

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING
Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc
Notice is hereby given that meetings of the Sonoma County Fair and Exposition, Inc.
will convene at times and location set forth in this notice

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS, AGRICULTURE & EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS COMMITTEE

Tuesday – January 8, 2019
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
Administration Office – Board Room

DIRECTORS

Annette O'Kelley, Chair; Doug Beretta, Vice-Chair; Cindy Crane, Marcia Mickelson,
Marilyn Herzog, Bev Palm

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Public Comments *(Any member of the audience desiring to address the Board on a matter not on the agenda: Please stand and after receiving recognition from the Chair, please state your name and make your comments. In order that all interested parties have an opportunity to address the Board, each person is granted 3 minutes to speak. While members of the public are welcome to address the Board, under the Brown Act, Board members may not deliberate or take action on items not on the agenda, and generally may only listen. For items that are on the agenda, each person will be allowed to address the topic being discussed, and will be allowed 3 minutes to speak.*
4. Update 2019 Hall of Flowers: Greg Duncan
5. Discussion and Possible Action: Award Thank You Notes
6. Discussion and Possible Action: 2019 Fair Slogan (Attachment #1)
7. Discussion and Possible Action: Late Non-Livestock Entry Policy (Attachment #2)
8. Discussion and Possible Action: Barrow Challenge (Attachment # 3)
9. Discussion and Possible Action: YQCA (Attachment #4)
10. Discussion and Possible Action: Lads & Ladies Lead Proposal (Attachment #5)
11. Discussion and Possible Action: Rodeo Queen Local Requirement (Attachment #6)
12. Discussion & Possible Action: 2019 Suggested Changes (Attachment #7)
13. Distribution of Ag Days Sign-Up, Livestock Calendar, Exhibit Department Calendar
14. Request for Future Agenda Items (non-discussion item)
 - a. Ag Recognition Awards/Hall of Flowers/Guidebook Dedication
 - b. Ag Literacy/Sweet Lil's
 - c. Advisory Committee Roles
 - d. Fair Award Ceremony
 - e. Addition of Dog Agility
 - f. Policy about using the new BBQ
 - g. Show Etiquette Policy
 - h. Fair Photography
15. Adjournment

DISABLED ACCOMMODATION: If you are a person with a disability and require information or materials in an appropriate alternative format; or if you require any other accommodation, please contact Lorna Fox at 707-545-4200 x201. Advance notification within this guideline will enable the County to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility.

2019 Fair Slogan Ideas

- Head 'em, Up, Move 'em Out...Its' Fairtime!
- Move 'em Out....Its Fairtime!
- Back to our Roots in Cowboy Boots!
- Summer Days & Country Ways
- Summer Days & Western Ways
- Western Ways & Carnival Days
- Carnival Lights & Western Lights
- Summertime Stampede!
- Way Out Wild West
- Buckle Up for Western Fun
- A Wild West Ride
- Come and Get It
- Saddle Up for Fun
- A Country A Fair
- Saddle up for Fun
- How the West had fun

Sonoma County Fair Late Still Exhibit Policy

Current Livestock Late Fee: Late Livestock entries will be accepted until 5:00 PM on July 15 for a \$100 late fee.

Suggested Non-Livestock Late Policy: Late Non-Livestock entries will be accepted until 5:00 PM on July 5 for a \$25 late fee per entry. (Late entries must be submitted in-person.)

Submitted by Swine Advisory Committee:

Open Jr. Barrow Challenge Born & Bred in Sonoma County

Sonoma county Fair

c/o Heather Borck

Dear: Heather

Here are the guidelines for the Barrow Challenge!

- 1) only one entrée per exhibitor**
- 2) Entrée fee of ten dollars**
- 3) open to barrows born and from sow bred in Sonoma county**
- 4) Barrows must have been exhibited in the So. Co. Jr. Market show**
- 5) Recommend Barrow Challenge follow Showmanship**
- 6) Have a different judge for barrow challenge (sponsored by the Swine seed stock producers)**
- 7) Exhibitors are required to show in whites only!**
- 8) prize money to top ten placing as follows. 1st-25% 2nd- 20% 3rd-4th & 5th 10% 6th – 10th 5%**
- 9) Recommended Judges – James Backman - John Mendez – Brad Mendez**

Thank you for assistance and a great job last year. Please give me a call if you have any questions. Also I would be happy to sponsor the belt buckle if Buds meat does not.

Sincerely,

Charlie Hawkes – for S.A.C.

Amend Sonoma County Fair Quality Assurance and Ethics Policy to match 2019 State Rules:

STATE RULE: In order to participate in a youth livestock program (excluding horse, cavies & dogs) at any California Fair, all exhibitors 9 years of age and older must obtain annual certification in the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program or a comparable fair run program approved by the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Fairs and Expositions Branch. Those not certified are not eligible to participate at a California Fair.

