

General Information & Local Rules

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Fairgrounds

San Bernardino County Fair is located in Victorville, off 7th Street, east of the 15 Freeway. Our address is:
14800 7th Street, Victorville, CA 92395.

Fair dates and Times

The 2026 79th Annual San Bernardino County Fair will be held

Saturday, May 23rd - Monday, May 25th and Friday, May 29th - Sunday, May 31st. Gates are open 2—10 p.m.

Closing hours for the exhibit buildings will be 9 p.m. daily unless otherwise authorized.

State Rules

All local and State Rules, Health Rules and Score Cards for judging, as prescribed by the Division of Fairs and Expositions, apply to all entries of this Fair. State Rules can be found on-line at:

[https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/FairsAndExpositions/Documents/Circular Letters/2025/2025 State Rules for California Fairs.pdf](https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/FairsAndExpositions/Documents/Circular%20Letters/2025/2025%20State%20Rules%20for%20California%20Fairs.pdf).

All State Rules for California Fairs apply to the event and will be strictly enforced. Check with each department you wish to enter for specific entry form instructions and guidelines. Please see that each requirement has been complied with to avoid possible premium disallowances. Entries will be accepted in the "Any other" or "Miscellaneous" classes **only** when the item or article represents a substantial difference from the classes offered. In all departments the Fair Management reserves the right to limit entries to the available space in the facility and may limit the number of entries made by an Exhibitor. Any return of entries under this rule will be made generally and without discrimination.

Entrance Requirements

All competitive entry divisions are open to all residents of San Bernardino County and to residents of adjacent counties. See each department's guidelines and entry qualifications. If you are in doubt as to the division or class your entry belongs, please call the Chair Person of that department or the SBC Fair entry office (760) 951-2200.

Entry Form Deadlines

All Entries MUST be done online. No paper entry forms will be accepted.

If you need assistance or have questions; please call our office at 760-951-2200

The deadline for Competitive Entries is Sunday, April 12, 2026

See Livestock department for ALL Livestock information.

Entry Fees

Entry fees, unless noted, for Adult Divisions are \$2.00 per entry and Youth Divisions are \$1.00 per entry.

No refunds; entry fees will be forfeited on entries not exhibited.

Exhibitor's Responsibility

Exhibitor's acknowledge the acceptance of the guidelines, rules and regulations governing the San Bernardino County Fair as printed in the Official Exhibitor's Handbook and the California Division of Fairs and Expositions State Rules, once an online entry is processed and paid for. Any person who violates any General, State or Department Rule will forfeit all privileges and premiums.

Sale of Exhibit

The Fair will not permit the sale of any exhibit or any part of an exhibit.

Exhibits Arrival - Fairgrounds

Please see our **Schedule of Events** for arrival dates/times.

Exhibit Releases

Exhibitors must have Claim Check Stub (which was given on receiving day), in order for your exhibits to be released by the Department Chairperson or Fair Management. All exhibits released on Monday, June 1, 2026 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m..

All items not picked up within **10 days** of the closing date of the 2026 San Bernardino County Fair will become the Fair's property and will be disposed of at the discretion of the Fair Management.

Non-Liability of Association

Entries are made at Exhibitor's risk. A thorough system of security supervision will be maintained. The Fair Management ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY for loss, injury or damage done to or occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article exhibited by him/her, and shall indemnify the 28th District Agricultural Association against all legal proceedings in regard thereto. Presentation of entry form shall be deemed acceptance of this rule. Exhibitor will provide own exhibit insurance.

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Decorations

All decorative material must be FLAME PROOF in accordance with requirements of the State Fire Marshal. Corn stalks, hay and/or other dry decorative material must be treated with an approved retardant preparation.

Safety

The San Bernardino County Fair will take reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of exhibits and property of every description entered for competition or display or any other purpose while anywhere on the Fairgrounds. In no case will the 28th District Agricultural Association be responsible for any loss, damage or injury of any character, to any property, article or person, while on the 28th District Agriculture Association Fairground.

Cancellation of Exhibit Privileges

The Management reserves the right to refuse, accept and/or cancel entries, disqualify exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries, or cancel awards without claim for damages.

Interpretation of Rules and Protests etc.

The Management reserves the final and absolute right to interpret all local rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regards thereto, and also reserves the right to amend and add to the local rules. State Rule interpretation is solely at the discretion of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Division of Fairs & Expositions. The San Bernardino County Fair will enforce State Rules as written.

Premium Checks

Placement of ribbons **does not guarantee correct placing by the judges**. Only the official placing on the certified judging sheets constitutes the final placement. All premium money will be paid from the official judging sheet results and not from ribbons or awards that may be attached to the exhibit. **The Fair does not guarantee additional payment from sponsors. These prizes are typically secured by the Fair with a promissory statement from the sponsor in good faith and if not received the Fair is not responsible for payment.** Premium scales are listed in each Department. Ribbons, tags and cards have no value as payment. **ONLY THE OFFICIAL PLACING ON THE JUDGING SHEET CONSTITUTES THE FINAL PLACEMENT.**

***Important Premium Pay-Out Information—** Premium and donated cash awards for **Competitive Exhibits** will be issued in person by a staff member from the Competitive Exhibits Office. Exhibitors that earned premiums and donated cash awards will pick them up **after picking up their items on Pick-Up Day, Monday, June 1, 2026 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.** with ID and/or claim checks to claim their monies. If you were not able to pick up your items on Monday; you will come to the Main Office, located at the Fairgrounds to pick up your items, premiums and donated cash awards on **Tuesday, June 2, 2026 through Thursday, June 4, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. only.** **Premium and Donated Cash awards not claimed by June 4, 2026 at 3 p.m. will be forfeited by the exhibitor.**

Judging Systems

AMERICAN: The judging process which ranks exhibits against one another and awards one 1ST place award, one 2ND place award, etc.

DANISH: The judging process which compares each exhibit on its own merit against the scorecard or recognized standard and awards as many first place awards, second place awards, etc., as merited.

Best of Show

Best of show will be selected from first place entries only.

Exhibitor Distinctions

As defined in the State Rules Book found online at:

https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/FairsAndExpositions/Documents/Circular_Letters/2025/2025_State_Rules_for_California_Fairs.pdf

AMATEUR: A person who engages in an event or activity as a pastime rather than a profession.

PROFESSIONAL: A person who engages in an event or activity as a livelihood rather than a hobby.

Formation or Combination of Classes

In all departments the Fair Management reserves the right to combine with another class or eliminate classes with less than three (3) entries and/or may form new classes with no less than three different exhibitors with three different entries.