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checking out why  
'This Fair's for Ewe!'



**FAIR RULES**

# SOLANO COUNTY FAIR LOCAL RULES

## NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

1. The Solano County Fair will open its gates to the public at 10 am on Saturday, June 30, 2018 and will close Sunday, July 1, 2018 at 6 pm.
2. Entry forms may be mailed to Solano County Fair Exhibits Office, 900 Fairgrounds Drive, Vallejo, CA 94589. The Exhibit Office phone number is (707) 551-2016.
3. No dogs are allowed at the Fair except for service dogs with official permits. RV Park residents are allowed to camp with their dogs, if they register each animal at the Livestock Office and abide by the rules listed under the section Livestock Trailer Space Rules.
4. Exhibitors not cooperating with security personnel or other Fair officials in all matters of policy, including parking, will have their entries canceled and will be ordered to remove their exhibit and any other belongings from the grounds immediately.
5. Please read carefully all rules and instructions in the Competition Guidebook, and submit entry forms at the earliest date possible to assure space. Entries and fees must be received by the Fair by 4 pm on Friday, June 1, 2018, unless otherwise specified. Postmarked mail will be accepted; however, no metered mail will be accepted in-lieu of the official postmark from the U.S. Post Office.
6. Late entries will be accepted up to the day of receiving for a doubled entry fee. Market livestock entries and fees are due at the time specified in the book. Late entries for Market Animals that did not qualify for the Dixon May Fair Junior Livestock Auction will be accepted through June 1, only if the animal bears a DMF ear tag and a double entry fee is paid.
7. Fair management reserves the right to limit entries according to space available and to eliminate classes if insufficient entries are received.
8. All exhibits are entered at exhibitor's risk. The Fair will not be held responsible for any loss.
  - a) Each exhibitor shall be solely responsible for any direct or consequential loss, injury or damage done to or occasioned by or arising from any animals or articles exhibited by him/her and shall indemnify the Solano County Fair Association (SCFA) and the County of Solano, against any legal proceedings in regard thereto.
- b) All property of every character entered for competition or display or for any purpose being on the Fairgrounds shall be subject to the control of the Association, which will exercise care and precaution for its safe preservation, but in no case will this Association, its officers or agents, or the County of Solano be liable in damages for injury to a person or property of any exhibitor or patron of the fair or be responsible for any accident, loss or damage of whatsoever nature that may occur on the fairgrounds or at any other place or time.
  - c) Should property owners desire protection against loss or damage or injury from fire or other causes, they must make their own arrangements.
9. No entry fee will be refunded if the entry is not shown. No refunds will be made under \$1.00. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to keep a list of entries.
10. Local classes shall be limited to California residents unless otherwise specified in an individual division or class.
11. Entries must have been prepared, grown, or raised by the exhibitor within one year of the opening date of the Fair.
12. Judges reserve the right to reclassify entries prior to judging.
13. All exhibits will be judged American unless otherwise stated.
14. Cash prizes are limited to two per exhibitor per class, for American system of judging. There is no limit to premiums for the Danish system of judging.
15. Honorable Mention and Special Award ribbons do not include cash awards. Placement of ribbons does not guarantee correct placing in judging. Only the official placing on the judging sheet constitutes the final placement.
16. Exhibits may not be removed from Fairgrounds before Monday, August 1 without written permission of Fair management, unless otherwise specified.
17. Exhibits must be picked up on Monday, August 1 between noon and 7 pm, unless otherwise stated. Articles not claimed will be disposed of after 30 days.
18. Award checks will be distributed after the Fair has ended, and must be cashed by December 31, 2018. Checks will not be reissued after this date.
19. Taxpayer Requirements: This applies to anyone paid \$600 or more in premiums and prizes. The Internal Revenue code requires recipients of certain types of payments to furnish taxpayer identification to payers, who are then required to report such payments to the Internal Revenue Service.
  - a) Section 3406 of the Internal Revenue Code requires that the SCFA withhold 20% in taxes, known as Backup Withholding, if the SCFA does not have a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) for an exhibitor.
  - b) Further, the exhibitor may be subject to a \$50 penalty by the IRS, under Section 6723 of the Internal Revenue Code, for failing to provide the SCFA with your correct TIN.
  - c) In order to comply with IRS regulations and to avoid the withholding of income taxes from premiums and prizes, a W-9 must be completed and provided to the SCFA prior to the awarding of any premium and prize monies. These forms are available at the Fair Entry Office.
20. The SCFA reserves the final and absolute right to interpret all rules and regulations. Fair management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules, as in its judgment, may be deemed advisable. The SCFA assumes no liability or responsibility not herein expressed.

