

2011 LOCAL RULES & REGULATIONS

OPEN & JUNIOR

NOTICE!

Changes have been made in this Exhibitor Contest Handbook.

Please read the sections that pertain to you.

These Rules and Regulations govern the annual exhibitions of the Lake County Fair, Lakeport, California.

GENERAL

1. **Please read** all rules and regulations carefully, since important changes have been made. Premium awards may be withheld if the printed rules are not followed.
2. **Entry Receipt and Entry Fees** should be mailed to the 49th DAA/Lake County Fair, P.O. Box 70, Lakeport, CA. 95453.
3. **Security** will be provided, but the Association is not responsible for loss, theft or otherwise. The Association does not carry fire, theft or damage insurance on exhibits.
4. Youth under nine (9) years of age may exhibit as an Independent Junior in the Junior Department, excluding all livestock, rabbits and poultry classes, unless participating in the 4-H Primary Livestock program.
5. **OPEN (Senior) DIVISIONS:** Unless otherwise designated, all Divisions are "extended" and limited to the State of California. **"EXTENDED DIVISION":** A Division or Class open to legal residents or producers in the State of California and any additional territories that may be specifically designated in the local rules.
6. **LOCAL DIVISIONS:** Local Divisions, marked "Locals", are limited to residents or producers in Lake & Mendocino counties.

CASH AWARDS

1. Awards will be paid only as recorded on the signed Judging Sheet and only to the Exhibitor.
2. **Awards will be picked up when exhibits are released. (All checks must be cashed within 60 days after close of the fair.)** Awards that are not picked up will be mailed to the address on entry receipt.
3. No Exhibitor shall receive more than two cash awards in any one class using the American judging system. When the Fair combines classes, an exhibitor is entitled to two cash awards per class that was combined.

ENTRIES

1. **All state animal health rules**, and the scorecards for judging as prescribed by the Division of Fairs and Expositions apply to all entries of this Fair.
2. **Lake County 4-H and FFA Entries** must be approved by a University of California Co-operative Extension representative or Vocational Agriculture Instructor. Signatures are not required on the entry form. Out-of-county entries need not be countersigned by a farm advisor, home advisor, or 4-H youth advisor.
3. Lake County 4-H or FFA entries disapproved by a University of California Cooperative Extension representative or Vocational Agriculture Instructor will not be allowed to exhibit.
4. **Independent Entries** must be confirmed in writing by parent or guardian. Livestock independent exhibitors need to submit a project book with their entry form to the fair. **The project book MUST include proof of ownership, i.e. dated sale receipt or time dated photograph. See Junior Rules.**
5. **Livestock projects** must be owned by and under the exhibitor's management as specified below. The official ownership date is the date shown on the receipt of sale unless the animal was bred by the exhibitor. Days are counted from official ownership date to the opening day of Fair.
 - a. Market: Beef – 120 consecutive days; and Market: Swine, sheep and goats – 60 consecutive days
 - b. Breeding Animals; 60 consecutive days, except as per breeding partnership rules.

- c. All small market animals (rabbits and poultry): 30 consecutive days
 - d. All horses: Leased or owned 120 consecutive days.
6. **Entry fees** will be charged in each department, where specified. Entry fees must accompany entries.
 7. **No refunds of entry fees** will be made to exhibitor or organization.
 8. Entries will be accepted at any time following the issuance of this Contest Book or until 6 PM on the closing date in each department specified.
 9. **Entries must be made electronically.**
 10. **All junior entries must be confirmed in writing by a parent or guardian, and must state the date of birth of the child in the area provided.**

LIVESTOCK & HORSE SHOWS

SENIOR (OPEN) AND JUNIOR

1. Age requirements for juniors entering Open and Junior Livestock & Horse Show classes are as follows:
 - **4-H Exhibitors** must be 9-18 years old (or in the 4th grade) on January 1 of the 4-H program year.
 - **FFA Exhibitors** may participate as members until the end of the calendar year following graduation from high school.
 - **Independent Exhibitors** must be at least 9 years old, and must not be older than 17 on January 1.
2. In the event of a state-wide animal health alert, all market animals may be considered terminal.
3. 4-H exhibitors meeting the requirements of a project and completing the project the 4-H year, July 1st to June 30th, while a resident of Lake County may enter as a livestock or horse exhibitor.
4. **ALL STALLS MUST BE CLEANED BY 8 AM DAILY.** It is mandatory that all stalls and pens be kept clean. Failure to comply will result in cancellation of offender's stall rental.
5. Animals must be kept thoroughly groomed, cleaned and in show condition at all times.
6. Pathways, approaches and areas around barns must be kept clean for the convenience of spectators.
7. Manure bins will be provided for stockpiling manure. These may be used for straw and manure ONLY.
8. ONLY first bedding will be furnished. All other bedding and feed must be supplied by the exhibitor.
9. All beef, sheep and swine must be judged in the judging ring.
10. Check registration papers in Livestock Office upon arrival to avoid confusion and save time. If pending registration papers are faxed, they MUST be faxed to Fair Administration Office, fax number (707) 263-7706.
11. Upon arrival, report to the Livestock Office for instructions and assignment of stalls or pens. Once assigned, no change will be permitted. When all pens and stalls in the livestock area are filled, no more entries will be accepted.
12. All livestock exhibitors are responsible for the feed and care of their animals during the Fair.
13. The Fair reserves the right to split livestock classes by AGE, WEIGHT OR BREED if any one class is deemed too large.
14. Exhibitors may not make entries of the same animals in two or more fairs which require animals to be on exhibit at the same time.
15. **ALL JUNIOR EXHIBITORS** are required to fit and groom their own animals. Only assistance from another Junior Exhibitor will be permitted on the fairgrounds. Violators will be asked to remove their animals from the fairgrounds.
16. FFA students in livestock must be on hand for judging and will offer such help to their fellow exhibitors as may be designated by an advisor or person in charge of livestock.
17. Substitutions can be made in the livestock department, but only within a division. Substitutions must be made when the exhibit arrives at the fairgrounds, when registration certificates are checked. Any exhibitor in excess of two substitutions must pay a \$5 penalty per substitution.

