as a Junior Member.

Primary Members: 4-H Primary Members are youth who are enrolled in Kindergarten through 3rd Grades. Primary members are eligible to enter primary classes only. They are not eligible to show large livestock or sell in the junior livestock auction. Children enrolled in Kindergarten or 5 years old as of January 1, 2010 are eligible for 4-H as Primary Members. Involvement in animal projects is limited to approved projects only. Primary members are eligible to enroll in the following animal projects only: pygmy goats, dogs, cavies, rabbits, embryology, entomology, marine science, poultry, and therapeutic animal projects.

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2. **FFA**

FFA members may participate as members until the end of the calendar year following the year of graduation from high school. Students competing in this division must be regularly enrolled in the High School Vocational Agriculture Program or graduated from High School in 2009 in order to meet the requirements, rules and regulations set up by C.A.T.A. and the State Association of FFA. Competition is open to FFA Chapters of Placer County. Exhibitor must be in good standing in his/her FFA Chapter. No exhibit will be received unless entry has been signed by a Chapter Advisor and parent or guardian. All entries in an FFA division must be owned by the student and have acceptable Record Books available upon request of Fair Management.

3. **GRANGE**

Grange members may exhibit if they are at least 5 years of age as of January 1, 2010 and until the end of the calendar year in which the member reaches age 19. Grange members ages 5 through 9 are subject to the same rules as 4-H Primary members.

4. **INDEPENDENT JUNIOR – Independent Jr. Exhibitors must be at least 9-years-old, or in the 4th grade by January 1, 2010, and can exhibit through December 31st of the year in which they turn 19 years of age.**

Independent junior exhibitors must enter an open junior class unless one is not available. If an open junior class is not available, junior exhibitors may enter an appropriate FFA or 4-H class if they meet all appropriate FFA and/or 4-H age/grade, and State Rules requirements. Juniors who have been FFA, 4-H or Grange project members within 60 days prior to the Fair are not eligible to compete in that project as independent juniors (150 days for market beef). Each entry in these divisions shall have been made or produced by the exhibitor. Entries shall be made on Junior Department entry forms provided by the Fair. The signature of a parent or guardian is required. State and Local Rules apply to all entries and scorecards in corresponding Senior and Junior Department classes shall be used unless otherwise provided in these divisions.

- A.) Independent junior exhibitors not affiliated with any organization can enter appropriate FFA or 4-H classes if they meet the age or grade level requirements.
- B.) Independent junior exhibitors must not have been project members in a junior organization within 60 days (150 days for market beef cattle) to be eligible to participate as an Independent Junior in that project.
- C.) Independent Juniors must have “on ground” supervision by a responsible adult while at the Fair.

5. All Exhibitors must meet the ownership requirements for market livestock and small market animals by the following schedule:

- Poultry – 30 days prior to Fair, August 9, 2010 (must be owned by 1 week of age)
- Rabbits – 30 days prior to Fair, August 9, 2010 (must be owned since 5 weeks of age)
- Turkeys – 45 days prior to July 26, 2010
- Sheep – 60 days prior to Fair, July 11, 2010
- Swine – 60 days prior to Fair, July 11, 2010
- Market Goats – 60 days prior to Fair, July 11, 2010
- Beef – 150 days prior to Fair, April 10, 2010
- BREEDING and FEEDER (large livestock) animals must be owned at least 30 days prior to Fair. Proof of ownership may be requested.

Please refer to Junior Livestock Auction Rules and Local Rules for more information on Independent Junior Exhibitor requirements.

6. **OTHER JUNIOR EXHIBITORS**

- A.) Other Junior exhibitors include divisions and classes restricted to children 17 years of age and under who are not under the FFA, 4-H youth programs or other recognized junior farm organization programs.
- B.) Each entry in these divisions shall have been made or produced by the exhibitor. Entries shall be made on official Gold Country Fair entry forms provided by the Fair. The signature of a parent or guardian is required for entry.
- C.) State and local rules apply to all entries and score cards in corresponding Senior and Junior Department classes shall be used unless otherwise provided in these divisions.
- D.) Exhibitors who are enrolled in any junior organization for which classes are offered elsewhere are not eligible to enter in these divisions.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK RULES

