



California Fairs and Expositions

Rules for 4-H Members

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There are a number of rules governing 4-H participation at Fairs and Expositions. These rules come from the 4-H Youth Development Program, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Fairs and Expositions (FE) Department, 4-H, FFA, and Grange Agreement and the specific fair or exposition itself.

CDFA Fairs and Expositions 2006 Rule Book

http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe/Fair_Information/State_Rules_for_California_Fairs.asp

4-H Policy Handbook Section 407

<http://ca4h.org/4hresource/handbook/HTML/Handbook400.01a.asp#Section407>

4-H, FFA, Grange Agreement

<http://ca4h.org/4hresource/handbook/appendices/4-HFFAGRANGE-OfficialAgreement2005.pdf>

Outlined below are common rules pertaining to 4-H members when showing at a fair:

Eligibility to Show

“Exhibitors, leaders, and advisors must be in good standing with the local and state organization(s) (4-H, Grange, FFA) to be eligible to exhibit at the fair.” – CDFA Rule Book Section II. Eligibility

Ages to Show:

“4-H Age Requirements: The levels of membership for 4-H are age and/or grade based. Each level is defined as follows:

Primary Level: Must be 5 years old or in kindergarten as of January 1 of the current program year 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 of the current program year are not eligible to compete in competitions at California Fairs.

Junior, Intermediate, & Senior: Must be 9 years old or in 4th Grade by January 1 of the current program year. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31 of the year in which they turn 19 years of age.”

- CDFA Rule Book Section VII. Junior Department

4-H, FFA, Grange Membership

“A member of an FFA chapter, Grange, or 4-H unit (club, group, etc.), or independent exhibitor may transfer projects from one organization/independent to another only once during a calendar year.”

- 4-H, FFA, Grange Agreement

Animal Ownership

“To be able to show a project at an endorsed fair, exposition, or other sponsored event, it must be owned and supervised the number of days outlined below. Transfers must take place not less than 60 days, (or the number of days required for the ownership and supervision of respective species whichever is greater), prior to the exhibit or award recognition of the project.

Poultry – must be owned and supervised for not less than 30 consecutive days and be enrolled in the project for not less than 60 consecutive days.

Rabbits – must be owned and supervised for not less than 30 consecutive days and be enrolled in the project for not less than 60 consecutive days.

All feeder and breeding animals (except rabbits, poultry and horses) must be owned and supervised for not less than 30 consecutive days and be enrolled in the project for not less than 60 consecutive days.

Market sheep, swine, veal, and goats – must be owned and supervised for not less than 60 consecutive days.

Market beef – must be owned and supervised for not less than 120 consecutive days.

Horses – must be owned/leased and supervised for not less than 120 consecutive days.”

- 4-H, FFA, Grange Agreement

Uniform

The CDFA Fairs and Exposition Rule Book and the 4-H Youth Development Organization do not mandate a uniform or attire for judging. The uniform requirement is set by each individual fair. The California State Fair Uniform Requirements are stated as:

“14. All 4-H exhibitors must be in 4-H uniforms when showing their animals in 4-H divisions or be disqualified from the class. The official State Fair 4-H uniform for girls consists of white dress, white blouse and skirt or white blouse and slacks, the green collar or 4-H tie and the 4-H Club cap. The official boys’ uniform consists of white pants, white long-sleeved or short-sleeved shirt, green 4-H tie, and the 4-H cap. All shirts/blouses must have a collar.” - California State Fair Livestock Rules

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