

Livestock Rules and Information

ATTENTION

All junior show persons shall have satisfactory adult supervision at all times. Extension cords used to distribute power to an electrical apparatus shall be rated 15 amps minimum and contain ground wire. Cords not meeting these requirements shall be confiscated for duration of fair.

OFFICIAL DRESS

The official dress code for Independent exhibitors shall be white pants and white shirt. 4-H members are required to wear white pants, white dress shirt (long or short sleeve), 4-H hat, and tie/scarf. FFA members are required to wear the official show uniform of FFA: white pants, white dress shirt (long or short sleeve), and an official FFA jacket with tie/scarf.

INDEPENDENT JUNIOR EXHIBITORS

Independent junior exhibitors not affiliated with any organization can enter appropriate FFA or 4-H classes. Independent exhibitors must be at least 9 years old or in the 4th grade by January 1, 2010. Fair management can establish a separate class if there are sufficient entries. Juniors who have been 4-H or FFA members within 60 days prior to the fair are not eligible to compete in that project as Independent Juniors (120 days for cattle) or enter project(s) under a different organization. Independent exhibitors must notify Fair management of livestock entries 60 days prior to Fair (120 days for cattle). Call Fair Office for requirements of independent exhibitors. **ALL Independent exhibitors shall provide insurance coverage.**

LOCAL RULES

Entries will be received March 1 - April 14, 2010 from 9AM - 5PM. Horse Entries are due March 31, 2010. All livestock entries (except Horse Entries) close April 14th - 5PM. **BRING OR MAIL ENTRIES IN EARLY!** Entries may be sent to:

**Chowchilla-Madera County Fair
P.O. Box 597
Chowchilla, CA 93610**

Junior exhibitors must be a resident of Madera, Merced or Mariposa counties or the extended

area, which includes Sierra Joint Union, Firebaugh and Los Deltas School District. Exhibitors are expected to properly water and feed all animals including those sold in the Jr. Livestock Auction until the day they are removed from the grounds.

Separate entry forms must be completed for each species. All exhibits must stay in place for the duration of the Fair. The fair is an educational experience and, as such, exhibitors shall fit and groom their own animals for show. Exhibitors may receive **limited** assistance from their parents, other exhibitors, and Leaders and/or Advisors. **NO professional fitters.** Exhibitors may not remove their animals from the fairgrounds prior to 1:00 p.m. May 16th, unless authorized in writing by the Livestock Superintendent. Exhibitors found in violation of this rule will have their premiums withheld. **Release of tack and feed will only be permitted on Sunday, May 16th after 1 p.m.**

Maximum number of breeding animals which may be entered by any exhibitor: Beef - 12, Dairy - 14, Swine - 12, Sheep - 15, Goats - 12. Maximum number of market animals 1 per specie. Exhibitors will be in uniform while exhibiting their animal and at all award ceremonies. Feeders, registered and commercial breeding animals must be owned by the exhibitor 30 days prior to the opening of the Fair. Market animals must be owned 60 days (120 days for cattle) prior to the Fair. Pens will be divided per club/chapter depending on space availability. You **CANNOT** request amount of pens wanted. Management reserves the right to allocate pen space.

REPLACEMENT OF AUCTION AND/OR PREMIUM CHECKS:

If it becomes necessary for the Chowchilla-Madera County Fair to replace a check which has been issued to an exhibitor through loss or destruction, this will be accomplished after all information is supplied to the Chowchilla-Madera County Fair in writing, a stop payment will be placed on the original check and a fee of \$50.00 is paid by the exhibitor to the Fair.

ALL STATE AND LOCAL RULES APPLY

It is the intent of the Division of Fairs and Expositions and of Fairs that the quality standards

established for market animals be maintained. Therefore, classifications will be subject to change in the event there are changes made in Federal Grading. To create adequate competition as required by the Department of Fairs and Expositions, in the event that any one class has less than 3 entries, it may be combined with another class, which is considered similar by the Fair staff. Any exhibit, in the opinion of the judge, not being worthy of judging shall not be judged for premiums. All discrepancies must be cleared before judging can take place. Registration papers on all registered animals must be presented no later than Tuesday, May 11th by 7 p.m. Registration papers brought to be checked after May 11th must be accompanied by \$5.00 (CASH) per paper penalty. There will be NO exceptions. NO copies will be accepted. Errors may disqualify your animal. It is required that every animal will be shown by its owner. If for some reason the owner cannot show or sell his/her animal, a letter must be mailed to the Board of Directors, approved by the Board and on file in the Livestock Office stating the concern, Junior Exhibitor that will substitute for owner, signed by the exhibitor, parent, and the leader/advisor. Any exceptions must be cleared through project leader and Livestock Superintendent. Deliveries must be made before 8:00a.m. **NO PRIVATE SALES ALLOWED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.** A properly filled out and signed **DRUG FORM** must accompany each market animal entry form. A non-refundable \$10.00 exhibitor pass fee must accompany all entries. Pens and stalls should be cleaned by 8:00 a.m. **A CLEAN BARN AWARD WILL BE GIVEN.** No dogs allowed in the livestock barns or show arenas May 8 through May 16.

PASS POLICY

Exhibitors: Each exhibitor will pay for a wristband for admission for the four days of fair.

Parents: Parents can purchase a season pass good for one admission per day for the four days of fair for \$18.00 or one-day admission at \$8.00 per day. Season passes can be purchased in the Main Office starting May 3rd. **No credentials will be sold through the livestock office.**

Parking: Parking for exhibitors, family, leaders, and advisors can purchase Livestock Parking permits for \$30.00. Parking permit must be

visible or vehicle will not be admitted to Livestock Parking. All vehicles must be parked in Livestock Parking or other parking provided. No trailers/campers will be allowed to park in the Livestock Parking. NO vehicles may be parked between, around or back of barns. All feed trailers can park across the street in the free parking lot, towards the back.

Leaders: FFA Advisors and 4-H Leaders may purchase a wristband for \$10.00 good for one day admission per day for the four days of the fair.

REFUNDS

No refund of entry fees will be made except for death of animal before the Fair. Refunds will be made only after a Veterinarian's Certificate is submitted proving such.

RULE COMPLIANCE

Any exhibitor, who fails to conform to accepted standards of conduct, will be removed immediately (with livestock) from the fairgrounds and all premiums and auction proceeds forfeited, if the situation is of a serious nature.

**** All Gates will operate as a paid gate on a 24 hour basis beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 13, 2010. ****

For a complete copy of the 2010 State Rules for California Fairs at www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe