

GENERAL INFORMATION & RULES

Local Divisions unless otherwise stated.

EXHIBITORS: Become a part of the Stanislaus County Fair

- A. STANISLAUS COUNTY FAIR'S WEBSITE: www.stancofair.com
- B. ENTER YOUR EXHIBITS ONLINE or submit an entry form by the deadline as stated in this handbook (some departments accept online entry only, please refer to specific department rules). Each of your entries must be input separately online or on the entry form. One form per department, per exhibitor, per period for Home Arts and Floriculture.
- C. A \$4.00 processing fee will be charged, per Exhibitor, for entries not submitted online, but submitted on a paper entry form.
- D. Enter online or return entry forms to the fair office or by mail to 900 N. Broadway, Turlock, CA 95380 ON OR BEFORE THE DUE DATE. Refer to department rules for exact ENTRY DEADLINES AND RECEIVING DATES.

Main Office.....	668-1333	Livestock.....	632-2557
Maintenance.....	668-1339	Horse.....	632-2767
Exhibits.....	668-1333 ext. 315/316	Floriculture.....	632-5025

EXHIBITOR AND ENTRY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

SENIOR/ADULT:	Exhibitors 18 years of age and older, unless otherwise stated.
JUNIOR:	Exhibitors currently enrolled in kindergarten thru grade 12.
TINY TOT:	Exhibitors who are pre-kindergarten age, unless otherwise stated.

4-H EXHIBITORS: 4-H members must enroll prior to January 1, 2018, currently be in fourth grade (or above) as of January 1, 2018, and be 9 years old, or older, by January 1, 2018 to be eligible to show and can exhibit as a member through December 31st of the year in which the member turns 19 years of age. Exhibitors must also be enrolled in a specific 4-H project class in the area in which they are entering.

FFA EXHIBITORS: FFA members who are enrolled in High School Vocational Agriculture classes. FFA members may participate as members until the end of the calendar year following the year of graduation from high school.

INDEPENDENT EXHIBITORS: Exhibitor must be at least 9 years old on or before January 1, 2018 to compete in large animal competitions. Exhibitors are eligible to compete through December 31st of the year in which they turn 19 years of age.

EXTENDED DIVISIONS: Open to residents of Stanislaus, Merced, Calaveras, Tuolumne and San Joaquin counties in the State of California.

LOCAL DIVISIONS: Open to residents or producers of Stanislaus County, and that portion of Merced County north of the Merced River and served by the Turlock Irrigation District. Refer to the Department for specific rules that apply for Exhibitor entry in a division.

OPEN DIVISIONS: Open to residents of California, unless otherwise stated. Refer to California State Rules for fairs.

HORSE DIVISIONS: Open to residents of Stanislaus, Merced, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Alameda, Mariposa, San Joaquin and Santa Clara counties in the State of California.

GENERAL RULES

1. All State and Local Rules apply. Local divisions apply, unless otherwise stated.
2. Exhibitors are responsible for knowing and abiding by our local rules (listed throughout this handbook) and all state rules (available online at www.stancofair.com or at the Fair Office), or at <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe/Staterules.htm>.
3. **ENTRIES ARE DUE** BY THE ENTRY DEADLINE AS STATED IN THIS HANDBOOK.
4. JUNIOR EXHIBITOR AGE: Based on age as of January 1, of current year (except for Horse, refer to State Rules).
5. Junior exhibitors must include their **middle initial** when submitting entries.
6. **Insurance is required for all 4-H, FFA and Independent Exhibitors entering in Horse and Large Animal Livestock.**
7. Unless otherwise stated, Exhibitors must enter each entry separately for all items that are submitted for fair.
8. Enter online at www.stancofair.com. **All entries submitted on a paper entry form will be charged a \$4.00 processing fee per Exhibitor.**
9. NO ENTRY WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES.
10. For refund information please refer to State Rules. (Note: no entry fee under \$1.00 will be refunded.)
11. A fee of \$25.00 will be charged for each returned check AND all checks that are re-issued.
12. **No Checks will be accepted after Friday, May 25th. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
13. The American judging system will be used in all adult divisions and in some junior divisions. When the Danish judging system is used, exhibitors will be allowed to receive more than two cash awards per class if earned, unless otherwise stated or limit of entries per class.
14. Junior Exhibitors who have been 4-H, FFA or Grange project members within 60 consecutive days (120 for horse and market beef) prior to the opening day of fair are not eligible to compete in that project as Independent juniors or enter the project under a different organization.
15. 4-H and FFA members cannot enter in the Junior Divisions if they have been enrolled in a project that pertains to that exhibit.

