

# MENDOCINO COUNTY FAIR and APPLE SHOW

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The Staff, Officers and Board of the Directors of the Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show would like to extend our sincere thanks to all those who support our Fair through their generous donations, sponsorships and other support!

Please show your appreciation by supporting these establishments!

## ENTRY FORM DEADLINES

ALL ENTERIES FORMS ARE DUE AS STATED BELOW - Mendocountyfair.com

**Check EACH Division you are Entering for Entry Due Dates,  
Check EACH Division you Entered for when your items should be brought to the Fairgrounds.**

**There will be a \$25 FEE on all late entries –**

**Late Entries -We cannot guarantee your item will be displayed or judged**

## HOW TO ENTER ITEMS INTO THE FAIR

1. Read this handbook for the exhibitor, giving special attention to Local and State Rules. Available online at Mendocountyfair.com -
2. After selecting the division and class you wish to enter, carefully study the special instructions under the DEPARTMENT and DIVISION headings.
3. USE A SEPARATE ENTRY FORM FOR EACH DIVISION (for example, one for Pies, and another for Quilts, etc.) OR **ENTER ONLINE [www.mendocountyfair.com](http://www.mendocountyfair.com) All Livestock including Wool must enter online.**
4. Fill out all applicable spaces on the entry form.
5. **IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, CONSULT THE FAIR OFFICE AT (707) 895-3011.**
6. ENTRY FORMS must be turned in to the fair office by the entry closing date listed under Local Rules and in the index. (NOTE: Entry closing dates vary for different departments).
7. Entry forms may be faxed to the Fair Office at (707) 895-3011 or emailed to [mcofair@pacific.net](mailto:mcofair@pacific.net) only if no entry fees are required. **OR ENTER ONLINE [www.mendocountyfair.com](http://www.mendocountyfair.com)**
8. EXHIBITOR TAGS must be picked up in the APPROPRIATE BUILDINGS WHEN EXHIBITS ARE BROUGHT TO THE FAIRGROUNDS.
9. See Local Rule 19, "Release of Exhibits", for the removal of exhibits at closure of, or after the fair.
10. Each exhibitor is responsible for the accuracy and correctness of his/her entry form, and awards could be disallowed in case of errors. The fairgrounds staff is happy to be of assistance and can be contacted weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by phone or in person. New exhibitors are especially encouraged to ask for assistance.

Go online at [www.mendocountyfair.com](http://www.mendocountyfair.com) to **enter online**, or for additional entry forms and copies of this Premium book.

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## STATEMENT OF EXHIBIT PRINCIPLES

The Division of Fairs and Expositions believes the mission of competitive exhibits at the fairs is to ensure the competition is educational, ethical and equitable. This will be accomplished in a manner representing the highest integrity and standards of all participants. UPON SUBMITTAL AND SIGNATURE OF THE ENTRY FORM, exhibitors (including agents and junior exhibitors' parents/leaders/advisors) acknowledge and agree to the following principles for competition. Exhibitors will comply with printed Mendocino County Fair and State of California Rules, and accept all responsibility for their exhibits.

1. Exhibitors will indemnify Fairs & Expositions and the Mendocino County Fair from any loss resulting from rules enforcement.
2. Exhibitors must be able to prove their own eligibility and that of their exhibits according to Mendocino County Fair rules, and acknowledge that misrepresentation of any kind is prohibited.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to prepare, manage and present their own exhibits.
4. Exhibitors will conduct themselves with sportsmanship, integrity, and cooperation with all participants.
5. In the case of animals:
  - a) Exhibitors will exhibit healthy animals and handle them with care;
  - b) Exhibit them in their unaltered conformation, except for common animal husbandry practices; and
  - c) Use all pharmaceuticals, biologics and other chemicals lawfully and with notification to the Mendocino County Fair management as it specifies.

IN FULFILLMENT OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES, the Division of Fairs and Expositions and the Mendocino County Fair agree to the following principles for competition:

1. The Mendocino County Fair will advocate and enforce the printed rules.
2. In the case of rules violations or in practices determined to be unethical and inappropriate with the competitive exhibit program:
  - a) The Mendocino County Fair has the right to deny entry or remove any exhibitor or exhibit that is determined ineligible, or whose presentation is deemed not in the best interest of the Mendocino County Fair, endangers the public, or has violated the rules;
  - b) The Mendocino County Fair shall discipline such exhibitors as deemed appropriate; and
  - c) The Mendocino County Fair shall submit a written report of such discipline to the appropriate governing body of the Division of Fairs and Expositions, regulatory agency, youth or breed association.
3. Mendocino County Fair staff will conduct themselves with integrity, professionalism and cooperation with all participants

## 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](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe/Fair%20Information/State%20Rules%20for%20California%20Fairs.asp) .
2. **PAPER ENTRY FORM DEADLINE:** ALL Paper Entry Forms must be POSTMARKED no later than Monday, August 12, 2024.
3. **ONLINE ENTERIES:** Check Each Division you have entered for entry Due Dates.
4. **ENTRIES:** Entry Forms are accepted at any time after the issuance of the 2024 Exhibitors Handbook until the specified deadline. Entry Forms may be obtained online at <http://www.mendocountyfair.com>. Or by calling or stopping by the Fairgrounds Office to request entry forms or Exhibitors Handbook. 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. All livestock and wool must enter online.
5. **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 \$40.00. In cases where insurance or entry fees are not covered fees owed will be subtracted from premium checks.
6. **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.
7. **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.
8. **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 \$20.00 at the Mendocino County Fair Office by Wednesday, September 11, 2024. 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.
9. **CAMPING:** Only trailers and campers with reservations will be permitted in the camp area. Fees must accompany reservations and be paid no later than Wednesday, September 11, 2024. NO REFUNDS. Exhibitor camp fees will be \$80.00.
10. **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.

