

### GENERAL RULES AND GUIDELINES

### **Youth Member Requirements**

**4-H Enrollment:** Members must be a "Member in Good Standing" with their project, club, and county to participate at Exhibit Day. This means that they submitted an APR or Record Book for their prior year in 4-H for returning members, and for all members are enrolled online and active in 4-H Online.

**Primary Members:** (youth under 9 years of age as of January 1) **Participation awards (only) to be awarded**.

Primary members may not participate in Large Animal Projects (beef, dairy goat, market goat, sheep, and swine).

**Project Enrollment:** Members must be currently enrolled in the project of Entry. Entries will be checked upon the County Enrollment list. Example: To show a lamb, the member must be currently enrolled in a Sheep Project. Members who are enrolled in a Sheep Project can also submit Still Exhibits that correlate to a Sheep, such as a photograph or drawing.

## **Entry Information**

Entry Forms: Entry forms can be found online at sb4h.org. Bring completed and signed forms with entry on day of event.

For ALL animal projects make sure to enter sex, age, breed, variety, color of entry if applicable. For Stills, be as thorough as possible with your item description.

Entry Fees: Free to ALL Santa Barbara County 4-H members

**Disabilities/Special Accommodations:** Indicate in the comment section of the entry any special judging considerations.

Entry Limits: Poultry- 2 entries per class per exhibitor - turkeys, 4 entries per class per exhibitor - chickens

Cavy- 4 entries per class per exhibitor

Beef- 1 Market/ limit of 3 Breeder per exhibitor

Dairy Goat- 3 entries per exhibitor

Market Goat- 2 Market/ limit of 3 breeders per exhibitor

Rabbit- 4 entries per class per exhibitor

Stills - No limits

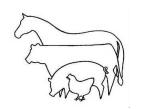
Sheep- 1 Market, limit of 3 breeders per exhibitor Swine – 1 Market, limit of 3 breeders per exhibitor

\* GENERAL RULE – only bring as many entries as member can safely manage with minimal

outside assistance\*

**Code of Conduct:** All youth members, parents and Adults Volunteers are to follow the "4-H Code of Conduct" at all events.





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Check In: All exhibitors must check-in entries with the Area Supervisor.

All entries arrive and register from 7:30-9:30 a.m. at the Frank Marciel Pavilion EXCEPT BEEF - Beef check in at beef barn

**Check In (un-loading):** When parking to deliver animals or still exhibits keep the fire lane clear. Do not leave vehicles unattended. Vehicles must be moved to the parking area South or East of the Sheep barn or along the outside or Minetti Arena after unloading. NO traffic is to travel between the Beef Barn/Auction Barn and Sheep barn during the event.

**Check Out/Load Out:** See your Area Supervisor before loading your animal and also before leaving the event. All members are to help with clean up before leaving for the day.

**Entry Responsibilities:** All entries are the responsibility of the 4-H member. Exhibit Day officials and the Santa Maria Fairpark will not be held responsible for any injury, damage, or loss that might occur in connection to this event.

**Group Entries:** Are eligible for all awards. Each member of a Group Entry shall receive a Ribbon Award earned (Blue, Red, White ribbons for Stills, 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> place livestock, Class Winner, Division/County Winner, and County Winner Pin. Mini Members shall receive participation ribbons only.) If a Group Entry is awarded BIS or RBIS, 1 award will be given to the group.

**Pen Assignments:** No reserving of pens. Pen assignments are given by the Area Supervisor and are typically "first come, first served" by club.

**Awards:** Each Division will have specific Award information noted on Division Class information pages.

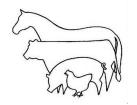
**Judging Criteria:** Each item entered shall be judged by the appropriate Judging Score Card or Criteria as determined by the Area Supervisor. The following Methods of Judging will be used:

**Still Entry:** A combination of both the Danish and American System. Danish System- The judging process to compare each exhibit on its own merit against the scorecard or recognized standard and awarded as many first placing, etc. as merited. Class Winners and County Winners selected utilizing the American System.

**Animal Entry:** American System- The Judging process to rank exhibitors against one another with placings through 4<sup>th</sup> in each class.

**Judging Events:** All attempts will be made to follow the Schedule of Events however if an area is able to finish a class sooner or clean up sooner while still allowing all registered entries to compete, we will keep things progressing on the earlier timeline. Judging events may overlap. Classes will not be delayed if a 4-H member is not present when called unless the Area Supervisor is able to work schedule to accommodate without affecting other entries.





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**Judging Errors:** All Judging results are final. Mathematical errors ONLY may be corrected ON Exhibit Day. Area Supervisors make any final decisions.

**Judging Special Considerations:** Any member indicating on the comment section of the Entry any Special Disability or need for Special Consideration shall be judged with the notation in mind.

**Show Attire / Uniform:** Members may wear white pants or dark jeans, belt, appropriate shoes, long or short sleeved shirt with collar (if your specie requires long sleeves for show, you must wear long sleeves ie. Rabbits). Exhibitors will be dismissed from the judging ring for inappropriate show attire including bare midriff tops, flip-flops, sandals, or open-toed shoes, shorts, pajamas...