1. ALL INFORMATION AND SIGNATURES MUST BE LISTED ON THE ENTRY FORM. Entry Forms that are not complete by August 10, 2010 will be charged a \$5.00 penalty fee.
2. JUDGING ORDER, unless noted: Showmanship, Market, Breeding. Any changes will be posted on check-in day at the Livestock Office.
3. GRADE FOR THE 2009 - 2010 SCHOOL YEAR IS THE ONE TO BE LISTED ON THE ENTRY FORM.
4. LIVESTOCK OWNERSHIP: Junior Exhibitors must be the bona fide owners of all livestock entries, 60 days prior to the opening date of the Fair. In addition, junior exhibitors must be bona fide owners of market beef 150 days prior, market sheep, swine and goats 60 days prior and bona fide owners of rabbit, poultry and cavy entries 30 days prior to the opening date of the fair. EACH ANIMAL MUST BE OWNED BY THE JUNIOR EXHIBITOR, AND PART OF A PROJECT UNDER THE EXHIBITOR'S CARE AND MANAGEMENT FOR THE STATED LENGTH OF TIME.
5. In order to be eligible to show and/or sell an animal at the Gold Country Fair, 4-H members must have been enrolled in 4-H by December 15, 2009.
6. REGISTERED LIVESTOCK: Exhibitors must have the original registration certificate for each animal, to be checked in the Livestock Office Wednesday, September 8, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 - All information MUST be supplied on entry form: (1) Dam, Birthdate and Ear Tag, Notching or Tattoo, or by (2) The Registration Number. Registration number of sire for Get of Sire entries. Registration number of dam for Produce of Dam entries.
 - Ownership of Registered Animals will be verified by the DATE OF SALE, as listed on the Registration Certificate, if the date is clearly stated and identified as such. If it is not, then the date that the Breed Association Recorded the Registration Certificate, identifying the exhibitor as owner, shall be used to determine the required length of ownership.
7. IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: An official Gold Country Fair ear tag/tattoo is required on all market animals from the time of weigh-in to the release of animals on Sunday, September 12. All other identification tags will be removed at the scales (with the exception of Jr. Grand National or California State Fair ear tags.) **All Livestock (including Pygmy Goats) MUST have Ear Tags or tattoo identification in order to enter the Fair.**
8. Livestock will not be released until all stalls/pens/cages have been cleaned to the satisfaction of Fair Management. Exhibitors must obtain a Release Slip from Livestock Superintendent and present it at the Exit Gate.
9. No Premium Award will be paid on any animal which does not meet class requirements of weight, age, identification, etc.
10. An exhibitor may enter up to two (2) market animals total at the Gold Country Fair.
11. Each exhibitor will be allowed to sell only 1 market entry regardless of species: 1 Beef, or 1 Hog, or 1 Sheep, or 1 Goat, or 1 pen of Rabbits, or 1 Pen of Chickens, or 1 Turkey. Animals eligible for the sale must be declared within one hour of the conclusion of the show. All declarations must be made to the Junior Livestock Office.
12. **All Champions and Reserve Champions must sell.** Only in the instance that an exhibitor is awarded both a Champion and a Reserve Champion will an exhibitor be allowed to sell two animals.
13. The Limit of one (1) market entry to be sold through the Junior Livestock Auction has the following Pen exceptions:

Rabbits:	One Entry to consist of three (3) Rabbits
Chicken:	One Entry to consist of two (2) Chickens
Ducks:	One Entry to consist of two (2) Ducks
14. Market exhibitors with multiple animals will have one (1) hour after the judging of their last animal to declare which animal they wish to sell. All declarations must be made to the Junior Livestock Office. If no declaration is made, the decision will be made by the Jr. Livestock Office.
15. Only animals deemed worthy by the judge will be allowed to sell in the Junior Livestock Auction. Not Market Ready and Not Market Acceptable animals will not be eligible for the Junior Livestock Auction.
16. Any animal that does not make the weight requirements of the market or feeder class or poultry pen, must be removed from the fairgrounds by midnight, Wednesday, September 8, 2010. **EXCEPTION** – If the exhibitor has only one animal of a species entered in the fair, and it does not make the weight requirements of the market class, it may remain on the fairgrounds in order to be shown **ONLY IN SHOWMANSHIP**. This animal may not be advertised for sale, nor buyers solicited.
17. LIVESTOCK ARRIVAL TIMES: Barns will be ready to receive livestock and small animals starting at 7:00 A.M. on Wednesday, September 8. Livestock will not be allowed on the grounds for housing prior to this date.
 - * ALL MARKET and FEEDER ANIMALS shall be weighed in Wednesday, September 8 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - * ALL Market Hogs MUST arrive by 5:00 p.m. for weigh-in purposes.
 - * ALL OTHER ANIMALS must be on the grounds by 10:00 P.M. Wednesday night.
18. No animal will be accepted in the barns unless it is entered as an individual in a Fair class or a pre-arranged educational display.
19. Substitutions and Scratches: Any substitution or scratch of an animal must be made at the time registrations are checked.
20. No person or exhibitor will be permitted in the judging enclosure or ring while stock or exhibits are being judged, unless he is an attendant of the animal or exhibit under consideration.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK RULES (CONT'D)