11. 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 12, 2024 unless prior arrangements have been made.
- d) Chickens must be inspected before entering inspection will be, Thursday September 12, 2024 between 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm
- e) Registration papers on livestock entries are to be presented at the Livestock Office and/or the barns on Thursday, September 12, 2024. Except Horse Show entries they will be checked in on Friday September 13, 2024 - 7:00am
- f) 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.
- g) 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.
- h) 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.
- i) 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.
- j) 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.
- k) A reminder for FFA and 4-H exhibitors: There is no charge for pens and tie stalls; however, horse stalls are \$15.00.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. ACTUAL EXHIBITS DUE:

CHECK EACH DIVISION ENTERED FOR WHEN TO BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE FAIRGROUNDS.

15. The Board of Directors reserves the right to disqualify any entry deemed unworthy of competition.

16. JUDGING AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Day and Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Horse Shows (Showmanship, then judging)	Friday, September 13	8:00 a.m.
Agriculture	Thursday, September 12	9:00 a.m.
Fine Arts–Photography	Saturday, September 14	9:30 a.m.
Wool Show	Friday, September 13	10:00 a.m.
Feature Exhibits	Thursday, September 12	9:00 a.m.
Fiber Arts	Friday, September 13	10:00 a.m.
Floriculture	Thursday, September 12	9:00 a.m.
Home Arts–Baked Goods	Thursday, September 12	9:00 a.m.
Home Arts–Decorative Painting	Saturday, September 7	9:00 a.m.
Home Arts–Clothing/Textiles	Saturday, September 7	9:00 a.m.
Jr. Beef	Saturday, September 14	11:00 a.m.*
Jr. Dairy	Saturday, September 14	1:00 p.m.*
Jr. Dogs	Friday, September 13	9:00 a.m.
Jr. Pygmy Goats	Friday, September 13	11:00 a.m.*
Jr. Goats	Friday, September 13	11:00 a.m.
Jr. Meat Goats	Friday, September 13	8:00 a.m.
Jr. Poultry	Saturday, September 14	9:00 a.m.
Jr. Rabbit	Saturday, September 14	9:00 a.m.
Jr. Cavy	Saturday, September 14	9:00 a.m.
Jr. Rabbit Showmanship	Friday, September 13	9:00 a.m.
Jr. Sheep	Saturday, September 14	9:00 a.m.
Jr. Swine	Friday, September 13	3:00 p.m.
Horse Show	Friday, September 13	8:00 a.m.
Junior, Non-Livestock (Agriculture)	Thursday, September 12	9:00 a.m.
Junior, Non-Livestock (Floriculture)	Thursday, September 12	9:00 a.m.
Junior, Non-Livestock (Baked Goods)	Thursday, September 12	9:00 a.m.
Junior, Non-Livestock (All Others)	Saturday, September 7	9:00 a.m.
Round Robin, Small Animal	Saturday, September 14	3:00 p.m.
Round Robin, Large Animal	Sunday, September 14	10:00 a.m.
Senior Beef	Saturday, September 14	9:00 a.m.
Senior Goats	Saturday, September 14	8:30 a.m.
Senior Poultry	Saturday, September 14	3:00 p.m.
Senior Sheep	Friday, September 13	10:00 a.m.
Sheep Dog Trials Elimination	Saturday, August 17	9:00 a.m.
Sheep Dog Trials Final	Sunday, September 15	10:00 a.m.
Spinning Contest	Sunday, September 15	1:30 p.m.
Supreme Grand Champion Ewe & Ram	Saturday, September 14	4:00 p.m.*

\* Signifies an approximate time

17. 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., November 25, 2022.
- 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.

18. Exhibits that have been sold can only be delivered after the close of fair.

19. The Mendocino County Fair will not guarantee sponsored donations.

20. RELEASE OF EXHIBITS: Exhibits left on premises after Wednesday, September 18 at 4:00 p.m. are no longer the responsibility of the Fair. Baked goods will be disposed of on Monday, September 16, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. Office hours are 9:00-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

a) LIVESTOCK - There will be no loading prior to the following release times:

Horses – Trailer in Show Friday September 13, 2024

Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – All other Livestock

- Sr. Beef and Sr. Sheep 6:00 p.m.
- Jr. Beef and Dairy 6:30 p.m.
- Open Goats, Jr. Goats 7:00 p.m.
- Jr. Poultry, Jr. Rabbits, Jr. Sheep & Jr. Swine 7:00 p.m.

b) Building EXHIBITS –

- Home Art / Fine Arts – Monday, September 16, 2024- 12:30p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Floriculture – Monday, September 16, 2024 12:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Agriculture – Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 7:30 p.m. Vehicle loading 9:00 p.m.
- Individually Sold Boxes of Apples 6:30 p.m.
- Wool Building – Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.

c) Attendants at exhibits and concessions must be neatly attired and will be required to conduct themselves in a quiet and orderly manner.

d) 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 Fairgrounds 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.

e) 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.

f) 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.

## SHOW RING CODE OF ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals shall at all times conduct 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.

## 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 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.

