

# ENTRY INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

## BE A WINNER ----- ENTER THE SHASTA DISTRICT FAIR

Study the Divisions and Classes available in the Department(s) you wish to enter to determine the proper category for your entry. If you need clarification of any rule or category, please write, email or call the Fair Office.

Please read all General State and Local Rules. Carefully read all special rules at the beginning of the Department you are interested in entering.

## ENTRIES WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED ONLINE.

If you do not have access to the internet or do not have a debit/credit card, you can come to the fair office to complete entries.

To enter, our website is [www.shastadistrictfairandeventcenter.com](http://www.shastadistrictfairandeventcenter.com).

Please call the fair office if you have any questions 530-378-6789.

The Management reserves the right to eliminate Divisions if sufficient entries are not received to afford competition.

### ENTRY FORM CLOSING DATES:

<b>Jr. &amp; Sr. Livestock Departments</b>	(Must include liability waiver)	<b>May 17th</b>	<b>5 PM</b>
<b>All Junior Vocational Arts</b>		<b>May 17th</b>	<b>5 PM</b>
<b>All Jr. &amp; Sr. Feature Booths</b>		<b>May 17th</b>	<b>5 PM</b>
<b>All Still Exhibits &amp; Special Contests</b>		<b>May 17th</b>	<b>5 PM</b>
<b>All Jr. &amp; Sr. Home Arts Departments</b>		<b>May 17th</b>	<b>5 PM</b>
<b>Agriculture Horticulture Department</b>		<b>June 14th</b>	<b>5 PM</b>
<b>Floriculture Department</b>		<b>June 14th</b>	<b>5 PM</b>
<b>Independent Exhibitors</b>			
Exhibitor/Parent/Fair Agreement for Steers & Heifers		<b>Feb 18th</b>	<b>5 PM</b>
Exhibitor/Parent/Fair Agreement for Small Animals		<b>April 17th</b>	<b>5 PM</b>

Late entries will NOT be accepted under any circumstances.

No Post entries will be accepted.

**Exhibitor Guidebook & Entry Forms Now Available On-Line**

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**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY** all rules, regulations and guidelines since important changes have been made. If rules are not complied with, premium awards shall be withheld.

**ENTRY GUIDEBOOK & ONLINE ENTRY FORMS** are available online at [www.shastadistrictfairandeventcenter.com](http://www.shastadistrictfairandeventcenter.com).

**STATE RULES:** All Local & State Rules, Health Rules, and Score Cards for Judging, as prescribed by the Division of Fairs and Expositions, available online, apply to all entries of this Fair. State Rule Booklets are available for viewing in the Fairgrounds Main Office, Livestock Office and online at [www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe).

**LOCAL DIVISIONS:** A class or division open only to legal “residents” or “producers” in the counties designated at the various Department or Division Headings.

## **ENTRY INFORMATION**

1. Entry closing date is for submission of online entry forms and fees only, and not for submission of exhibits. See Exhibits Delivery Schedule for Exhibits submission times.
2. Entry fees must be made at the time of online entry. Entry fees differ for each class and/or division. See specific class and/or division for entry fees. Entry fees are **non-refundable**.
3. If you enter the office, make entry fee checks payable to: **Shasta District Fair**.
4. All signatures and information necessary to determine that the exhibit is eligible must be done online.
5. It shall be the exhibitor’s responsibility to correct all deficiencies in connection with the entries or exhibiting which are required of them by the rules printed in this Guidebook.
6. All deficiencies must be corrected by the entry deadline. Awards will not be made for exhibits on which deficiencies have not been corrected.
7. If the Bank refuses the check for the entry fees, a penalty of \$25.00 per check must be paid prior to the judging of the entries. If the check is returned after the judging, any or all premiums won will be withheld until the fees and penalty are paid. Only cash, certified check or money orders are acceptable for these payments.
8. Exhibitor’s online signature on the entry form signifies their acceptance of the rules and regulations governing the Shasta District Fair as printed in the official Exhibitor’s Guidebook.
9. All entries in the still exhibits department must have been made, collected, grown, or prepared within 1 year of opening date of the fair, except as otherwise noted.
10. Any person who violates any General, State or Department Rule will forfeit all privileges and premiums.
11. **ABSOLUTELY NO LATE ENTRIES SHALL BE ACCEPTED:** All entries are subject to available facilities on a first come first serve basis. As soon as the facilities are filled, entries shall be closed.
12. All items must be completed after May 17, 2024, (unless otherwise noted).

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**JUNIOR STILL EXHIBITS:** Junior Still Exhibits will be displayed in Trinity Hall. Entries in junior still exhibits are limited to Shasta, Siskiyou, Modoc, Lassen, Plumas, Tehama and Trinity Counties (unless otherwise noted). The age of all juniors must be shown on entry form.

## AGE LIMITATIONS

1. FFA members may participate as members until the end of the calendar year following the year of graduation from high school. (For example, a graduate this year is eligible until December 31 of next year.)
2. 4-H members may participate as Primary Members Primary Level: Must be 5 years old or in kindergarten as of January 1, 2024, to exhibit at fair. Primary membership ends when members qualify as junior members. Exhibitors who are under 9 years of age as of January 1, 2024, are not eligible to compete in large animal competitions at California Fairs. Primary exhibitors are not judged but do receive a participation ribbon. Primary exhibitors may only enter in primary classes. All other membership and project requirements must also be satisfied. Junior, Intermediate, & Senior members must be 9 years old or in 4th Grade by January 1, 2024. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31 of the year in which they turn 19 years of age (does not apply for market animals, please see 'Sale Qualifications' under Livestock Rules).
3. Independent junior exhibitors may participate upon entering kindergarten or age 5 and not older than 18 years of age as of January 1, 2024, unless otherwise noted. Fair management can establish separate classes if there are sufficient entries. Independent junior exhibitors must not have been in a junior organization within 60 days to be eligible to participate. Junior exhibitors who are in an established junior organization cannot exhibit in the Junior Department Divisions as an "independent junior exhibitor" in the same organization that required exhibits to be a bona fide project and certified by an instructor, county agent or local leader. All entries must have been made, collected, grown or prepared within 1 year of the opening date of the fair unless otherwise noted.

