

Section 3 LOCAL RULES

1. STATE RULES: All rules contained in “State Rules for California Fairs” as prescribed by the Division of Fairs & Expositions apply to all entries of the Mendocino County Fair. Copies of this booklet may be obtained from the Mendocino County Fair office or online at:
http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe/Fair_Information/State_Rules_for_California_Fairs.asp.
2. ENTRY FORM DEADLINES: Entry Forms must be filed or postmarked not later than **Friday, August 11, 2017** except for Sheep Dog Trial entry forms, which are due **Friday, July 28, 2017**.
3. ENTRIES: Entry Forms are accepted at any time after the issuance of the 2017 Exhibitors Handbook until the specified deadline. Entry Forms may be obtained from the Farm Advisor’s Office on Low Gap Road and Mendocino County Farm Bureau on Talmage Road in Ukiah, and the Chamber of Commerce of Willits and Mendocino Coast or online at <http://www.mendocountyfair.com>. Separate entry forms must be used for each separate DIVISION. For example: an entry for the Agriculture Department cannot be on the same entry form as an entry for Clothing and Textiles. For ENTRY FEES make checks payable to:
Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show
PO Box 458
Boonville, CA 95415
No refunds of overpayment of entry fees will be made for \$3.00 or under. A check returned for non-sufficient funds will be charged a \$40.00 fee. In cases where insurance or entry fees are not covered premium checks will be held until all issues are resolved.
4. INSURANCE: All entrants exhibiting livestock in the Mendocino County Fair must purchase liability insurance through the Fair Office. Cost of insurance purchased through the Mendocino County Fair is \$5.00 for large animal exhibitors and \$3.00 for small animal exhibitors. Insurance purchased through the Fair Office is valid only for the duration of the Mendocino County Fair.
5. ENTRY NUMBERS AND EXHIBITOR TAGS: The number stamped on each Exhibitor Tag will be used as the identifying number for judging exhibits. To facilitate preparation of records for judging, each exhibitor is urged to:
 - a) Pick up Exhibitor Tags in the appropriate Department when exhibits are brought to fairgrounds.
 - b) Make sure tags get on appropriate items.
 - c) Recheck all entries on form to Exhibitor Tag.
6. PASSES (WRISTBANDS):
SENIOR OPEN LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS
 - a) Livestock Exhibitors will be allowed one Exhibitor’s Pass with one to three head. With more than three head, two passes will be issued.
 - b) Any additional Livestock Exhibitor passes must be purchased as a three-day pass for \$15.00 at the Mendocino County Fair Office by Wednesday, September 13, 2017. *Only TWO additional passes may be purchased.*
JUNIOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS:
Junior Livestock Exhibitors will be given one Exhibitor’s Pass.
4-H/FFA LEADERS:
Upon presentation at the Mendocino County Fair Office of a valid 4-H/FFA Leaders card, Leaders will be given one Exhibitor’s pass.
7. CAMPING: Only trailers and campers with reservations will be permitted in the camp area. Fees must accompany reservations and be paid no later than **Monday, August 21, 2017**. NO REFUNDS. Exhibitor camp fees will be \$50.00.
8. DOGS: Dogs are not allowed on the Fairgrounds with the following exceptions:
 - a) Personal Aide dogs (Seeing Eye dogs, etc.) and dogs in training to be Personal Aide dogs, when properly identified.
 - b) Jr. Dog Show animals are allowed on the grounds 1 hour before show until 1 hour after show.
 - c) Dogs are allowed in the camping areas but they must be leashed.Loose dogs will be picked up by the Mendocino Animal Control. Owners may be required to show proof of current rabies vaccination.

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9. LIVESTOCK:

- a) BARNs: There will be ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING - NO COOKING - NO COMBUSTIBLE LIGHTS in the barns.
- b) LIMITS: See applicable divisions since limits are different per species.
- c) No livestock are to arrive prior to 6:00 a.m., Thursday, September 14, 2017 unless prior arrangements have been made.
- d) Registration papers on livestock entries are to be presented at the Livestock Office and/or the barns on Thursday, September 14, 2017.
- e) *Owners of Purebred Registered cattle without brucellosis tattoos must present documentation certifying brucellosis vaccination, or written documents showing the animal has an exemption from AHFSS, CDFA.*
- f) All animals must be examined as specified. The Mendocino County Fair management shall reserve the right to re-examine any or all animals. Any animal shown by the examination to be diseased shall be immediately removed from the Mendocino County Fairgrounds. The Mendocino County Fair management will under no circumstances be held liable in any way for such removal.
- g) Exhibitors of horses will comply with the provisions of the Horse Protection Act of 1970 (P. L. 91-540) and all rules adopted by the United States Secretary of Agriculture to carry out its provision.
- h) All vehicles and livestock trucks to be parked in the designated area for exhibitors. *No vehicles or livestock trailers allowed on the grounds after this specific feeding time: 6:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.*
- i) Pens will be allotted up to the capacity of the barns in the order of the entries received. Exhibitors must furnish own feed. The Mendocino County Fair will furnish straw for first bedding only. Fees are: Pen - \$1.00; Tie Stall - \$1.00; Horse Stall - \$15.00. Should stock be entered and not shown, the fees for the aforementioned shall be forfeited to the Mendocino County Fair. In the case of illness, death or as an individual situation warrants, consideration may be given by Mendocino County Fair management.
- j) A reminder for FFA and 4-H leaders: There is no charge for pens and tie stalls; however, horse stalls are \$10.00.

10. HOUSING ON GROUNDS:

- a) At present time the electrical wiring on the grounds is not sufficient for exhibitor use for any reason.
- b) No vehicles, trailers or campers will be allowed on the Mendocino County Fairgrounds in the livestock or 4-H horse barn area except for the livestock manager. All exhibitors are encouraged to use the south area of the back parking lot as this area will be reserved for any exhibitor, livestock trucks, trailers, etc. The parking and camping policy will be enforced as per recommendation of the State Fire Marshal.

11. NOTICE - PREMIUMS BUDGETED:

Premiums listed are subject to change. Premiums will be paid to exhibitors in accordance with all scales in the Premium Book unless the total of all awards for all departments exceeds the total premiums budgeted for this year in which case the premium awards will be pro-rated on an even percentage basis and the next highest percent will be used to figure premiums.

12. CHECK-IN TIMES:

All entries must be received by the Mendocino County Fairgrounds by 5:00 p.m. **Thursday, September 14, 2016** with the following exceptions:

- a) Sheep Dogs must be ready for elimination trials by 9:00 a.m., **Saturday, August 19**, and final trials by 10:00 a.m., Sunday, September 17, 2017.
- b) Wine: drop off entries Wednesday, September 6 and Thursday, September 7, 2017 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- c) Home Arts and Fine Arts (Junior and Senior Divisions): Drop off exhibits Wednesday, September 6 and Thursday, September 7, 2017 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- d) Largest Pumpkin competitors must be in place by 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 13, 2017.
- e) Gardens must be completed and clean up done by 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 13, 2017.
- f) Livestock must be on the grounds by 10:00 p.m., Thursday, September 14, 2017.
- g) Agriculture/Horticulture exhibits must be in place by 10:00 p.m. Thursday, September 14, 2017.
- h) Scarecrow exhibits must be in place by 10:00 p.m. Thursday, September 14, 2017.

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- i) Fiber Arts & California National Wool Show exhibits must be in place by 10:00 p.m. Thursday, September 14, 2017.
 - j) Floriculture entries must be in place by 10:00 p.m. Thursday, September 14, 2017.
 - k) Feature Exhibits must be completed and clean up done by 11:59 p.m. Thursday, September 14, 2017.
 - l) Open Horse Show entries are to be on the grounds one hour before their classes are called.
 - m) Dogs for show must be on grounds at 9:00 a.m. Friday, September 15, 2017.
13. The Board of Directors reserves the right to disqualify any entry deemed unworthy of competition.
14. JUDGING AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

