



# PHOTOGRAPHY

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

2023 Kern County Fair .....	September 20 - October 1, 2023
Online Entries Open .....	Thursday, June 15, 2023
Online Entries Close .....	Friday, September 8, 2023
Entries Accepted.....	Saturday, September 16 • 9 AM - 5 PM
Entries Released .....	Monday, October 2 • 8 AM - Noon

## HOW TO ENTER

### ONLINE ENTRIES

Review the Department Rules and Guidelines  
 Choose from the Divisions and Classes listed  
 Enter Online at [kerncountyfair.com](http://kerncountyfair.com) and pay the entry fee

### EXHIBITOR NAME

Entries must be made under the name of the individual who prepared it.  
 Do not use business or fictitious names.  
 Enter using the exhibitor's name as it will appear on the display tag.

### ENTRY CONFIRMATION

An email confirmation will be sent immediately after your online payment is received.  
 If the email confirmation does not arrive shortly after submitting payment, please check your spam/junk folder before contacting the Kern County Fair.

### HELP WITH ENTERING

Phone: During Office Hours, (661) 833-4914 | Email: [entry@kerncountyfair.com](mailto:entry@kerncountyfair.com)  
 Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday: 9 AM - 5 PM

## PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE

Chairman: Jimmy Bunting  
 Committee: Karl Bunting, David Bunting, Ryan Bunting, Maryellen Hess, Justin Huang

## ENTRY LIMIT + ENTRY FEES

Adult Photography (18 years and older)

*All Junior entries will enter in the Junior Exhibits Department and will be displayed in Building 1*

**Adult Divisions 750 - 753:** \$3 per entry

Entry Limit: 8 entries per exhibitor, 2 entries per class

## ENTRY DROP OFF + PICK UP

1. Late deliveries will not be accepted
2. Entries may be delivered by someone other than the exhibitor
3. Deliver entries to the Fine Arts Building #4 (Gate 27) on Saturday, September 16 (9AM - 5PM)
4. Pick up entries at the Fine Arts Building #4 on Monday, October 2 (8 AM - Noon).
5. No Security will be provided after release date.

## JUDGING

### AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING

Each exhibit is judged not only on its own merit, but in comparison to other exhibits using score cards prepared by the State Division of Fairs and Expositions and Fair Management. First, Second, Third Place and Honorable Mention may be awarded in each Class if judges so determine. More than one Honorable Mention per Class may be awarded. Judges are not obligated to place entries if they feel they are without sufficient merit.

## PREMIUMS + AWARDS

### PREMIUMS PER CLASS

*DIVISIONS 750 - 753*

1ST \$20 • 2ND \$15 • 3RD \$10

BEST OF DIVISION \$50

BEST OF SHOW: \$100

CHAIRMAN'S CHOICE: \$25

SWEEPSTAKES PER DIVISION

1ST \$75, 2ND \$50, 3RD \$25

### Senior Citizen Award

A special ribbon and \$25.00 will be awarded to the oldest person (65+).

# GENERAL RULES

1. Local and State Rules govern this competition.
2. Exhibitors are responsible for reading the Competition Guidelines and must abide by them.
3. Wrong division and class numbers may lead to disqualification. If assistance is needed to determine the Division and/or Class, please contact the Competitive Exhibits Office at (661) 833-4914 or [entry@kerncountyfair.com](mailto:entry@kerncountyfair.com).
4. Entry fees are non-refundable. There will be no refunds for any reason. By entering the competition, you are confirming that you accept the no-refund policy.
5. Entries previously exhibited at the Kern County Fair are not eligible.
6. Final acceptance of the entry will be left to the discretion of the Program Coordinator. Judges and/or the Program Coordinator have the option of reassigning an entry to a more appropriate Division or Class.
7. **The Kern County Fair is a family event. No entry with offensive or objectionable content will be accepted. This includes but is not limited to: work dealing with drug use, obscenity, defamatory statements, violence, gang activity, nudity, satanic or cult themes or other offensive or objectionable content. This is at the discretion of the Kern County Fair staff.**
8. The State of California nor Kern County Fair & Event Center will be responsible for any loss, damage or theft of exhibitors' property brought on the premises during the period of the Kern County Fair. Reasonable efforts will be undertaken to safeguard exhibitors' property against loss, damage or theft, in the handling and exhibiting of entries.
9. Premium awards may be withheld if rules and regulations are not complied with.
10. Entries and required fees must be submitted by the closing date as specified in each department. Entries will not be accepted after the closing date.
11. Exhibitors are requested to keep their exhibits fresh and attractive.
12. Exhibitors may not remove their exhibit before the official release date.
13. Premiums are paid only from the records of the judges' sheet. Ribbons, tags, or cards have no value as to payment.
14. Employees and their spouses are not eligible to enter the department in which they or their spouses are employed.
15. Sweepstakes shall be awarded on a basis of total ribbons won, with points to be counted as follows: 1st - 5 points, 2nd - 3 points, 3rd - 1 point. In the case of a tie, the exhibitor with the most blue ribbons shall be the winner, per Division.
16. All decorative material must be flameproof. The Fire Department Code and The California State Industrial Accident Commission Code and Rulings, require all decorative material to be flameproof. No straw or hay will be allowed in any exhibit.
17. There will be a \$30 stop payment for lost premium checks.
18. Exhibitors must live in Kern County.

# PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT RULES

1. **Anyone who advertises themselves as a professional OR receives \$500 or more in annual income from photography is considered a professional.**
2. Title of each photo MUST be on entry. Titles are for identification purposes only.
3. Photos may be processed and mounted by professional photo finishers.
4. Photos entered in prior Kern County Fairs are not eligible.
5. Photos will only be accepted and released on dates and times listed.
6. Photo must bear name and print title on back side.
7. Photo size minimum 8" x 10" up to 11" x 14" - except where stated otherwise.
8. Photo must be mounted on an 11" x 14" mounting board.
9. No frames or matting - they are just too heavy.
10. Digital camera images must be of photographic quality and printed on photo quality paper.
11. No photo will be accepted with date stamp on the front.
12. Do not use double stick tape or glue stick etc. Use photographic spray adhesive or professional mounting. Foam Core brand is acceptable as are colored mounting boards.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

### DIVISION 750: **BLACK AND WHITE**

#### CLASS:

1. Action
2. Abstract/Conceptual (images with digital manipulation for artistic purposes)
3. Animals - Domestic (pets and livestock)
4. Children
5. Close-up or Scientific
6. Food
7. Freshwater Scenes
8. Inanimate Object (architecture, parked vehicles, interior settings, still life, etc.)
9. Kern County
10. Landscapes (vistas, mountains, deserts, forests, seascapes, skylscapes, rural scenes, etc.)
11. Nature and Wildlife
12. People
13. Photo Journalism
14. Plants and Flowers
15. Sunrise/Sunsets
16. Travel
17. Large print (any subject) 16"x20", board mounted only

### DIVISION 751: **COLOR**

#### CLASS:

1. Action
2. Abstract/Conceptual (images with digital manipulation for artistic purposes)
3. Animals - Domestic (pets and livestock)
4. Children
5. Close-up or Scientific
6. Food
7. Freshwater Scenes
8. Inanimate Object (architecture, parked vehicles, interior settings, still life, etc.)
9. Kern County
10. Landscapes (vistas, mountains, deserts, forests, seascapes, skylscapes, rural scenes, etc.)
11. Nature and Wildlife
12. People
13. Photo Journalism
14. Plants and Flowers
15. Sunrise/Sunsets
16. Travel
17. Large print (any subject) 16"x20", board mounted only

# PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY

## DIVISION 752: PROFESSIONAL BLACK AND WHITE

### CLASS:

1. Action
2. Abstract/Conceptual (images with digital manipulation for artistic purposes)
3. Animals - Domestic (pets and livestock)
4. Children
5. Close-up or Scientific
6. Food
7. Freshwater Scenes
8. Inanimate Object (architecture, parked vehicles, interior settings, still life, etc.)
9. Kern County
10. Landscapes (vistas, mountains, deserts, forests, seascapes, skylscapes, rural scenes, etc.)
11. Nature and Wildlife
12. People
13. Photo Journalism
14. Plants and Flowers
15. Sunrise/Sunsets
16. Travel
17. Large print (any subject) 16"x20", board mounted only (no frames)
18. Large print (any subject) no larger than 40"x80", board mounted only (no frames)

## DIVISION 753: PROFESSIONAL COLOR

### CLASS:

1. Action
2. Abstract/Conceptual (images with digital manipulation for artistic purposes)
3. Animals - Domestic (pets and livestock)
4. Children
5. Close-up or Scientific
6. Food
7. Freshwater Scenes
8. Inanimate Object (architecture, parked vehicles, interior settings, still life, etc.)
9. Kern County
10. Landscapes (vistas, mountains, deserts, forests, seascapes, skylscapes, rural scenes, etc.)
11. Nature and Wildlife
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