21. Delivery of LIVESTOCK FEEDS and SUPPLIES to the barn area may only be made from 6:00 A.M. to 10:00 A. M. or from 11:30 P.M. to Midnight, each day of the Fair. Vehicles will not be allowed on the grounds after 10:00 A.M. Any vehicles parked illegally on grounds after 10:30 A.M. will be towed at the owner's expense. Gate 4 next to McCann Stadium must be used, and a livestock area parking pass is required to enter.
22. ORIENTATION MEETING will be held Wednesday, following weigh-in, in the judging arena. All Auction participants MUST attend the orientation meeting.
23. All livestock exhibitors shall go to the LIVESTOCK OFFICE as soon as all of their animals are stalled, to receive stall cards and admission credentials. These will be given out as soon as all deficiencies have been cleared with the office.
24. STALLS – CLEANING, BEDDING AND FEEDING: All bedding and feeds must be supplied by the exhibitor. Livestock entries must be bedded fully and only with clean, bright straw or shavings. Pens, stalls and barn areas must be kept clean at all times, to the satisfaction of Fair Management, or premiums will be withheld. Please have all areas cleaned and trash out to be picked up by 8:00 A.M. each day of the Fair. JUNIOR EXHIBITORS - Only exhibitors are to clean pens, stalls and barn areas, or Herdsmen Awards cannot be considered for that area. 4-H Club members, FFA Chapters or Grange members sharing the same barn area, pen, etc., may share feeding of their club or chapter animals. Early morning feeding of animals(s) may be done by parents, ONLY to enable exhibitor to attend school.
25. GROOMING AND CARE OF ANIMALS: Animals must be kept groomed and in show condition at all times by the exhibitor. Junior Exhibitors are expected to groom and care for their own animal(s) when at the Fair, or the animal(s) and exhibitor may be subject to disqualification and loss of premiums. Parents, 4-H leaders and FFA advisors, Jr. Grange Advisors, Sr. Herdsmen and any other adults are prohibited from grooming junior livestock. Failure to comply with this rule may cause the forfeit of premiums and exhibit privileges and market animals may not sell.
26. FOR SALE SIGNS are not allowed on any stalls/pens/cages or animals exhibited at the Fair.
27. Condition of Animals: No painted or decorated animals allowed. All market animals must be in show groom condition when brought into the ring for judging and for sale order determination, OR PREMIUMS WILL BE DISALLOWED. All sale animals must be in show ring condition when brought into the auction ring, OR ANIMALS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM SALE.
28. Vet Checks and Fees: Any request for a veterinary check for animal(s) must be made to the Livestock Superintendent(s). If they feel it is needed, they will contact a veterinarian. If requested by the exhibitor, the exhibitor will pay the fee. Services or medications rendered by the veterinarian on the grounds will be paid for by the exhibitor. If the request for a veterinary check is made by someone other than the exhibitor, and the animal(s) is found to have a problem, the exhibitor will pay the fee. All animals are subject to veterinary inspection as deemed necessary by Fair Management.
29. Junior Exhibitors must present their own animals in the ring when animals are called for judging, sale order determination, and auction. Special permission may be granted by Fair Management through the Livestock Superintendent or his representative to use a substitute for handling the animal if a legitimate excuse is presented in writing and approved prior to judging. Substitute handler must be a junior exhibitor who meets the eligibility requirements for a junior exhibitor at the Gold Country Fair. If an exhibitor has two entries in a class, the second animal can be shown by an assistant handler only if the exhibitor is present showing the other animal. (Exception: If an exhibitor has entries in more than one specie and, due to show scheduling the times overlap, a substitute handler may show the second animal. This does not apply to showmanship classes.)
30. Regulation Uniform: Livestock exhibitors must be dressed in regulation uniform, as prescribed by State & County 4-H Leaders, Grange and FFA Advisors, or they will not be permitted in the show ring or auction ring. Independent Junior Exhibitors shall wear whites during competition. Whites shall consist of new-appearing white trousers or skirt and a new-appearing white blouse or shirt. Hats are not acceptable. Open-toed foot wear, shorts, tee-shirts, sleeveless shirts or clothing with any artwork or embroidery are not acceptable.
31. ANY OBJECTIONABLE BEHAVIOR by exhibitors during the period of Wednesday, September 8 through Sunday, September 12 may subject the exhibitor to disqualification of awards and/or privileges, including disqualification at future Gold Country Fairs and dismissal from fairgrounds of exhibitor and exhibits.
32. VIOLATION OF THESE RULES WILL SUBJECT EXHIBITOR TO DISQUALIFICATION OF PREMIUM AWARDS.
33. **MARKET LAMBS** – To qualify for exhibit after December 31, 1999, market lambs must be docked such that the tail (dock) is healed and can be lifted from the exterior. Lambs that have no dock will not be eligible. Breeding animals born before January 1, 2000 are exempt. **Market Lambs must show lamb's teeth.**
34. All sheep and goats entering fairs require individual scrapie identification. Animals must be enrolled in the scrapie program. The Fair WILL NOT automatically be providing scrapie tags for market lambs and market goats. Lost scrapie tags are the exhibitor's responsibility.
35. Any inhumane or other inappropriate action to animals by the exhibitor may cause disqualification, forfeiture of awards, and removal of the exhibit or exhibitor from the fairgrounds. This includes icing, slapping, muzzling, drenching or improper care of exhibitor's animals.
36. Fair management reserves the right to declare ineligible for competition and/or remove any entry which is unhealthy, injured, lame, unsound or endangers public safety. **Cattle that are not easily controlled will be subject to disqualification and immediate removal from the grounds as declared by Fair Management.**