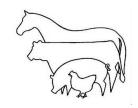
\*\*\*\*\* Extra Credit will not be given or removed regarding wearing of 4-H uniform. \*\*\*\*\*

**Adult Supervision:** If a parent cannot stay with their child at a County 4-H event, another adult, preferably from their own club, should be asked by the parent to assume responsibility of supervising that 4-H member. The supervising adult should be given a phone number where a parent can be reached in case of an emergency.

#### **Animal Entries:**

- 1. Any animal showing signs of illness will not be allowed entry at time of check-in. It is the member's responsibility to ensure their animals are free from disease.
- **2.** Any animal showing clinical signs of ringworm, foot rot, parasites, pink eye, enlarged and inflamed lymph nodes, draining abscesses or open wounds will not be allowed to be exhibited or on grounds.
- **3.** All species should be current on vaccination requirements or other health-certificated requirements currently set forth by the California Division of Fairs and Expositions.
- **4.** Once animals are allowed on grounds, Area Supervisors will have due diligence to inspect animals for any health problems.
- **5.** Any inhumane or other inappropriate action to animals by the exhibitor will cause disqualification, forfeiture of awards, and removal of the exhibit or exhibitor from the fairgrounds. Area Supervisors and Event Committee will have the final decision.
- 6. Animal health decisions will be made in the best interest of the animal and for the other animals at Exhibit Day.
- 7. No animal shall be admitted or remain on the grounds that shows any evidence of any active, communicable disease, or any unsightly disease or other condition.
- 8. No animal shall be admitted to a fairground from any premises under quarantine for disease.
- **9.** Area Supervisors and Santa Maria Fairpark Management reserves the right to require health inspections and/or diagnostic tests to be made before, during or after animals are on the fairgrounds and to implement disease control procedures which may become necessary in emergencies.
- **10.** The health of animals when determined by the official veterinarian or by the judge is final and cannot be protested.
- **11.** Exhibitors must comply with all state and federal animal health regulations and the fair's health requirements, including submittal of any and all forms or information requested.
- **12.** Animals are not to be left unattended on grounds at anytime.
- **13.** All animals are to remain in their respective barn / show area. Do not bring dogs, goats, sheep, rabbits, etc... to other barns or show rings.





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- **14.** Any animal that is unmanageable or that could be a safety hazard to the public will be removed from the Fairpark. Area Supervisors have final say.
- **15.** Feed, water buckets and any show equipment are to be supplied by the exhibitor.
- **16.** A member, leader or parent may <u>assist</u> in grooming animals if the member is present and it is done in an educational / demonstration format.
- **17.** Substitutions in Breeding and Showmanship classes will be allowed within the classes already entered. A maximum of two substitutions per exhibitor per species is allowed. Ownership requirements still apply to substitution animals.
- 18. NO LARGE LIVESTOCK ADULT MALE BREEDING ANIMALS ARE ALLOWED.
- **19.** This is a WATERLESS show. All animals are to be washed, clipped or sheared at home. Simple touch up is allowed.
- **20.** Exhibitors are to supply clean up equipment (rakes, shovels, etc...).
- **21.** All cattle require neck ropes.

**Animal Ownership Requirements:** Each animal entered in Market and Breeding classes must be owned by the exhibitor and be a part of a 4-H project under the exhibitor's care and management. Exhibitor may participate in Showmanship even if not the owner of the animal if the exhibitor is enrolled in that animal project.

#### **Showmanship Class Definitions:**

**Novice:** Never shown in a Showmanship class in that species at any District or County Fair (other than Pee-Wee or Primary Showmanship). First place exhibitor is eligible to show in the Intermediate Showmanship Class if they so choose.

**Intermediate:** Open to any showman who has never won a ribbon in the placing 1st-8th place of an Intermediate or Advanced Showmanship class in the species at any District or County Fair. First place exhibitor is eligible to show the Advanced Showmanship if they so choose.

**Advanced:** Open to all showmen who have won a ribbon in the final placing 1st-8th place in an Advanced or Intermediate Showmanship Contest of the species at any County or District Fair. The winner of Advanced Showmanship is eligible to show in Round Robin if they so choose.

#### **Animal Showmanship Round Robin:**

If one exhibitor wins in two or more Advanced Showmanship classes, the exhibitor may only represent one species in Round Robin Showmanship. Second Place winner (in the class/species the First Place Winner did not select) will be entitled to enter Round Robin Showmanship. This shall not change any award as made by the judge in the showmanship class. The same rule applies should the First-Place winner choose not to participate in Round Robin; the 2nd place winner becomes eligible to compete. Should the First and Second Place winners choose not to participate in Round Robin for their species there will not be entrants for that species in the Round Robin contest. **Large Livestock:** Shall consist of the Advanced Showmanship winners of the following species-Beef, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat, and Dairy Goat.

**Small Livestock:** Shall consist of the Advanced Showmanship winners of the following species- Chicken, Turkey, Rabbit, Cavy, and Pygmy Goat.

Members are responsible for knowing and following all Exhibit Day Rules and Guidelines