Horse Show Exhibitors see "State Rules".

18. "For Sale" signs shall not be posted on any animal, pen, cage or stall.
19. No animal may be moved or handled by anyone other than the owner or an agent designated by owner.
20. All 4-H, FFA and Independent exhibitors competing in a market or breeding class at the Lake County Fair are required to participate in the corresponding showmanship class. Exhibitors showing multiple species must compete and show in a showmanship class for the species they are selling at auction.
21. Scrapie Requirement: All sheep and goats entering fair require individual identification. To enroll in the Scrapie Program call 877-741-3690.

VETERINARIAN

The official Fair Veterinarian will be in charge of the inspection of all livestock arriving on the fairgrounds. Enforcement of livestock health regulations and requirements are set forth in the Contest Book of the Lake County Fair. This individual shall have the authority to recommend necessary methods for preventing the transmission of any suspected contagious condition, such as treatment, isolation, or removal from the fairgrounds.

RELEASE TIMES

1. Livestock exhibits of breeding and grade animals may be removed through the livestock gate as follows: Open Exhibitors may remove their exhibits after 5 PM and Junior Exhibitors can remove their animals after 9 PM, Sunday. LIVESTOCK ONLY will be released on Sunday.
2. Please obtain signed release forms from the Livestock Superintendent before loading any livestock animals (this includes all horses).
3. **ALL STILL EXHIBITS RELEASE ON September 5, 2011, 9 AM - 3 PM ONLY.** Any exhibits not picked up will become the sole property of the Fair. The Fair reserves the right to dispose of such property in any manner it may deem necessary in the best interest of the Fair.

VEHICLE PARKING

1. No vehicles, including those carrying feed, will be allowed to unload after 9:30 AM in the exhibit area. After such time feed will have to be moved by hand.
2. All parking in the livestock area will be directed by official parkers. No one is to park in livestock area without directions from an official parker. Vehicles not parked in designated parking area may be towed away at the owners expense.
3. Livestock Parking Passes need to be purchased to park in the livestock area. \$ 15.00 to purchase a 4 day parking pass, good only at the Livestock gate. Limited to: two (2) per household.
4. Each vehicle parking pass must be affixed to the driver's side lower corner of the windshield as designed. Vehicle Parking Passes are not transferable.
5. Lake County fair will not be responsible for any damage or theft to any vehicle parked on fairgrounds.

Overnight Camping

1. \$ 120.00 per space. Fees must accompany reservations - no refunds. Priority will be given to out of town Exhibitors. Limited to the first 70 reservations required with payments.
2. Trailers may be placed in pre-assigned space on Sunday after 4:00 PM, preceding the opening of the fair. If trailers are not in pre-assigned space by 10 PM Wednesday, space will be considered vacant and re-sold.
3. The Lake County Fair accepts no responsibility for damage or theft to vehicles or equipment parked on Fair property.
4. When submitting request for camping space, you MUST list the names of adults (over the age of 21) who will be in charge, and all junior exhibitors who are staying on the fairgrounds.
5. **Camping area curfew is 11PM.**
6. All junior exhibitors sleeping in the barn area must have an adult (over the age of 21) supervisor present with them.

DOGS

Dogs are not allowed on the Fairgrounds, except:

1. Personal aide dogs (seeing eye dogs etc.), dogs in training to be personal aide dogs (when properly identified) and dogs entered as an Exhibit.
2. Loose dogs will be picked up by the Lake County Animal Control.

LIVESTOCK CREDENTIALS

1. **Open Livestock Exhibitors** will be allowed one (1) Exhibitor's Pass with one (1) to three (3) head or two exhibitor's passes with more than three head. Two passes maximum. Passes must be picked up at time of check-in, in the Livestock Office. Wristbands must be securely attached around the wrist and worn throughout the fair. Wristbands are not transferable.
2. **Each Junior Livestock Exhibitor** will be given 1 exhibitor pass. Each Junior Livestock Exhibitor is allowed 1 free parent pass per family and may purchase one parent pass per family. No more than 2 parent-passes per family are allowed. Wristbands must be securely attached around the wrist and worn throughout the fair. Wristbands are not transferable.
3. Livestock Parking Passes must be purchased to park in the Livestock area. A 4-day parking pass, purchased for \$ 15.00 is good only at the Livestock Gate. Limited to: two (2) per household.
4. Adult's Code of Conduct on page 76 must have a minimum of two (2) signatures which can be from either/or:
 - All parents or guardians of any child entering an animal in the Lake County Fair.
 - Each leader or advisor providing leadership to any child entering an animal in the Lake County Fair.

This form must be completed prior to "check-in" at the fairgrounds for the competition.

EXHIBITORS SUGGESTIONS

The Lake County Fair endeavors to produce a quality fair. This is not possible without the help and cooperation of our exhibitors. Therefore we appreciate your comments. You are invited to submit suggestions. Any suggestions should be put in writing and mailed to:

Lake County Fair
Attention: Entry Office
P O Box 70
Lakeport, CA 95453

Enter online at
www.lakecountyfair.com
**Online Entry due by
 August 5th**

