LOCAL RULES

- Anyone is eligible to participate in the San Mateo County Fair with the exception of the Youth Livestock Department. Youth Livestock is open to San Mateo/San Francisco County residents ONLY.

- **Entry Fees:** Please see individual departments for entry fees. **All entry fees must accompany entry forms. Entry fees are nonrefundable.**
  Entry forms are available in the contest book or online at www.sanmateocountyfair.com
  All entries must be made on official entry forms furnished by the San Mateo County Fair or entered online and must be signed/authorized by the entrant.
  - Entry forms are accepted via drop-off, mail, fax or online at www.sanmateocountyfair.com. Per California State Rule II. Eligibility: Exhibitors are responsible for obtaining entry form(s) & rules from the Fair, and submitting form(s) and any required fees by the closing date as specified by Fair Management. The closing date for entries (except Livestock & Literary) is May 14, 2020. Fair Management encourages Exhibitors to enter online and not wait until the deadline. It is the Exhibitor's responsibility to receive confirmation of entries submitted to the Fair. Entry forms not received by the Fair by midnight May 14, 2020, will not be accepted unless submitted as a "Late Entry" and submitted via mail or drop-off only, and accompanied by an additional late entry fee of $100.00.
    Late Entry Form Deadline (Non-livestock) is May 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
    ALL ENTRY FORMS INCLUDING LATE ENTRY FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. No exceptions will be made by the Fair for late entries.
  - Exhibitors' signatures on the entry form and digital signatures online signify their acceptance of the rules, dates and regulations governing the San Mateo County Fair as printed in this official Contest Book. **It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to know entry drop off dates and times. If you miss the entry drop-off date you will not receive your complimentary admission tickets. No refunds will be issued.**
  - **Fair Management is NOT responsible for finding or amending errors in entries and may refuse entries without prejudice or discrimination.**
  - It is the Exhibitors responsibility to receive confirmation of entries submitted to the Fair.

- Fair Management shall reserve the right to limit entries to the facilities and may limit the number of entries made by an exhibitor. Any return of entries under this rule must be general and without discrimination.

- Fair Management reserves the right to order at any time the removal of any exhibit which is not in the best interest of the Fair.
  - Failure on the part of any exhibitor to maintain his/her exhibit to satisfaction of the Fair Management on the basis it was originally judged for the entire period of the show or the time specified in this schedule, shall cancel any awards made. The Fair Management shall have the right to remove any exhibit that becomes unsightly.

- The Judges work under the direction of the Department Supervisor. ALL decisions and awards from the Judges are final.

- Ribbons, tags or cards placed on an exhibit have no value as to payment. Awards are paid only from the records of the official judging sheets.

- All problems and errors regarding checks, prizes, gift certificates, etc., must be presented to the Fair Office prior to December 31, 2020. After that no checks will be cashed and/or honored.

- Premium checks, prizes, gift certificates, etc. will be mailed after the Fair. If checks have not been received within 60 days please notify the San Mateo County Fair Office. The Fair does not guarantee the payment of Special Premiums and awards offered by sponsors.

- **RESPONSIBILITY:** Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article exhibited by him/her, and shall indemnify the San Mateo County Event Center & Fair Association and the County of San Mateo against all legal proceedings in regard thereto. The San Mateo County Event Center & Fair Association will take reasonable precautions to insure the safety of exhibits and property of every description entered for competition, display, or any other purpose while anywhere on the grounds. Exhibits and property shall be subject to the control of the San Mateo County Event Center & Fair Association, but owners themselves must take the risk of exhibiting them. In no case will the Fair Association or the County of San Mateo be responsible in any loss, damage, injury of any character to any property, article or person, while on the grounds or at any time or place, nor be liable for or make any payment for damage, loss or injury.

- No exhibit may be dismantled or removed until the Monday, June 22, 2020 release day.
- **Entries will be released and MUST be picked up on Monday June 22, 2020 between the hours of 2:00pm and 7:00pm. Entries not picked up will be removed by Fair Management and stored at the owner's risk for 7 days. If you missed the entry release date and are within the 7 day holding period, you MUST call 650.931.3360 to schedule an appointment to pick up your entries.**

- ❖ Soliciting of any material will NOT be permitted.
- ❖ Fair Management reserves the right to cancel any class or contest with less than three exhibits or combine entries from various small classes to create a larger more competitive class.
- ❖ **PROTEST POLICY:** *See State Rules* www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe

The fair management reserves the final and absolute right to interpret all rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, and also reserves the right to amend and add to these rules.

PASS POLICIES

The following credential policy will be used by the San Mateo County Fair Association. This credential policy is for the exhibitor's convenience and is a courtesy from the San Mateo County Event Center & Fair Association. Fair Administration will make the final decision on who will or will not receive passes. Please do not abuse this policy.

- **LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS, PARENTS & LEADERS:** See Youth Livestock Section
- **NON-LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS:** Each exhibitor entering non-livestock exhibits (i.e.: Home Arts, Agriculture, Floral, Fine Art, etc.) will receive the following passes:
  - All exhibitors (except livestock) will receive 2 any-day participant passes
- **CHILDRENS/GROUP PROJECT:** Each child who worked on the project will receive one (1) admission pass to the Fair (limited to 20 passes per project). You must submit a list of each participant's name and attach it to the entry form. (If entering a group project online, email the list of participants to larvin@smcec.co **BEFORE** entry closing, May 14, 2020)
- **ADDITIONAL TICKETS:** Additional tickets may be purchased online at www.sanmateocountyfair.com or at the Event Center Office. These tickets **WILL NOT** be included in your entry packet.

ALL EXHIBITOR ADMISSION PASSES WILL BE ISSUED BY THE COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS OFFICE UPON CHECK IN. PASSES ARE GOOD FOR ANY DAY AND ALLOW ONE PERSON PER PASS.

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