Suggested Sonoma County Fair: In order to participate in the youth livestock program (excluding horse, cavies & dogs) at the Sonoma County Fair, all exhibitors 9 years of age and older must obtain annual certification in the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program. Certification must be submitted at the time of entry.

Discussion and Possible Action: Lads & Ladies Lead Proposal

2018 Format

DEPARTMENT #47 – SHEEP LEAD

Exhibitors limited to Junior Sonoma & Marin County Residents
Cash Awards offered by Sonoma County Fair – \$984.00

Entries Close:	Sunday, June 30, 11:59 p.m.
Entry Fee:	\$2.00 per entry
Limit:	One entry per exhibitor
Judging Time:	Tuesday, August 6, 7:00 p.m. 9-13 followed by 14 & up
Commentary:	Each contestant must fill out a commentary sheet, available from the entry office. Bring to the Mandatory Meeting. Commentaries must be typed in third person and on Fair issued form.

Rules

- Age will be determined as of opening day of fair. See class breakdown below.
- Lead contestants may show any age ewe. (*Rams not allowed.*)
- All sheep must be conditioned, fitted, and trained to show at halter.
- All contestants are to wear an outfit made of a minimum of 60% wool.
- Note: You do not need to own the sheep used in lead classes.
- You do not need to sew the outfits or costumes. They can be store bought as long as they meet the wool requirements.
- Entries will be judged on mode of dress selected, which must be appropriate, attractive and lend elegance to the Class.
- Entries in these classes will be open to anyone meeting the requirements listed below. The objectives of this class are to present a class of sheep in the most attractive manner, to give spectators a real opportunity to view a class of beauty and to enhance the image of the Sheep Industry.

American System of Judging							
Cash Awards offered per class							
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
\$27	\$23	\$19	\$15	\$15	\$8	\$8	\$8
<i>Place and Participation Rosettes</i>							

Division 4709 – Sheep Lead**Division 4710 – Costume Lead****Class**

- Junior Sheep Lead – 9 to 13 years
- Junior Sheep Lead – 14 years and up

Division 4711 – Sheep Lead Awards

Junior Sheep Lead 9 - 13 -\$25 by North Bay Wool Growers Aux.
Junior Sheep Lead 14 & Up - Wool Pelt & \$25 by North Bay Wool Growers Aux.

SHEEP LEAD – SCORECARD FOR JUDGING	
General Appearance	50%
Coordination of ensemble (use of wool) & Suitability of Style.	(20)
Presentation of garment.....	(10)
Coordination of outfit with sheep.....	(10)
Eye Appeal.....	(10)
Showmanship.....	25%
Ability to lead & Handle sheep	25%
Appearance of animal	(15)
Personal Presentation (Poise)	(10)
TOTAL	100%

DEPARTMENT #47 – LADS & LADIES LEAD

Exhibitors limited to Junior Sonoma & Marin County Residents
 Cash Awards offered by Sonoma County Fair – \$984.00

Entries Close:	Sunday, June 30, 11:59 p.m.
Entry Fee:	\$2.00 per entry
Limit:	One entry per exhibitor
Judging Time:	Thursday, August 1, 7:00 p.m. 9-13 followed by 14 & up
Commentary:	Each contestant must fill out a commentary sheet, available from the entry office. Bring to the mandatory meeting. Commentaries must be in third person and on Fair issued form.

Rules

1. Age will be determined as of opening day of fair. See class breakdown below.
2. Lead contestants may show any market lamb or goat.
3. All animals must be conditioned, fitted, and trained to show at halter.
4. Note: You do not need to own the sheep/goat used in lead classes.
5. You do not need to sew the outfits or costumes. They can be store bought.
6. Entries will be judged on mode of dress selected, which must be appropriate, attractive and lend elegance to the class.
7. Participants must be 2019 Sonoma County Fair junior livestock exhibitors.
7. Entries in these classes will be open to anyone meeting the requirements listed below.
8. The objectives of this division are to represent sheep/goats in the most attractive manner, to give spectators a real opportunity to view a class of beauty and to enhance the image of the Sheep & Goat Industry.

American System of Judging
 Cash Awards offered per class

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
\$27	\$23	\$19	\$15	\$15	\$8	\$8	\$8

Place and Participation Rosettes

Division 4709 – Sheep/Goat Lead (promotion of lamb/goat products)

Division 4710 – Costume Lead

Class

1. 9 to 13 years
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Showmanship.....	25%
Ability to lead & Handle animal	25%
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Personal Presentation (Poise)	(10)
TOTAL	100%

Discussion and Possible Action: Rodeo Queen Local Requirement

Addition of entry requirement: Applicant must be a graduate of a Sonoma or Marin County High School.

