

General Information & Local Rules

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Fairgrounds

The **San Bernardino County Fair** is located in Victorville, CA. We are off Seventh Street, directly east of Interstate 15, between La Paz Street and Seventh Street. Our **address is: 14800 Seventh Street, Victorville, CA 92395-4024**. Entries mailed to the fairgrounds are accepted at owner's risk. Their return will not be guaranteed. Postage due letters, entry forms or packages will be returned to sender.

Fair Dates and Times

The 63rd Annual San Bernardino County Fair will be May 15th through May 23rd, 2009. Gates will open 4:00 P.M. to 12 Midnight, Monday through Friday; 12 Noon to 12 Midnight Saturday and Sunday. Closing hours for the exhibit buildings will be 10:00 P.M. daily unless otherwise authorized.

State Rules

All local and State Rules, Health Rules and Score Cards for Judging, as prescribed by the Division of Fairs and Expositions, published in a separate booklet, apply to all entries of this Fair. State Rules booklets are available in the Fairgrounds Main office, Entry office and Livestock office.

Entrance Requirements

All competitive entry divisions are open to all residents of San Bernardino County and some Divisions are open to residents of adjacent counties. Check in each department's guidelines and entry qualifications.

Entry Form Deadlines

Entry forms will be accepted in the Competitive Entry Office Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and Saturday, April 3, 2010, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. **The deadline for all Division entry forms, except Agriculture and Floriculture, is Saturday, April, 3, 2010. Agriculture and Floriculture deadline is Friday May 7th, 2010 at 4 P.M.** All State Rules for California Fairs apply to the event and will be strictly enforced. **Fill out your entry forms carefully. All entries can be on (1) ONE entry form regardless of department.** Check with each department you wish to enter for specific entry form instructions and guidelines. Please see that each requirement has been complied with to avoid possible premium disallowances. Entries will be accepted in the "Any other" or "Miscellaneous" classes **only** when the item or article represents a substantial difference from the classes offered. **No late entries will be accepted.** In all Departments the Fair Management reserves the right to limit entries to the available space in the facility and may limit the number of entries made by an Exhibitor. Any return of entries under this rule will be made generally and without discrimination.

Entry Fees

All Entry fees must accompany all entry forms. Make checks payable to: **28th DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION**. A penalty fee of \$25.00 per exhibitor per check must be paid before exhibit is accepted if the check is returned by the bank for non-sufficient funds. Over-payment of entry fees totaling less than \$5.00 will not be refunded. Exhibitors are urged to carefully follow the scheduled entry fees as indicated in the Competition Handbook. Entry fees will be forfeited on entries not exhibited.

Exhibitor's Responsibility

Exhibitor's signature on the entry form signifies their acceptance of the guidelines, rules and regulations governing the San Bernardino County Fair as printed in the Official Exhibitor's Handbook and the California Division of Fairs and Expositions State Rules book. Any person who violates any General, State or Department Rule will forfeit all privileges and premiums.

Sale of Exhibit

The Fair will not permit the sale of any exhibit or any part of an exhibit.

Exhibits Arrival - Fairgrounds

Please read each section for arrival dates/times. If you are in doubt as to the Division or Class your entry belongs, please call the entry office (760) 951-2200.

Exhibit Releases

Exhibits may not be removed from the Fairgrounds without a release form from the Department Chairperson or Fair Management. Refer to each Department or Section for release dates/times. All items not picked up within 30 days of the closing date of the 2010 San Bernardino County Fair will become the Fair's property and will be disposed of at the discretion of the Fair Management.

Decorations

All decorative material shall be FLAME PROOF in accordance with requirements of the State Fire Marshal. Corn stalks, hay and/or other dry decorative material must be treated with an approved retardant preparation.

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2010 Fair Theme

"Green Acres"

Entries Close: April 3rd, 2010

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Non-Liability of Association

Entries are made at Exhibitor's risk. A thorough system of Police Supervision will be maintained. The Fair Management ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY for loss, injury or damage done to or occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article exhibited by him/her, and shall indemnify the 28th District Agricultural Association against all legal proceedings in regard thereto. Presentation of entry form shall be deemed acceptance of this rule. Exhibitor will provide own exhibit insurance.

Safety

The San Bernardino County Fair will take reasonable precautions to insure the safety of exhibits and property of every description entered for competition or display or any other purpose while anywhere on the Fairgrounds. In no case will the 28th District Agricultural Association be responsible for any loss, damage or injury of any character, to any property, article or person, while on the 28th District Agriculture Association Fairground.

Cancellation of Exhibit Privileges

The Management reserves the right to refuse, accept and/or cancel entries, disqualify exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries, or cancel awards without claim for damages.

Interpretation of Rules and Protests etc.

The Management reserves the final and absolute right to interpret all local rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regards thereto and, also, reserves the right to amend and add to the local rules. State Rule interpretation is solely at the discretion of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Division of Fairs & Expositions. The San Bernardino County Fair will enforce State Rules as written.

Premium Checks

Placement of ribbons does not guarantee correct placing by the Judges. Only the official placing on the certified judging sheets constitutes the final placement. All premium money will be paid from the judge's book and not from ribbons or awards that may be attached to the exhibit. Premium checks are made payable to owner listed on entry form. **The Fair does not guarantee the payment of Special Premiums and Awards offered in this Handbook by merchants and Breed Associations. These prizes are usually secured by the Fair with a promissory statement in good faith and must be contested under these conditions.** Premium scales are listed in each Department.

GIVE CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS ON ENTRY FORMS. All premiums checks must be cashed within 60 days of the date of issue. Premiums ribbons, tags and cards have no value as payment. ONLY THE OFFICIAL PLACING ON THE JUDGING SHEET CONSTITUTES THE FINAL PLACEMENT.

Judging Systems

AMERICAN: The judging process to rank exhibits against one another and award one 1ST place award, one-2ND-place award, etc.

DANISH: The judging process to compare each exhibit on its own merit against the scorecard or recognized standard and award as many first place awards, second place awards, etc., as merited.

Best of Show

Best of show will be selected from first place only. Judges Choice Award may be selected from any placing.

Exhibitor Distinctions

As defined in the State Rules Book:

AMATEUR: A person who engages in an event or activity as a pastime rather than a profession. (Does not apply to junior organizations and horse shows)

PROFESSIONAL: A person who engages in an event or activity as a livelihood rather than a hobby.

Formation or Combination of Classes:

In all Departments the Fair Management reserves the right to combine with another class or eliminate classes with less than two entries and/or may form new classes with no less than three different exhibitors with three different entries.

Vehicle Parking Regulations

All vehicles are to be parked in the parking lot only in an area designated by Fair Management. Handicapped marked spaces are to be used by the handicapped only! Vehicles may not park in "NO PARKING" areas posted by the State Fire Marshal or the Fair Management. Section 21113 of the Vehicle Code shall apply to all vehicular traffic on the 28th District Agricultural Association's property. Vehicles parking in violation of these rules or in unauthorized areas will be towed away at the owner's expense. Vehicles are not to park in slots, which have been posted as reserved.