

# LOCAL RULES – PLEASE READ ALL RULES!!!

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• **HORSE SHOW** – Entries & fees must be received or postmarked by 6 pm on Friday, June 18, 2021.

• **COMMERCIAL WINE ENTRIES** – Commercial Wine Results can be found at [https://88439d7d-b9ce-41c9-862b-cc16221acdc9.filesusr.com/ugd/d76caf\\_7f01612407ca45758123e096204ca4fc.pdf](https://88439d7d-b9ce-41c9-862b-cc16221acdc9.filesusr.com/ugd/d76caf_7f01612407ca45758123e096204ca4fc.pdf)

• **HOMEMADE WINE ENTRIES** – Wine entries & fees must be received or postmarked by 5 pm, on Friday, May 31, 2021.

• **HOME BREW** - entries & fees must be received by 5 pm, Friday, **June 26, 2020** at the Fair Office or contact Bill Tarchala for alternate drop off location and time. [sharkbrew@gotsky.com](mailto:sharkbrew@gotsky.com).

• **COMMERCIAL BEER** - Entries & fees must be received by Friday, **July 10, 2020** by 5 pm at the Fair Office or contact Bill Tarchala for alternate drop off location and time. [sharkbrew@gotsky.com](mailto:sharkbrew@gotsky.com).

• **FEATURE EXHIBITS** – Entries & fees must be received or postmarked by 4 PM on Friday, May 28, 2021.

• **GARDEN EXHIBITS** – Entries & fees must be received or postmarked by 4 pm on Friday, May 28, 2021.

• **FLORICULTURE EXHIBITS** – Entries & fees must be received or postmarked by 5 pm on Saturday, July 24, 2021.

• **HORTICULTURE EXHIBITS** – Entries & fees must be received or postmarked by 5 pm on Saturday, July 24, 2021.

• **ALL OTHER DEPARTMENTS** - Entries & fees must be received or postmarked by 6:00 pm on Friday, July 9, 2021.

1. **FAIR'S LIABILITY:** The Fair Management shall not be responsible for accidents or losses that may occur to any of the exhibitors or participants or exhibits at the show, and all persons, exhibitors/participants, exhibiting in or participating in Fair-sponsored activities agree to indemnify the State of CA, the County, the Amador County Fair (26<sup>th</sup> DAA), their officers, agents, employees and volunteers, harmless from any and all claims, liabilities, losses, costs, damages, and attorneys' fees arising out of the willful acts or omissions of the officers, agents, employees, or volunteers of the Fair. The exhibitors shall hold the management harmless and indemnify them against any legal proceedings arising from any accidents or losses. All entries are accepted with the understanding that the State of CA, the County, the Amador County Fair, nor their officers, agents, employees, or volunteers shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage that shall arise to any entry, exhibitor, or equipment on exhibit. Each exhibitor shall be solely responsible for any loss or damage done to another, or occasioned by or arising from any animal or article exhibited by him/her, and will indemnify the State of CA, the County, the Amador

County Fair, their officers, employees, agents and volunteers against all legal proceedings thereto. The Amador County Fair assumes no liability or responsibility not herein expressed.