## JUNIOR EXHIBIT ELIGIBILITY

1. Junior exhibitors must own and/or grow or construct their exhibits.
2. 4-H, FFA and Grange Exhibitors:
  - Eligibility of a project according to 4-H, FFA, or Grange rules shall be determined by the exhibitor's 4-H Youth Advisor, FFA Advisor, Grange Youth Advisor, Local Leader or designee.
3. Advisor, leader, teacher, or parent/guardian signature on the entry form is required by the fair certifying that:
  - Projects have been under their supervision in accordance with the rules and regulations of the organization and the fair; and the entry is the project of the exhibitor and is eligible for exhibit; Failure or refusal of such advisor, leader or parent/guardian to sign the required entry form will prevent the exhibitor from entering that particular class (es).
4. Independent exhibitors must enter the appropriate age group: 9-13 years of age must enter 4-H classes and 14-18 years of age must enter FFA or Grange classes. **Division and/or class placement of Independents is determined by Fair Management.**
5. All junior exhibitors must have project management records and proof of supervision available as to the length of the project.
6. All junior exhibitors must have "on ground" supervision by a responsible adult.

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**FOR JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AGE LIMITATIONS AND AUCTION GUIDELINES PLEASE SEE THE LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT RULES AND GUIDELINES.**

**AWARDS:** Placement of ribbon stickers, ribbons tags, or cards do not guarantee correct placing in judging. Only the official placing on the judging sheets constitutes final placement. All premium money will be paid from the judge's book and not from ribbons or awards that may be attached to the exhibit. Checks will be mailed no later than August 5, 2024. Premium checks are made payable to the owner listed on entry blank. All premium checks must be cashed within 1 year; otherwise checks will be revoked and void. **The Fair does not guarantee the payment of special premiums and awards offered in this guidebook by merchants and breed associations. These prizes are usually secured by the Fair with a promissory statement in good faith and must be contested under these conditions.**

**JUDGING:** All buildings will be closed while judging is being conducted, except where noted otherwise.

**ADEQUATE COMPETITION:** The Fair Management has the right to limit entries, return entries, transfer entries or combine divisions or classes, and/or cancel any Division or Class in which, in its judgment, the entries are insufficient to secure adequate competition. Any return of entries under this rule must be done generally and without discrimination.

**PREMIUMS:** In accordance with the state rules; no exhibitor shall receive more than two cash awards in any one class using American judging system.

- a. When an exhibitor earns more than two awards in a class, the exhibitor will receive the two highest cash awards, and the lesser cash awards will be moved down the placings to other exhibitors; ribbons will be awarded as placed.
- b. Any difference in payment limits under Danish system of judging shall be in the premium book.
- c. When the fair combines classes, an exhibitor is entitled to two cash awards per each class that was combined. Judges should determine special awards as printed before combining.

**Any violation of the state or local rules may result in forfeiture of all premiums and awards.**

**DECORATIONS:** All material and decorations MUST be made from NON-FLAMMABLE MATERIAL or treated and maintained in a FLAME-RETARDANT condition. The State Fire Marshal will check each Booth and Barn Area in regard to fire hazard.

**EXHIBIT RELEASE:** All still exhibits will be released from the Fairgrounds, Sunday, June 23, 2023 – 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. See Livestock Section for the Livestock Release Times. The Fair will not be responsible for any items left after the day of release of the entries. Entry items left longer than 10 days after the closing of the Fair will be donated to a charitable organization. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU HAVE YOUR CLAIM CHECKS TO PICK UP YOUR ITEMS. EACH EXHIBITOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PICKING UP THEIR OWN ITEMS OR ENTRY.**

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to or occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article exhibited by him/her and shall indemnify the 27th District Agricultural Association against all legal proceedings in regard thereto.

**SAFETY:** The Shasta District Fair will take reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of exhibits and property of every description entered for competition or display or any other purpose while anywhere on the Fairgrounds. In no case will the Shasta District Fair be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury of any character, to any property, article or person, while on the Shasta District Fairgrounds.

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**RULE INTERPRETATION:** The Shasta District Fair reserves the final and absolute right to interpret all local rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regards thereto, and also reserves the right to amend and add to the local rules. State Rule interpretation is solely at the discretion of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Division of Fairs & Expositions. The Shasta District Fair will enforce state rules as written.

**EXHIBIT STYLE:** The Fair reserves the right to order the removal of any exhibit that is not in the best interest of the Fair: which endangers the public: which is objectionable in any way: or which has been entered in violation of its rules and regulations.

## **SHASTA DISTRICT FAIR PROTEST POLICY**

*(Please refer to the California Division of Fairs and Expositions State Rule Booklet, available for viewing in the Main Office or the Livestock Office, or online at [www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe) for all pertinent Protest information.)*

A committee consisting of the Department Supervisor, Fair CEO, Exhibits Coordinator and two members of the Fair Committee will review the protest. If the protest is not resolved at this level, the protest may be presented to the Board of Directors at their first scheduled meeting. If the Board of Directors does not resolve the protest, the Division of Fairs and Expositions may intervene.