AWARDS

16. Cash awards will be paid as recorded on the signed judging sheet. Award stickers and other markings on exhibitor cards are final only when they are confirmed with the judging book bearing the official judge's signature.
17. It is the intent of the fair management to include any earned "Special Awards" with exhibitors' cash award checks, provided the Fair Office has received the award from the donor. If "Special Awards" are not given out on release day, they will be mailed as soon as possible to the address submitted on the original entry form.
18. Exhibitors must notify the fair office of any errors of award money and/or special awards they receive within thirty (30) days.
19. Exhibitors must return any award received in error or he/she may not exhibit in the future.
20. All award checks should be cashed within sixty (60) days.

REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS

21. Exhibits will remain in place and will be released to owners upon presentation of a signed release (in the case of livestock) or a claim check, unless otherwise stated.
 22. **NOTE: Any exhibit that is not picked up on its assigned release day and time as stated in this handbook will become property of the Stanislaus County Fair and will be disposed of at the discretion of Fair Management.**
 23. Exhibits must be on display as specified and will not be released until the date specified in this handbook. Any violation of this rule will result in the forfeiture of any awards and/or privileges as deemed appropriate by Fair Management.
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TRAFFIC

24. Parking for livestock and horse show exhibitors requires a parking pass and a fee (if eligible).
 25. Special permits are issued for emergency and maintenance service vehicles as necessary.
 26. Livestock vehicles cannot enter through gate 12 or through arena gate 9 for entry onto the fairgrounds. Livestock vehicles must use gate 13 for entry onto the fairgrounds.
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FAIR PASSES – CREDENTIALS

Exhibitors must enter and pay for passes online by the May 17th deadline on the fair's website www.stancofair.com

NOTE: No refunds will be issued for parent/exhibitor/parking passes.

4-H, FFA, Independent Exhibitors, Leader, Advisor and Parent Pass Assignment Policy as follows:

Livestock Exhibitors with entries in Livestock, Junior Rabbits or Poultry

1. Parking Pass = \$10.00 (for parking in the West parking lot) – LIMIT one (1) Parking pass per family.
2. Fair ID Pass = \$12.00 (for entrance to the Fair from Friday, July 13th through Sunday, July 22nd).
3. Parent Pass = \$40.00 – LIMIT two (2) Parent Passes per family.

Exhibitors with entries in Horse, Cavy or Dog

1. Two (2) Single Day Admission Passes - Not available to Exhibitors receiving a Fair ID Pass as an Exhibitor or as Fair Staff.

Community Leaders and Advisors

1. 4-H Leaders & FFA Advisors of Livestock, Rabbit and Poultry Projects will receive a Fair ID Pass and a Parking Pass. Special Note for 4-H Project Leaders - There is a limit of one (1) Project Leader pass and one (1) Parking Pass per 4 exhibitors.
2. 4-H Leaders & FFA Advisors of Horse, Cavy, Dog or Non-Animal entries will be issued a single day admission.

Deadlines for purchasing Exhibitor/Parent/Parking Passes.

1. To purchase your passes online and have them available for pick up at the Leader/Advisors Meeting on June 19th, all Exhibitors must do so no later than May 17th, 2018.
2. Passes purchased between May 18th and June 15th must be purchased at the Livestock office (cash only) and will be \$20 for Exhibitor pass/\$15 for Parking Pass/\$60 for Parent Passes (if eligible). These passes can be picked up after June 19th in the Livestock Office.
3. No passes can be purchased after June 15th, 2018.

NOTE: A meeting is scheduled at the Stanislaus County Fair building E5 on Tuesday, June 19th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. This is for 4-H Community Leaders and FFA Advisors to pick up their club or chapter fair packets as distributed by fair staff. The packets will include Exhibitor, Leader/Advisor, Parent passes and ear tags for the fair (as applicable). **Attendance is strongly encouraged.** Any Leaders or Advisors that are unable to attend the meeting must schedule a credential appointment through the Livestock Office. Community Leaders and/or Advisors must call the Livestock Office at (209) 632-2557 to schedule the appointment. Appointments will only be scheduled for Wednesday, June 20th and Thursday, June 21st.

AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING

The judging process to rank exhibits against one another and award (1) first-place, (1) second-place and (1) third place.

DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING

The judging process compared each exhibit on its own merit against the scorecard or recognized standard and awards as many first-place, second-place, etc. as merited.

JUDGES SHALL USE THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

<u>JUDGING SCALE</u>	<u>DANISH SYSTEM</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>RIBBON</u>
Group 1	Superior	100%-92%	Blue
Group 2	Good	91%-84%	Red
Group 3	Average	83%-70%	White
Group 4	Poor	69% or less	None

4-H & FFA DEPARTMENT RULES

1. Entries online are due no later than Thursday, May 17th. All Livestock AND Small Animal entries must be submitted online at the fair's website www.stancofair.com
2. Visit the fair's website www.stancofair.com to enter your exhibits online. *An Exhibitor will be charged a \$4.00 processing fee for entries submitted on a paper entry form.*
3. Each entry must be entered separately either online or on the entry form.
4. Paper entry must be signed and/or authorized by ALL of the following: EXHIBITOR, PARENT and PROJECT LEADER. **The exhibitor's age must also be included on the form in order to be considered complete.**
5. Unless otherwise stated, 4-H and FFA divisions are judged on the Danish System.
6. Entries must have been completed, grown or prepared by the exhibitor within 1 year of the opening day of the fair, unless otherwise stated.
7. Refer to specific 4-H/FFA departments for additional rules.
8. All State & Local Rules apply.
9. Participation at the fair is limited to the following rules:
 - a) Exhibitors must reside in the 38th Agricultural District, composed of Stanislaus County and that portion of Merced County north of the Merced River served by the Turlock Irrigation District.
 - b) San Joaquin County 4-H Clubs or FFA Chapters may be eligible to enter in the Livestock, Ornamental Horticulture and FFA Ag Mechanics Department divisions, only if the requirement of 50% or more of the total Exhibitors in a Club or Chapter reside within Stanislaus County.
 - c) Verification of residence within Stanislaus County is subject to review each year to qualify for participation at the Stanislaus County Fair.
 - d) All Livestock Exhibitors desiring to show or sell market animals at the Stanislaus County Fair may not show or sell market animals (including dairy heifers) at the Chowchilla Fair, Los Banos Fair, Merced County Fairs, or the San Joaquin Ag Fest, within the same calendar year (this ruling does not apply to breeding classes).
10. County, District and State Fairs cannot legally carry liability insurance covering junior exhibitors and/or their exhibits Liability insurance is required for all junior exhibitors showing large animals, including Horse, at the Stanislaus County Fair (see page 7). All local and state rules apply.

THE OFFICIAL 4-H UNIFORM

BOYS – Cap, to be green. White cap will be acceptable for those in 9th grade or above; white shirt with collar, short or long sleeve (long required for rabbits and when showing horses), white/off-white tailored or jeans style full-length pants, green 4-H emblem tie, shoes or boots.

GIRLS – May wear same as listed for boys, or may wear white blouse, white skirt, culottes or a white dress of similar style, green 4-H collar fastened with a white plastic or metal ring.

APPEARANCE – Cap must be worn on head, shirt must be tucked into pants, belts must be worn if pants have loops. Pants must be outside if boots are worn, 4-H collar must be over shirt collar. Baggy pants & spandex are not acceptable. English or Western boots are required for horse.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA FOREWORD

The Future Farmers of America is a national organization of students enrolled in high school vocational agriculture classes. The local unit is the chapter in each high school offering vocational agriculture under the supervision of the agriculture teacher, who is always the local chapter advisor. The State unit includes all chapters in the state, under the supervision of the State Department of Education represented by the Bureau of Agricultural Education, with its headquarters at the State Education Building, Sacramento, California. The national unit is the group association in each state and Puerto Rico, under the supervision of the Agriculture Education Division of the U.S. Office of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington D.C. Every Future Farmer project in livestock, poultry, fruits or crops is a part of the practical education of the vocational agriculture student who owns it. The program includes the improvement of agriculture leading ultimately to the ownership of the farms and development of good rural citizenship. Participation in fairs and livestock shows is recognized as having educational value as well as stimulation for better results and finer projects, under supervision of the qualified chapter advisor and with cooperation of the fair.