Exhibit	Day and Date	Time
4-H/FFA & Open Horse Shows (Showmanship, then judging)	Friday, September 15	8:00 a.m.
Agriculture	Friday, September 15	9:00 a.m.
Fine Arts-Photography	Saturday, September 9	9:30 a.m.
California National Wool Show	Friday, September 15	10:00 a.m.
Feature Exhibits	Friday, September 15	9:00 a.m.
Fiber Arts	Friday, September 15	10:00 a.m.
Floriculture	Friday, September 15	9:00 a.m.
Home Arts-Baked Goods	Wednesday, September 13	9:00 a.m.
Home Arts-Decorative Painting	Saturday, September 9	9:00 a.m.
Home Arts-Clothing/Textiles	Saturday, September 9	9:00 a.m.
Jr. Beef	Saturday, September 16	11:00 a.m.*
Jr. Dairy	Saturday, September 16	1:00 p.m.*
Jr. Dogs	Friday, September 15	10:00 a.m.
Jr. Pygmy Goats	Friday, September 15	11:00 a.m.*
Jr. Goats	Friday, September 15	12:00 p.m.
Jr. Meat Goats	Friday, September 15	8:00 a.m.
Jr. Poultry	Saturday, September 16	9:00 a.m.
Jr. Rabbit	Sunday, September 17	9:00 a.m.
Jr. Cavy	Sunday, September 17	9:00 a.m.
Jr. Rabbit Showmanship	Saturday, September 16	9:00 a.m.
Jr. Sheep	Saturday, September 16	9:00 a.m.
Jr. Swine	Friday, September 15	3:00 p.m.
Jr. Horse Show	Friday, September 15	8:00 a.m.
Costume Lead	Sunday, September 17	3:00 p.m.
Junior, Non-Livestock (Agriculture & Floriculture)	Friday, September 15	9:00 a.m.
Junior, Non-Livestock (Baked Goods & Preserved Foods)	Wednesday, September 13	9:00 a.m.
Junior, Non-Livestock (All Others)	Saturday, September 9	9:00 a.m.
Mendocino County Junior Awards Presentation	Sunday, September 17	2:00 p.m.
National Wool Show-Circle of Champions	Friday, September 15	7:30 p.m.
Round Robin, Small Animal	Saturday, September 16	3:00 p.m.
Round Robin, Large Animal	Sunday, September 17	10:00 a.m.
Senior Beef	Saturday, September 16	9:00 a.m.
Senior Goats	Saturday, September 16	8:30 a.m.
Senior Poultry	Saturday, September 16	3:00 p.m.
Senior Sheep	Friday, September 15	10:00 a.m.
Sheep Dog Trials Elimination	Saturday, August 19	9:00 a.m.
Sheep Dog Trials Final	Sunday, September 17	10:00 a.m.
Spinning Contest	Sunday, September 17	1:30 p.m.
Supreme Grand Champion Ewe & Ram	Saturday, September 16	4:00 p.m.*

* Signifies an approximate time

15. EXHIBITOR LIVESTOCK MEETINGS:

- Junior-Sunday, September 17, 2017, immediately after Junior Awards Ceremony
- Senior-Sunday, September 17, 2017, 1:00 p.m. at Senior Show Ring.

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16. PREMIUMS:

- a) Checks for premiums will be mailed to the address or post office box of the exhibitor as recorded on the entry form. They will be mailed as soon as possible or as soon as any accounts owing the fair are cleared. Premium checks cannot be mailed to AGENTS. The owner's address must be on the entry form. The Fair is not responsible for premium checks returned due to insufficient address.
- b) Premium ribbons and tags have no value as to payment of awards. Premiums are paid only from the record of the judges' sheet.
- c) Judges will award such premiums as the exhibit, in their opinion, merits. If any item is not deemed worthy of a premium, the judge will make no award. When there is no competition, it will be left to the discretion of the judge to award first, second, or third, etc., placing or no award. If, in the opinion of the judge, no entry in any class merits a first award, second or third may be given. Notations should be included on the judge's sheet telling briefly why all placings are not made or why disqualified.
- d) Premium checks must be cashed within sixty (60) days or premiums will be forfeited. Fair will not reissue checks for under \$10.00. *All check discrepancies must be reported to the Fair Office prior to 5:00 p.m., October 16, 2017.*
- e) Perishable classes will be judged first and all others in order listed.
- f) STATE Rule IV-6: No Exhibitor shall receive more than two cash awards in any one class using American Judging system.

17. Sales of exhibits may be made for delivery at the close of the Fair.

18. *The Mendocino County Fair will not guarantee sponsored donations.*

19. RELEASE OF EXHIBITS: All exhibitors are requested to claim their displays promptly at the close of the Fair so as to minimize losses as well as expense involved in looking after unclaimed articles. Exhibits left on premises after Wednesday, September 20 at 4:00 p.m. are no longer the responsibility of the Fair. Baked goods will be disposed of on Monday, September 18, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. Office hours are 9:30-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

a) There will be no loading prior to the following release times on Sunday:

Sr. Beef and Sr. Sheep	6:00 p.m.
Jr. Beef and Dairy, Jr. Horse	6:30 p.m.
Individually Sold Boxes of Apples	6:30 p.m.
Open Goats, Jr. Poultry, Jr. Rabbits, Jr. Sheep and Jr. Swine	7:00 p.m.
Exhibits - Walk-in/out only	7:30 p.m.
Antique Machinery	8:00 p.m.
All remaining Exhibits - Vehicle Loading	9:00 p.m. depending on crowd