2. **EXHIBITS:** Entries must be on exhibit at the official opening of the fair or at the time specified in the Exhibitors' book. Entries will not be removed from the fairgrounds before the release date printed in the Exhibitor's book except as determined by Fair Management in cases of sickness, accident, death, disciplinary actions requested by a youth supervisor, or other circumstances which are in the best interests of the Fair. Management may allow late delivery or early removal of exhibits when it is in the best interest of the Fair. The Fair is a family event. The Fair reserves the right to determine content appropriate for family viewing.
3. **PLACINGS:** Where there is only one exhibitor in a class, the first prize, if any merited, will be awarded so far as there are worthy entries. Where entries are not worthy of first prize, judges may, at their discretion, award a prize or prizes of such grade as the animal or entries deserve.
4. **RESPONSIBILITY:** for proper entry of exhibits rests with the exhibitor.
5. **PLACEMENT OF RIBBONS:** DOES NOT guarantee correct placing in judging. Only the official placing on the judging sheet constitutes the final placement.
6. **REFUNDS:** Requests for refund of entry fees and added purse money must be in writing to the Fair, and may be granted upon approval of the Board/Fair Management. Refunds may be made only because of sickness, accident, death, cancellation of a class, or return of entries for lack of exhibit space. Non-selected exhibits in a juried show are not eligible for refunds. For animal classes, request must be made prior to the event. Requests involving health or soundness of an animal must be accompanied by a Veterinarian's Certificate and must be received by the Entry Office 24 hours prior to judging to be considered. NO refunds less than \$3.00.
7. **DISQUALIFICATION:** With prior review and approval of an executive committee comprised of Fair Board Members and the Fair Management, the Manager, Superintendent or Department Head of any department shall have the authority, without liability or recourse to the Amador County Fair Board or Employees, to bar any exhibitor or his/her representatives in the event of a discourteous act to a Judge or an Official of the Fair, and he or she shall have the power to disqualify the entry of said exhibitor. In the event of such disqualification, the exhibitor forfeits all entry fees, stake fees, stall fees, and all other charges against the exhibitor as well as all prize money that may have been won up to that time.
8. **JUDGING:** Exhibitors talking to the judge is prohibited, except when answering a question of the judge. Those who wish to explain in regard to their

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exhibit must do so through the Superintendent or clerk and must not interfere with the judge.

**JUDGE'S DECISION IS FINAL.** See State Rules for additional rules.

9. **EXHIBIT ID'S:** Exhibitor tags and stall cards will be issued as follows: Stall cards at the Livestock Office. Horse Show numbers and stall assignment will be issued at the Horse Show Office. Exhibitor tags/claim checks for still exhibits will be issued upon delivery of articles.
10. **PREMIUM DISPUTE:**
  - a) Dispute - **NOVEMBER 19** of each year is the deadline for reporting any error in a premium check or check not having been received by the exhibitor. AFTER THAT DATE, NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE, NOR CHECKS ISSUED.
  - b) Premium checks not cashed after 1 year will be null and void.
  - c) Premium checks over \$600 will not be mailed until a Social Security number is provided.
11. **CLAIM CHECKS: MUST** be presented when claiming entries at the close of the Fair. Other ID may be required.
12. **LOCAL DIVISION:** Any class designated as "Local" may be entered only by legal residents or producers in Amador County or that part of El Dorado County lying south of the middle fork of the Consumnes River.
13. **EXTENDED DIVISIONS:** Divisions open to residents or producers in the State of California.
14. **RESIDENT:** Any exhibitor may be required to prove residency by presenting proof of any one, or combination of the following items if requested by Fair Management: Voter Registration within the designated area, driver's license showing residence address, or a Producer of livestock in normal marketable quantity or commercial quantities, the specific type of animal or product entered within the designated area or property owner. In the event the exhibitor is under 18 years of age, the exhibitor's legal parent(s) or guardian will be responsible for proof of residency.
15. **ON-GROUNDS PARKING:** – other than general parking: Vehicle passes admit ONLY the vehicle & must be visible on rearview mirror of vehicle. Each occupant must pay admission or have a daily pass on their person to be allowed to enter grounds. Service vehicles delivering goods to the fairgrounds will be allowed admission for a limited time length only & requires a delivery pass. Vehicle passes, if eligible, **MUST BE** purchased at the Fair Office. No vehicles, with the exception of official Fair vehicles, such as electrician's trucks, caretaker's vehicles and other maintenance equipment, will be allowed to enter the Fairgrounds, except in the case of emergencies and authorized by Fair Management, other than designated parking areas, after 8:30 am each day. All vehicles entering before that time must be removed by 8:30 am Exceptions CANNOT be made for Concessionaires, Commercial Exhibitors, (Vendors) or Exhibitors.
16. **STATE RULES:** for California Fairs for judging as prescribed by the Division of Fairs and Expositions are published in a separate book and apply to all entries of this fair and are incorporated herein by reference. These books are available upon request at the Fair Office or on line at: [CDFA STATE RULES FOR CALIFORNIA FAIRS](#)
17. **ANY OTHER:** Fair Management reserves the right to create classes from an "Any Other" class when a specific variety's entries are in excess of five (5). These changes will be noted and adjustments will be made for the following year's fair, if necessary. These procedures are intended to maintain industry standards and accommodate changing trends and varieties.
18. **PROTESTS:**
  - (a) 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, weigh masters, breed callers, tail dock officials and timers cannot be protested and are final.
  - (b) All Protests must be accompanied by a deposit of \$1,000.00 (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.
  - (c) **Given the short duration of the fair:**
    - i. 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.
    - ii. 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.
    - iii. Protests shall be adjudicated by Fair Management and/or members of Board of Directors.
  - (d) Any exhibit involved in a filed protest before or during judging is eligible to compete until the protest is resolved.
  - (e) Classes that involve a protested exhibit will not become official until the protest is resolved.
    - i. In championship or special award classes that involve the protested exhibit the judge shall also select 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> runners-up in case of disqualification.
    - ii. In the case of protest, the unofficial judging results may be used to prepare the sale list and other necessary information.
  - (f) 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 operations of the remainder of the fair judging and auction events.
  - (g) Prior to judging the affected class, fairs may announce that an entry has been protested.
  - (h) All questions concerning competition or non-