THE OFFICIAL FFA UNIFORM

The official FFA show uniform is to be worn by all FFA exhibitors and by helpers in individual and chapter groups while showing at fair and livestock show. It shall consist of white trousers, white dress shirt or blouse (short or long sleeved) with the FFA emblem attached to the left pocket, the official FFA blue necktie for boys and official FFA blue scarf for girls. The official FFA jacket is optional. If the jacket is worn, the shirt emblem is not required. Hats or headgear of any kind shall not be worn with the official show uniform while showing. A belt must be worn with trousers.

THE INDEPENDENT JUNIOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR

Exhibitors shall wear a white short or long sleeve shirt, white or off-white trousers or skirt. A belt must be worn if trousers have belt loops. Boots may be worn, but trousers must be outside the boots.

1. An Independent Junior is an exhibitor not eligible to compete in a certain category as a member of a 4-H or FFA junior organization.
2. Exhibitor must be at least 9 years old on or before January 1, 2018 to compete in large animal competitions. Exhibitors are eligible to compete through December 31st of the year in which they turn 19 years of age.

3. Independent Junior Exhibitors entering market animal projects must not have been affiliated with a junior organization (60 days for market meat goat, sheep, swine and 120 days for market beef cattle) from the opening day of fair to be eligible to participate. These entries need to be registered with the Fair. Entry deadline for market beef entries are due by **Thursday, May 17, 2018** and the entry deadline for market sheep, swine, meat goats, rabbits and poultry are due **Thursday, May 17, 2018**. Independent Junior Exhibitors must submit all required entry information and provide fair management with pictures of the front view and a view of both sides of the animal, a copy of the bill of sale or cancelled check for each animal, and permanent tag/tattoo information.
 4. Independent Exhibitors must enter an open Junior or Independent class unless one is not available. If an open Junior or Independent class is not available, Junior Exhibitors may enter an appropriate 4-H, FFA or Grange class. Fair Management determines class placement of Independent Exhibitors.
 5. Independent Junior Exhibitors must have project management records and proof of supervision. Please see
 6. Independent Junior Exhibitors must have responsible "on grounds" adult supervision at all times on the fairgrounds.
 7. Liability insurance is required for all Independent Junior Exhibitors showing animals, for the duration of the fair. Liability insurance coverage is available for purchase through the fair office.
 8. **NOTE:** Youth may be ineligible to participate as an Independent Exhibitor if documented disciplinary action involving their project(s) has been taken against them by 4-H, FFA or Grange Organizations. The length of ineligibility to be determined by Fair Management.
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JUNIOR DEPARTMENT GENERAL RULES

1. Unless otherwise stated, ENTRIES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN **THURSDAY, MAY 17th**
 2. Visit the fair's website www.stancofair.com to enter your exhibits online or download an entry form. *An Exhibitor will be charged a \$4.00 processing fee for entries submitted on a paper entry form.*
 3. Tiny Tots (pre-kindergarten) and other Junior exhibitors who are currently enrolled in Kindergarten thru 12th grade and are residents of Stanislaus County or the portion of Merced County north of the Merced River and served by the Turlock Irrigation District are eligible.
 4. Grade groups are based on the student's last completed grade by the opening day of fair.
 5. Each entry must be entered separately online and/or on the entry form.
 6. Entry forms must be signed and/or authorized by a PARENT or GUARDIAN. **The exhibitor's age must also be included on the form in order to be considered complete.**
 7. Entries must be completed by exhibitor within one year prior to the opening day of fair.
 8. "Any other" classes are only for entries that do not qualify to be entered in any class already listed.
 9. 4-H and FFA members may not enter in these divisions if they have been enrolled in a project that pertains to that exhibit within 60 consecutive days (120 days for horse and market beef) prior to the opening day of fair.
 10. Refer to specific Junior department for additional rules & awards. **All State and Local Rules apply.**
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PASSES FOR EXHIBITORS

1. Junior exhibitors will be issued a one (1) day fair pass on receiving day for each judging period in which they exhibit. This does not apply for school group projects. For school tours, please call the Stanislaus Farm Bureau at (209) 522-7278