2019 Suggested Changes

1. Add to local rules: Exhibitor must show his/her own animal.
Suggested Local Rule Addition: Junior livestock exhibitors must show their own project animals, unless two of their project animals are assigned to the same class. Exhibitors requiring a special exemption to this rule must submit a written request to show management prior to the show to obtain official approval.
 Junior Livestock Auction Rules: Junior livestock exhibitors must show their own project animals in market evaluation classes, unless two of their project animals are assigned to the same weight class. Exhibitors requiring a special exemption to this rule must submit a written request to show management prior to the show to obtain official approval.
 Code of Excellence: Junior exhibitors are expected to care for, groom, and exhibit their own animals while at the Sonoma County Fair.
2. Add to local rules as well as applicable departments: No washing of livestock in Lytle Cow Palace.
3. Revert Open Beef Classes to 2017 version (excluding Hereford & Angus)
4. Add to Beef/Dairy Divisions: Milking equipment/clipping chutes must be kept out of the walkways.
5. Market Beef: Add a Charolais division (no cost to the fair)
6. Dairy Goat: Change "Get of Sire" class definition for the youth show so that they are NOT required to have a milking doe in the grouping.
7. Swap AOP Open Dairy Goat Division for Oberhasli Division
8. Add to Market Goat & Lambs: Additional tags must be removed prior to arrival on the fairgrounds. (excluding fair issued, scrapie or other federal id) Currently listed in tagging day information.
9. Currently in local rules: Add to poultry department. All Poultry and rabbits must be identified by a leg band/tattoo prior to entering the fairgrounds.
10. Add to Open Sheep wether sire division, pair of ram lambs, pair of yearling ewes, pair of ewes lambs (cost approx. \$500)
11. Add to Market Hogs: No feeding/feed dumping in wash racks.
12. Junior Swine change Breeders Choice to Produce of Dam.
13. Junior Swine: Raise champion & reserve champion to \$25 and \$10 (Approx. cost to fair additional \$160)

No Recommendation

1. FFA would like age/ grade breaks for showmanship like 4-H has
2. Open Boer goats would like to use shavings (determine with contractor)
3. Too much parent/leader involvement (determine consequence structure)
4. Loud/vulgar music should not be played in the barn.
5. Allow exhibitors to purchase extra stalls.
6. Primary 4-H Pygmy Goat Division
7. Fans or porta cools in sheep & swine rings.

8. Change time/location of Market Poultry Auction as exhibitors had a hard time getting onto block. (Staff explore how to make this easier)

Recommend No Action:

1. Add lameness to list of disqualifications by veterinarian
2. Any animal that arrives at the fair with active warts or unhealed wart removal will be sifted
Currently in book: Specific health conditions that may warrant dismissal are: Active ringworm (lesions are considered active until skin is normal), warts, soremouth, scours or dysentery, pinkeye, lice, mites, footrot, pneumonia, and abscesses which are balding, showing hair separation, open, draining or still scabbed. Animals having surgical sites resulting from abscess removal are unacceptable if they have sutures (stitches), scabs, or are draining. In addition, any animal found to be in an unsafe or unsightly condition (i.e. prolapse), are in distress or are injured will be dismissed from the grounds.
3. Market Steers Clipping 1/4" vs slick sheer versus shearing up or shearing down
Currently in book: A. **All market steers must be slick shorn to within 1/4" of growth. (approx. 7 days prior to fair)**
B. Entire steer must be shorn, excluding leg area from knee & hock down & tail switch.
C. No clipping will be permitted on fairgrounds. (*Exception: animals not meeting above requirements may be touched-up.*)
4. Market Steer: Horns allowable length
Currently in book: NO HORNED MARKET STEERS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.
Scurs over 2" in length will require removal prior to arrival to Fairgrounds.
14. Clarify Hoof Paint Rule
Currently in book: Market Animal Fitting: No hair or skin dyes, paints or colorants (including powder), or adhesives are allowed to be used. No products or materials may be used to manipulate the hair on legs. Exhibitors may continue to use oils or clear coat products to enhance shine as well as external applications of substances for appearance to the hooves. No shadow painting or practices that change the animal's natural appearance.
15. Add an Open Beef division and break out which ever breed has the most entries from AOB/Add a Charolais Division (Cost to fair: Approx. \$7,500)
16. Close the open barn early in the evening if the Jr barn is empty (Instead add additional security)
17. Placing ribbons for Market Classes and all of showmanship
18. Additional wash racks in Lyttle Cow Palace
19. Open Boer Goats two shows: One county fair show and one point show only. (Schedule does not currently allow)
20. Add Junior Dairy Goat Costume Contest
21. Open & Junior Dairy Goats in at the same time (not enough room in the barn)
22. Utilize previous year entries to determine showmanship breakdown
23. Junior Dairy Cattle separate judge for showmanship
24. Mandatory pre-show meeting of the exhibitors or an acknowledged receipt of written milk barn rules is necessary.
25. Reinstate special juniors
26. Add two additional open sheep divisions (additional cost \$3,000)
27. Add market swine pee wee showmanship
28. Addition of reserve supreme for market species
29. Addition of rubber mats in swine wash racks