- b) Attendants at exhibits and concessions must be neatly attired and will be required to conduct themselves in a quiet and orderly manner.
- c) Each exhibitor or concessionaire will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to or occasioned by, or arising from any proceeding in regard thereto. The fair will take reasonable precaution to insure the safety of exhibits and property of every description entered for competition of display or any other purpose while anywhere on the grounds that shall be subject to the control of the Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show, but in no case will the Fair be responsible in any way for any loss, damage or injury of any character to any property while the same is on the Fair grounds or at any time or place, nor be liable for or make any payment for the value thereof. Presentation of entry forms shall be deemed acceptance of the rules.
- d) Exhibitors of animals, machinery in motion or other exhibits liable to occasional accidents, injury or other damages to persons coming in contact therewith and every such exhibitor shall indemnify the fair from and against all claims and demands, costs, charges and expenses which it may incur, suffer or be put to by reason of any exhibit not properly guarded there from. Presentation and signing of entry form shall be deemed acceptance of this rule.
- e) Exhibitors having space assigned them will not be permitted to change to another location without first having obtained permission from the Fair Manager. The Fair reserves the right to reject an excessive amount of space, or if the capacity of the department has been reached.

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SHOW RING CODE OF ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock and animals offered in any event.

Owners-exhibitors found to violate this code of ethics or in violation of rules or in practices unethical or inimical with the show program will forfeit premiums and awards and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by this Fair.

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RULES OF GOVERNANCE

In addition to these rules, all exhibitors are responsible for compliance with any federal, state, county, and local fair rules. Fair management agrees to enforce the printed show rules (i.e.; State Rules, Local Rules, etc.) The following is a list of rules all exhibitors must follow to enter.

1. All exhibitors must have viable proof of ownership available to fair show officials at their request. Documents should include current ownership information, transfer of ownership (if any), length of ownership, and age of animal(s). Misrepresentation of ownership, age, breed, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited. Exhibitors and their agents and advisors agree to comply with the printed show rules upon entry. Llamas and horses may be leased, with appropriate documents filed in the 4-H or FFA offices.
2. No exhibitor may show an animal which has been previously sold at an auction or sale as a market animal through another fair or livestock show, whether or not there is an actual change of ownership (progress level show excluded.) Any method used to misrepresent the animal for a class in which it is shown is deceptive and considered illegal. Showing an animal for another individual by claiming ownership is prohibited. False ownership is illegal.
3. 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.
4. The act of entering an animal in the Fair provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by the owner-exhibitor, whether or not he/she was actually instrumental in, or had actual knowledge of an act perpetrated to misrepresent or mistreat an animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
5.
 - a) The use of tranquilizers, sedatives, or depressants or any other drug that alters the physical or physiological state of the animal is illegal. The drugs must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for use in meat producing animals in market classes only. All exhibitors shall advise show management of any drugs and/or medications administered to an animal. The name of the drug, its purpose, the person administering the drug and time and date of administration shall be presented to show management prior to the showing of the animal. Failure to report this information will result in severe penalty and/or disqualification. Any use of drugs or substances not approved by the FDA is strictly prohibited.
 - b) Animals shall be presented free of drugs. The act of entering an animal in the Fair gives consent by owner-exhibitor for Fair management to obtain specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other requested substances from the animal to be used in testing.
 - c) During the Fair, in the case of animals requiring treatment, all medications shall be administered with written approval by a licensed veterinarian of this state and the Fair officials shall be notified.
 - d) If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the approved laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken for the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory pertains to the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken from the animal in question. The "owner-exhibitor" has the burden to prove otherwise at any hearing in regard to the matter conducted by the Fair.
6. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or external application of a substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures by a duly licensed veterinarian for the purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
7. The use of inhumane showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited. Other practices unless under the written authority of a licensed veterinarian, that are not acceptable or prohibited include, but not limited to, liquid diets for lambs, excessive shrinking, excessive exercising, tying animal with their feet off the ground, icing animals down and electric stimulation.
8. The balancing of the udder by abnormal means that includes the use of a mechanical contrivance or the injection of fluid or drugs, setting the teats and/or occluding with a mechanical contrivance or

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the use of chemical preparation is illegal. Treating or massaging the udder or its attachments with an irritant or counterirritant is prohibited.

9. Direct criticism or interference with the judge; fair show management; other exhibitors; breed representatives; or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, Fair and Livestock Show management, or other officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect, and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
10. No owner-exhibitor shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individuals to disciplinary action.
11. Show management reserves the right to require health inspections and/or diagnostic tests to be made before, during or after the animals are on the Fair premises for exhibitor and animal safety, or to inaugurate disease control procedures which may become necessary in emergencies as determined by animal health officials.