## PROTESTS

1. Protests will be considered only if there has been a violation of State or Local Rules.
2. Decisions of judges, weigh masters, official Fair veterinarians, timers, and flaggers cannot be protested and are final.
3. All questions concerning competition or non-protestable disputes or differences shall be referred to fair management or designee whose decision is final.
4. All protests must be presented in writing to Fair management within 24 hours of the alleged violation. Protests of still exhibits must be made within 48 hours of the official opening of the Fair.
5. Protests must be accompanied by a \$100 deposit (\$200 if the protest related to violations of animal health rules) in the form of cash, money order or certified check. The deposit will be returned if the protest is upheld.
6. Protests and appropriate action are decided by the Fair's Board of Directors or designee.
7. Fair management will communicate, in writing, within 24 hours after receiving a protest.

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8. If protests cannot be resolved with the Board of Directors or its designee, the matter may be appealed to the California State Division of Fairs and Expositions.

## PARKING FOR EXHIBITORS

1. Parking passes will be provided to exhibitors only on the day the exhibit is brought in, except for Livestock (see Pass Policy below).
2. Exhibitors must use the Sage Street Gate located north of the Fair Administration Office.
3. Exhibitors who refuse to park stock trucks and vehicles in designated areas will have prize monies withheld.

## PASS POLICY

For Livestock exhibitors in the Junior, 4-H, FFA, Grange and Independent categories:

1. Exhibitor – One exhibitor wristband.
2. Parking Permit – Parking permit with a maximum of three permits per family.
3. RV Spaces – \$150 fee per space.

## LIVESTOCK TRAILER SPACE RULES

1. Due to high demand for livestock exhibitor trailer spaces, only one space per family is permitted.
2. Appropriate fees are required to reserve spaces. Spaces will not be reserved until fee has been paid.
3. No reservations will be taken without a completed entry form and payment in full for entries and trailer space fees.
4. All space reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. All RV trailer spaces will be assigned by Fair staff. Requests for specific spaces will be considered, but not guaranteed. If space fills up, a waiting list will be established but with no guarantee of space. The size of the trailer must be provided in order to reserve space. Oversized trailers may not be accommodated.
5. Due to trailer space size limitations use of pop-outs may be prohibited.
6. Upon receiving the reservation and fee, a reservation confirmation form will be sent to you.
7. Trailers will not be pulled in prior to the date identified on the reservation confirmation form. Trailers must remain stationary for the duration of the exhibitor's stay. All trailers must be removed by date and time identified on the reservation confirmation form.

8. The Fair reserves the right to take any and all appropriate action to evict trailers or vehicles which are not removed by the deadlines specified on the reservation confirmation form. All costs associated with evictions from the trailer area will be the responsibility of the registered owner of the trailer or vehicle.

9. One responsible chaperone (parent or leader at least 25 years of age) is required per trailer. Siblings are not considered chaperones no matter the age. No Junior exhibitor, even if 18 or over, can stay without a chaperone.
10. An adult leader or parent with trailer will be required to sign the RV Trailer Application acknowledging they have read these rules and agree to abide by them. The adult signature on the application may be held responsible for the conduct of all residents of their trailer.
11. Only registered chaperones, leaders / advisors, exhibitors and siblings are allowed to camp in the trailer area. No more than five exhibitors are allowed per trailer.
12. Identification cards provided by Fair management must be completed and visibly posted on all trailers.
13. No contained fires or BBQs will be allowed after 11 pm. Absolutely no open fires are allowed.
14. No waste-water buckets may be used.
15. No noise after 11 pm.
16. No dogs are allowed at the Fair except for service dogs. RV Park residents are allowed to camp with their dogs if they register each animal at the Livestock Office and abide by the following rules:
  - a) Dogs must not be mean or vicious.
  - b) Dogs may not be tied out, but may be housed inside an appropriate dog enclosure within dog owner's RV space.
  - c) Dogs must always be on leash during walks and owners must clean up after their dogs.
  - d) Dogs are restricted to the RV Park area only. Dogs are not allowed in the barns or on the main concourse. Owners found in violation of rules will have their dog removed from the grounds and will forfeit their deposit.
  - e) In order to register their dog with the Livestock Office, dog owner must complete an official registration form and pay a \$50 registration fee. Dog owner will be required to provide a

\$50 refundable deposit, license information, current rabies certificate and proof of liability insurance.

- f) Service dogs are exempt from the registration requirement.
16. There is no guarantee of electricity, sewer or water in the spaces.
  17. Illegal use of illicit drugs or illegal use of alcohol by exhibitors, parents, chaperones, leaders or advisors will not be tolerated.
  18. No firearms or weapons are permitted on the Fairgrounds. Fair management reserves the right to determine what is considered a weapon.
  19. There will be Security patrol after 11 pm. Any violation of rules by exhibitors, family or guests will be referred to Fair management for appropriate action.
  20. Violation of rules or Fair policies is grounds for loss of trailer spaces.
  21. Minor violations of the rules will result in the following consequences:
    - a) Verbal warning
    - b) Written citation
    - c) Removal of trailer from fairgrounds
  21. Serious violations of above rules (i.e. use of alcohol or drugs, physical violence, or possession and/or use of firearms or other weapons) will result in immediate ejection from the Fairgrounds, loss of privilege to sell in the Junior Livestock Auction, entries removed from Fairgrounds, and loss of premiums.