

YOUTH COMPETITIONS

Instructions to Exhibitors

1. All non-livestock junior classes in this guidebook are limited to residents of Sonoma and Marin counties and to members of 4-H clubs and FFA chapters of Sonoma and Marin counties who may reside elsewhere, except where specified.
2. All entries in the following divisions must have been made, collected, grown, or prepared and entered by exhibitors within one year of the opening date of the fair, except as otherwise noted.
3. All entries must have been made, collected, or prepared by the exhibitor in accordance with the requirements, or recommendations of that project program. Entries that require packaging and labeling, such as food preservation, must be done in accordance with directions and recipes in project manuals and outlines.
4. Preparation of projects for exhibit in the Youth Divisions: the Sonoma County Fair encourages the cooperation of 4-H and FFA exhibitors assisting one another in the preparation and exhibition of their projects. It also recognizes that beginning members of the 4-H and FFA need some help and advice. This can best be accomplished by youngsters working with one another. (*Learn by doing.*)

A Note About Thank You Notes...

Please take a moment to thank the sponsor of the award you receive. It means a lot to the sponsor and often makes the difference as to whether they will keep supporting the fair! The information is supplied on each award.

Judging Systems Used for Fair Competitions:

There are two different forms of judging that take place within the non-livestock departments:

American – the judging process to rank exhibits against one another and award one first placing, one second placing, etc.

Danish – the judging process to compare each exhibit on its own merit against the scorecard or recognized standard and award as many first placings, etc. as merited. In all junior departments using the Danish system, the following guidelines shall be used by judges:

Judging Scale – Danish System

	Quality	Score	Ribbon
1st Group	Superior	90-100%	Blue
2nd Group	Good	80- 89%	Red
3rd Group	Average/Acceptable	70- 79%	White
4th Group	Poor/Undesirable	69% Or Less	No Ribbon