

# SOLANO COUNTY FAIR LOCAL RULES

## NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

1. The 2023 Solano County Fair will be Thursday, June 15, 2023 and will close Sunday, June 18, 2023.
2. All entries will be accepted online only. Questions can be referred to the Exhibit Office phone at (707) 551-2002 or email [entries@scfair.org](mailto:entries@scfair.org).
3. No dogs are allowed at the Fair except for service dogs with official permits.
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 online entries at the earliest date possible to assure space. Online entries and fees must be received by the Fair by Friday, May 26, 2023, unless otherwise specified.
6. Late entries will not be accepted.
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 fees will be refunded. 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. Judges reserve the right to reclassify entries prior to judging.
12. All exhibits will be judged American unless otherwise stated.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. Award checks will be distributed after the Fair has ended and must be cashed by December 31, 2023. Checks will not be reissued after this date.
16. 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.
17. 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 that have not been enforced. Decisions of judges, veterinarians, weighmasters, breed callers, tail dock officials and timers cannot be protested and are final.
2. All Protests must be accompanied by a deposit of \$500.00 (cash, money order or certified check made payable to the fair). NOTE: The deposit will be returned if the protest is upheld. If the protest is upheld, the violator may be held liable for any portion of the direct costs incurred by the fair in the course of the protest resolution. Failure to reimburse the fair shall be cause for disallowing future entries in any of the network of California fairs.
3. Given the short duration of the fair:
  - a. The protestor shall make every effort to file the protest prior to judging. All protests must be filed in writing within 24 hours of the time of the cause of the protest and before conclusion of fair.
  - b. The fair will make every effort to resolve protests as quickly as possible. All exhibitors by entering an exhibit and all persons by filing a protest agree to cooperate with Fair Management to resolve protests in a timely manner.
  - c. Protests shall be adjudicated by Fair Management and/or members of Board of Directors.
4. Any exhibit involved in a filed protest before or during judging is eligible to compete until the protest is resolved.
5. Classes that involve a protested exhibit will not become official until the protest is resolved.
  - a. In championship or special award classes that involve the protested exhibit the judge shall also select 1st and 2nd runners-up in case of disqualification.
  - b. In the case of protest, the unofficial judging results may be used to prepare the sale list and other necessary information.
6. At the discretion of the CEO judging can be delayed to allow time for the fair to resolve the protest if to do so does not unreasonably delay or disrupt the

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operations of the remainder of the fair judging and auction events.

7. Prior to judging the affected class, fairs may announce that an entry has been protested.
8. All questions concerning competition or non-protestable disputes or differences with staff or the exhibition not provided for under the State or Local Rules shall be referred to the CEO or their designee, whose decision shall be final.
9. Violations of State Rules may be appealed to F&E in writing.
10. An individual may appeal to F&E only after adjudication at the local level and only if:
  - a. The decision upholds a Local Rule that circumvents or is not in the spirit of a State Rule(s);
  - b. The individual can substantiate new and credible information that was not available at the time of the local decision; or
  - c. There was inappropriate adjudication at the local level that may have included conflict of interest, lack of due process, or a significant misinterpretation of rules.
11. A fair or state, national or international organization or subdivision thereof which has a significant stake in the interpretation of rules affecting the network of California fairs may make an appeal directly to Fairs & Expositions (F&E) concerning multiple-fair issues, industry-wide issues, unavoidable conflict of interest or assistance in enforcing its own organization rules.
12. No protest will be accepted unless it:
  - a. Is filed or received, in writing, with a signed original and a signed duplicate copy;
  - b. Clearly states which rule has been violated;
  - c. States when the protestor first became aware of the facts and rule violation;
  - d. States the facts relied upon for the basis of the protest;
  - e. States that the protestor will cooperate with the investigation of the protest and that the protestor will be available and agrees to attend any hearing held to resolve the protest at the time and place directed by F&E;

- f. Includes the names of supporting witnesses, with accessible phone numbers; and
  - g. Describes or attaches any documents relating to the protest, which must include the written decision issued by the local arbitrating body.
13. F&E Branch must receive the appeal in writing within 24 hours from receipt of notice of local decision.
  14. A hearing may be conducted at the discretion of F&E. The F&E Branch Chief may consult with and/or request that members of State Rules Advisory Committee participate in any hearing.
  15. Once the Branch Chief has ruled on an appeal to F&E, no additional protest or appeal will be considered relating to that incident.

## 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:

- Exhibitor – 1 exhibitor wristband and 1 set of single day passes for chaperone.
- Livestock Parking Permit – 1 per family.
- Additional single day admission passes may be purchased at \$5.00 each up to a maximum of 8 per family.
- Additional Livestock Parking Permits will be available at \$20.00 per parking permit; maximum 2 additional permits per family.
- RV Spaces – \$200.00 per space and includes one General Livestock parking permit at no additional fee.

## 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

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- 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 provide current rabies certificate and proof of liability insurance.
  - f) Service dogs are exempt from the registration requirement.
  17. There is no guarantee of electricity, sewer or water in the spaces.
  18. Illegal use of illicit drugs or illegal use of alcohol by exhibitors, parents, chaperones, leaders or advisors will not be tolerated.
  19. No firearms or weapons are permitted on the Fairgrounds. Fair management reserves the right to determine what is considered a weapon.
  20. 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.
  21. Violation of rules or Fair policies is grounds for loss of trailer spaces.
  22. Minor violations of the rules will result in the following consequences:
    - a) Verbal warning
    - b) Written citation
    - c) Removal of trailer from fairgrounds
  23. 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.