

Section 32 JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

The Junior Department is for young people who want to enter exhibits at fairs. There are a number of organizations that want competition among members of the organization. The Fair can do this by establishing divisions and classes for groups such as FFA and 4-H clubs and others. The fair will provide the opportunity for young people to exhibit who are not a member of an organization. Junior exhibitors may not enter the same species of animal or bird in FFA, 4-H, Grange, and Independent classes. All junior exhibitors must have “on grounds” supervision by a responsible adult.

County, district and state fairs cannot legally carry liability insurance covering junior exhibitors and/or their exhibits. Liability insurance is the responsibility of the junior exhibitor. Therefore, it is required that junior exhibitors take out a liability policy covering themselves and their exhibits. Existing ranch policies may provide coverage, check your individual policy.

4-H CLUB MEMBERS - 4-H primary members must be at least 5 years old by January 1 of the 4-H program year (July-June) or in Kindergarten to exhibit small animals approved by 4-H state policy. Junior, Intermediate & Senior members must be 9-18 years old (or in the fourth grade for Juniors) on January 1 of the 4-H program year. Senior members may exhibit until the end of the calendar year in which the member reaches age 19. 4-H livestock members must be enrolled in the project for at least 60 days immediately preceding the opening day of the fair and abide by the project eligibility rules.

All 4-H Club exhibitors must wear the official uniform of their organization while showing their animals and at the awards ceremony. For boys, 4-H Cap (appropriate color); long or short sleeved white shirt; white or dark green trousers; belts should be worn if trousers have belt loops. Boots, if worn, must be inside of trouser legs. For girls, 4-H Cap (appropriate color); white skirt and blouse, or dress with 4-H collar; appropriate footwear. Girls may wear boy’s uniform if they prefer. Boots, if worn, must be inside of trouser legs.

FFA MEMBERS - FFA members may participate when they are enrolled in high school vocational agricultural classes and may exhibit as members to the end of the calendar year following graduation from high school.

The official FFA show uniform shall be worn by all FFA exhibitors and by helpers in individual and chapter groups while showing and at the awards ceremony. The uniform shall consist of white trousers, white dress shirt or blouse (short or long-sleeved) with the FFA emblem attached to the left pocket, and the official FFA blue necktie for boys or FFA blue scarf for girls. The official jacket is optional; if worn, the shirt emblem is not required. Hats or headgear or any kind shall not be worn with the official show uniform while showing.

INDEPENDENT JUNIOR EXHIBITORS - Independent junior exhibitors not affiliated with any organization can enter appropriate FFA or 4-H classes if no open junior independent class is available and if they are at least 9 years of age and must not be older than 19 years of age. Independent junior exhibitors must not have been in a junior organization within 60 days (120 days for cattle & horse) to be eligible to participate, see state rule VII-17. An independent junior may, after entering kindergarten, exhibit in the small animals (poultry and rabbits) up to and including third grade. Independent junior exhibitors cannot exhibit in ANY large livestock (beef, dairy cattle, goat, horse, sheep, swine, etc.) until the completion of the third grade.

Attire shall be short-sleeved button down white blouse/shirt and dark/khaki pants with appropriate boots. See attire for junior horse show.

On providing a separate department for the members of junior groups, the Department of Food and Agriculture is endeavoring to provide a program which is consistent with the general agricultural fair program and which is coordinated with the program of the Future Farmers of America, the 4-H youth programs, and other recognized junior farm groups. The rules and regulations prescribed for the Junior Department have been formulated with the cooperation and approval of State leaders of junior groups. Rules applying to the Senior Department also apply to the Junior Department.

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No livestock may be delivered prior to 8:00 a.m. Thursday, September 14, unless prior arrangement has been made.

LOCAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The general rules and health rules applicable to the Senior Department apply also to the Junior Department.
2. Limited to members of chapters or clubs residing in Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, and Sonoma Counties. (4-H/FFA Light Horse, Horse Show, and Poultry)
3. 4-H/FFA Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Swine, Horse, and Sheep will be open to members of chapters or clubs residing in Mendocino, Lake, Humboldt and Sonoma County.
4. All entries must be properly made on official entry blanks furnished by the Fair Association. All entries, including out-of-county 4-H entries must be signed by the 4-H Community Leader of the 4-H club to which the member belongs, or by that leader's DESIGNATED representative. 4-H clubs may, at their option, require the member's project leader to sign each entry form IN ADDITION to the Community Leader. See State Rules, Section VII, Rules 7 and 18.
5. Completed official entry forms must be in the hands of fair management not later than Friday, August 11, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. for all Livestock (includes Poultry and Rabbit) divisions.
6. Exhibits MUST BE in place by 10:00 p.m., Thursday, September 14, 2017, except poultry exhibits, which must be in place by 9:00 p.m., Thursday, September 14.
7. Each 4-H club member must submit to his local club leader, for his or her approval, an up-to-date record book of the show project on standard record books used for this purpose.
8. Exhibits made as a part of a school course for credit may not be considered as part of a 4-H project.
9. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for, groom and exhibit their own animals while at the Fair. However, because of the educational nature of the livestock show it is appropriate, on occasion, for parents, leaders, and/or other approved persons to supervise the preparation of livestock for show.
10. Showmanship will start promptly at 8:00 a.m., Friday, September 15, (except Horse Showmanship, which is Friday, September 15. Small animal Round Robin will start on Saturday, September 16 at 3:00 p.m. and large animal Round Robin will start on Sunday, September 17 at 10:00 a.m. All boys and girls having entries in any of this entire division shall offer such help to their fellow exhibitors as may be designated by their leader or person in charge.
11. The Fair management reserves the right to cancel all premiums of any exhibitor for any violation of the rules, or for any misconduct of any kind while on the fairgrounds.
12. SUBMIT a separate entry form for EACH DIVISION.
13. There will be NO RE-PENNING after pens have been assigned. CHECK with LIVESTOCK SUPERVISOR.
14. NOTE: refer to State Rule II - Eligibility 9 and 10 (Limiting entries and combining classes).
15. The Mendocino County Junior Award Committee will present the awards on Sunday, September 17 at the Awards Ceremony.

DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING

Group 1 - Superior	92% - 100%	Blue
Group 2 - Good	84% - 91%	Red
Group 3 - Average	70% - 83%	White
Group 4 - Poor, undesirable	69% or Less	No Ribbon

THE ROY HARRIS INSPIRATIONAL AWARD

Roy Harris worked with the Mendocino County Fair for many years. Roy always gave special attention to kids showing at the fair; especially the ones who had things go wrong. It is in Roy's memory that the Board of Directors of the Mendocino County Fair has chosen to establish this award.

All members of the Mendocino County 4-H or FFA are eligible. Nominees would have exhibited a helpful and positive attitude in the face of difficulties. The judges will be looking for a boy or girl who has persisted when things didn't go quite as planned, though not necessarily "winning". Each club or chapter will be allowed one applicant. Club leader or advisor should send their recommendation describing their nominee's experience to:

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Mendocino County Fair
P.O. Box 458
Boonville, CA 95415

Deadline for receipt of applications: Saturday, September 16.

JUNIOR DRESS LEAD CONTEST

Theme for 2017:

Famous Duos

Examples: Batman and Robin, Mac and Cheese, Chip and Dale, Hot Dog and Bun, Brian and Stewie, Roy Rogers and Dale Evans

Prizes for all contestants.

To be held in the Junior Show Ring after the Awards Program on Sunday afternoon.

Open to all Juniors, the *Junior Dress Lead Contest* is a fun competition that allows youth to dress themselves and animals to a specific theme. A commentary will be read as the contestant parade themselves and their animal in the show ring.

Rules:

1. This contest is open to all youth. Animals may be any exhibited pets or livestock, preferably lead or carried into the ring.
2. No Horses are allowed.
3. All exhibitors must be able to control their animals. Unsafe animals will be asked to leave the ring.
4. Participants must prepare a 200 word or less commentary that will be read as the exhibitor parades in the show ring.
5. All entries (with commentaries) must be turned in by noon Sunday, September 17, at the Livestock Office.
6. Two weight divisions: animals under 100 lbs and animals over 100 lbs.
7. Awards will be given by Youth age division, not species of animals.

Judging based on:

Commentary	10 points
Overall Creativity	20 points
Uniformity between participant and animal	20 points
Handling ability of animal	10 points
<hr/> Total	<hr/> 60 points

Classes: All ages as of January 1st 2017. Classes may be combined or changed at the discretion of the superintendents.

1. Mini Youth—up to age 8
2. Junior—ages 9 to 10
3. Intermediate—ages 11 to 13
4. Senior—ages 14 to 19

Sponsored by the Mendocino County Junior Awards Committee

CLEAN STALL AWARD

The CLEAN STALL AWARDS are an important part of the overall Livestock Program at the Mendocino County Fair. All Junior Exhibitors are invited to design and decorate their areas with educational displays regarding their project, as well as implement a plan to keep their area clean and attractive looking. An anonymous committee using the criteria below will do judging for these awards.

A trophy will be awarded by the Mendocino County Junior Award Committee to a 4-H Club and/or an FFA Chapter in Mendocino and Lake Counties and Cloverdale High School District in Sonoma County for the following divisions: Light Horse, Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Swine, Sheep, Rabbits and Poultry. Judging will be from 8:00 a.m. Friday, September 15, through Saturday, September 16, 2017. Results will be announced Sunday, September 17, at 1:00 p.m. in the lawn area. All 4-H or FFA members who will receive an award at the Fair Awards Program are expected to wear a full 4-H or FFA uniform, or clean pants or skirt and club T-shirt (4-H members shall also wear a 4-H hat) in order to receive their awards. Independent junior exhibitors who receive an award will be expected to be appropriately dressed.

Any tack, display or item removed prior to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 17 will result in disqualification from competition.

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SCORECARD TO BE USED

CLEANLINESS OF ALLEYS/STALLS/PENS:	50 pts.
<hr/> Bedding adequate, bright, dry, clean & in place. Animals securely tied or penned. Feed boxes in front of animals only at feeding times. Manure hauled out and deposited in proper place. Alleys raked clean, free of straw and debris. Watering points and drains kept clean.	
ARRANGEMENT OF EXHIBIT:	10 pts.
<hr/> Exhibit lined up in an attractive manner. Large objectionable boxes out of the way. Hay & straw neat and orderly. Feed boxes and tack in area provided.	
APPEARANCE OF ANIMALS:	15 pts.
STALL CARDS:	5 pts.
<hr/> Readable from alley, neatly arranged.	
MEMBER'S COURTESY:	10 pts.
<hr/> Attendants on duty should conduct themselves in a courteous, friendly, and helpful manner.	
DECORATIONS:	10 pts.
<hr/> Attractive, educational. Must be maintained throughout run of fair.	

Major Sponsors of the Junior Livestock Department:
Anderson Logging and Savings Bank of Mendocino County