

**2026 Exhibitor Code of Conduct for
Participation in the San Mateo County Fair
Youth Livestock Show**

As an animal exhibitor in the San Mateo County Fair Youth Livestock Program:

- I believe my participation should demonstrate my own ability, knowledge, and skill as the owner of my show animal(s). I understand the need to be responsible in developing the skills necessary to take my animal from the farm to the show ring. I understand that no adult may assist in the washing, grooming, feeding, fitting, handling, and showing of my animal(s).

I have read and will follow the competition rules, and will not use abusive, questionable, or unethical techniques in feeding, caring, fitting, and showing of my animal(s). I understand this applies to my animal as well as to me.

I also agree to abide by the following:

- Obscene or discriminatory language, bullying or insubordination of any kind will NOT be tolerated.
- Alcohol, drugs, weapons of any kind including pocketknives are not allowed on the fairgrounds including the parking lots and rv areas.
- Graffiti or destruction of any property is prohibited.

I have read and understand that all state, local & livestock rules apply. This code of conduct not only applies to my time at the fair, but to the length of my project.

- I understand and agree that when I, my parent/guardian, my supervisor/leader or any other adult and/or minor connected with my project or animal(s) break the rules, Fair Management has the right to disqualify myself and/or my animal. In the event this happens, I will also be at risk of forfeiting any awards/premiums won and the right to show in the future at the San Mateo County Fair and/or any other California Fairs.
- I accept that these entries are subject to the rules and regulations as published. I agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the fair, the county and the State of California from and against any liability, claim, loss or expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of any injury or damage, which is caused by, arises from or is in any way connected with participation in the program or event, excepting only that caused by the sole active negligence of the Fair. The Fair Management shall not be responsible for accidents or losses that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at the Fair. The exhibitor (or parent or guardian of a minor) is responsible for any injury or damage resulting from the exhibitor's participation in the program or event. This includes any injury to others or to the exhibitor or to the exhibitor's property.

Exhibitor's Name (Printed) _____ Age as of January 1, 2026 _____ Date _____

Exhibitor's Signature _____ Date _____

2025-2026 Grade in School _____ 4-H Club, FFA Chapter, Youth Group _____

By signing this Code, I agree as an adult associated with this youth exhibitor project and animal(s) that I will encourage the exhibitor to comply with the rules. I will not take any action or assist others to violate the rules governing the animal(s) entered by the youth exhibitor.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ **Date** _____

Project Leader/Supervisor Signature _____ **Specie** _____ **Date** _____

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THE EXHIBITOR CODE OF CONDUCT MUST BE UPLOADED BY ENTRY CLOSING
(APRIL 28, 2026 by 5:00pm)

This form MUST be filled out and signed by the exhibitor, parent/guardian, AND your project leader/supervisor for each specie you are entering.

Failure to submit the actual (wet) signature on this form of exhibitor, parent/guardian and your project leader/supervisor will lead to immediate dismissal of all entries.

NO INDIVIDUALS MAY SIGN ON BEHALF OF OTHERS.

Your livestock entry will not be accepted, and no refund will be given if this form is incomplete or missing by the livestock entry deadline.