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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.

- i) Violations of State Rules may be appealed to F&E in writing.
- j) An individual may appeal to F&E only after adjudication at the local level and only if:
  - i. The decision upholds a Local Rule that circumvents or is not in the spirit of a State Rule(s);
  - ii. The individual can substantiate new and credible information that was not available at the time of the local decision; or
  - iii. 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.
- k) 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 F&E concerning multiple-fair issues, industry-wide issues, unavoidable conflict of interest or assistance in enforcing its own organization rules.
- l) No protest will be accepted unless it:
  - i. Is filed or received, in writing, with a signed original and a signed duplicate copy;
  - ii. Clearly states which rule has been violated;
  - iii. States when the protestor first became aware of the facts and rule violation;
  - iv. States the facts relied upon for the basis of the protest;
  - v. 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;
  - vi. Includes the names of supporting witnesses, with accessible phone numbers; and
  - vii. Describes or attaches any documents relating to the protest, which must include the written decision issued by the local arbitrating body.
- m) Fairs & Expositions Branch (F&E) must receive the appeal in writing within 24 hours from receipt of notice of local decision.
- n) A hearing may be conducted at the discretion of F&E. The Director of F&E may consult with and/or request that members of State Rules Advisory Committee participate in any hearing.
- o) Once the Director has ruled on an appeal to F&E, no additional protest or appeal will be considered relating to that incident.

**19. NO DOGS OR PETS ALLOWED:** on fairgrounds except those entered in Fair as exhibits and service animals.

**20. ENTRY FORMS:** For Official Entry Forms write or call: Amador County Fair, PO Box 9, Plymouth, CA 95669 or phone (209) 245-6921 or go to the website: [www.amadorcountyfair.com](http://www.amadorcountyfair.com). No faxed or e-mailed entries will be accepted. All entries must be mailed or hand delivered to the Fair's Entry Office within the time limits specified. Make all checks payable to the Amador County Fair.

**21.** Late Junior and Senior entries not competing to participate in the Junior Livestock Auction, Replacement Heifer Auction or Ag Mechanics Silent Auction may be accepted with approval of the CEO provided there is space available and sufficient administrative capacity exists to manage the process. Approved late entries will be accepted with a \$10 administrative fee for Junior exhibits and \$25 administrative fee for Senior exhibits.

**22. INSURANCE:** The Amador County Fair would like to make you aware as an exhibitor there is NO liability coverage provided on your behalf in the event that your animal/exhibit would cause bodily injury or property damage. It is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED that you check with your insurance agent or insurance company to see if your present liability extends to you while participating as an exhibitor at the Amador County Fair.

Independent exhibitors shall provide insurance coverage as required by the Fair.

Special events insurance is available through the California Fair Services Authority (CFSA). Contact the Fair office for rates. Waiver: ALL EXHIBITORS must sign a release & waiver of liability agreement (a parent or guardian must also sign the waiver for an exhibitor under the age of 18). Livestock & horse show waivers are on a separate form; all other entries, the waiver is included as part of the entry form.

**23. ANYTHING OTHER THAN STRAW OR SHAVINGS IS PROHIBITED FOR LIVESTOCK BEDDING.**

**24. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE RULES MAY RESULT IN A DISQUALIFICATION OF THE EXHIBITOR.**