

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

THIS HANDBOOK IS PRODUCED IN ADVANCE AND IS SUBJECT TO ANY ACTION THAT MAY CAUSE REVISION OR CURTAILMENT OF CLASSES, DIVISIONS, SECTIONS AWARDS, PREMIUMS, OR REGULATIONS AS LISTED.

For Additional Junior Exhibit Information, Refer to Junior Division Rules and Junior Livestock Auction Rules

1. Use a separate entry form for each category (i.e. baked goods, clothing, floriculture). Entries must be on official Placer County Fair Entry Form or entries will not be accepted.
2. All information on the entry form requested by the Fair must be complete. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to make corrections on entry forms and return before the entry deadline.
3. Entry Deadlines are as follows:
 - Friday, May 29, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. for:
 - All Senior Divisions except Agriculture/Horticulture, Arrangements and Cut Flowers Divisions
 - All FFA and 4-H Divisions
 - All Junior Divisions except Agriculture/Horticulture and Arrangements
 - Monday, June 8, 2009, at noon for:
 - Senior Agriculture/Horticulture and Senior Arrangements
 - Junior Agriculture/Horticulture and Junior Arrangements
4. Exhibitors, leaders and advisors must be in good standing with the local and state organization(s) (4-H, FFA, Grange) to be eligible to exhibit at the Fair.
5. NOTICE: Entries in 4-H, FFA and Grange divisions are restricted to residents of Placer County. Exhibitors whose club or chapter is in Placer County but who do not reside in Placer County must submit a letter requesting a waiver from this requirement to Placer County Fair Management. The letter should explain the exhibitor's reason for enrollment in an organization outside of their county of residency. In the case of livestock projects, the letter must also state the exhibitor's guarantee that they intend to sell market animals at Placer County and/or Gold Country Fairs exclusively (the only exception is to sell a market animal at Junior Grand National or California State Fair).
6. In order to be eligible to show and/or sell an animal at the Placer County Fair 4-H members must have been enrolled in 4-H by December 15, 2008.
7. Fair Management reserves the right to close the entries when all available space has been filled or to limit entries according to space available and to eliminate/combine classes or divisions if insufficient entries are received. If a division or class is eliminated all entry fees will be refunded. There must be a minimum of 15 animals entered in order to constitute a show in any given Open Dairy Goat division.
8. Senior Beef Cattle and Senior Sheep Divisions will be open to the State of California with priority given to the residents of Placer, El Dorado, Sacramento, Sutter, Yuba and Nevada counties as space allows. Residents of Placer County and surrounding areas previously listed must submit their entries prior to May 18th in order to receive preference over exhibitors from outside the County. Entries will be accepted until the facilities are filled or May 29th.
9. Entries in the Senior Dairy Goats are open to the World. Placer County Senior Dairy Goat entries have priority over the adjoining communities when space is limited.
10. If the owner or co-owner of livestock or other exhibits used or housed outside Placer County is a bonafied resident of Placer County, then such livestock or other exhibits in which they have a financial interest shall be eligible for entry in the local class. Evidence of residence may be required, i.e.: current driver's license and/or voter registration card.
11. To assure a balanced show, the first two exhibitors with five head or more from each division will have priority for space. Additional entries will be accepted as received. Entries will be returned when space is filled.
12. By making entry in the Placer County Fair exhibits/livestock programs, the Exhibitor, a parent or both parent(s)/legal guardian(s) and project leader/supervisor agree to abide by all rules as presented in the Exhibitor Handbook.
13. All 4-H Leaders, 4-H Exhibitors, FFA Advisors, FFA Exhibitors and Independent Exhibitors must have completed the large and or small animal mandatory Quality Assurance/Ethics Training! Entry forms will not be accepted if training was not completed.
14. Exhibitors that arrive after official arrival time as scheduled in this Exhibitor Handbook must call and notify the Fair of their late arrival and will be subject to the following:
 1. Some or all entries may not be allowed to show.
 2. Pens or ties may not be available.
 3. A penalty of up to \$50 per exhibitor may be assessed and must be paid prior to judging.
 4. A charge for veterinary fees for health examinations may be assessed to each exhibitor.
15. No animal may be entered in more than one division in the Livestock Department unless provided for in the specifications of the division. Animals may not be transferred from one division to another unless Fair management determines a need.
16. All requests for refunds must be received by Friday, July 10, 2009. Refunds may be granted upon approval of Fair Management.
17. ENTRY DEADLINES
 1. Livestock and Still Exhibits, May 29, 2009 by 6:00 p.m.
 2. Junior & Senior Agriculture/Horticulture and Junior & Senior Arrangements - June 8, 2009 & Cut Flowers - June 25th & 27th
18. No entry will be accepted when an exhibitor prescribes conditions under which he or she will exhibit.
19. It is the policy of the Fair that all classes which require registration papers are closed to range bulls.
20. NOTICE – All livestock exhibitors are required to have original registration papers checked by fair officials by 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 for Junior Exhibitors and 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 24, 2009 for Open Beef Exhibitors.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (CON'T.)

FFA ORGANIZATION

The FFA is a national organization of students enrolled in high school vocational agriculture classes. The local unit is the chapter in each high school offering vocational agriculture, under the supervision of the agriculture teacher who is always the chapter advisor. The State unit includes all chapters in the State, under the supervision of the State Department of Education as represented by the Bureau of Agricultural Education with its headquarters at the State Education Building, Sacramento, California. The national unit is the group of associations in each state and Puerto Rico, under the supervision of the Agricultural Education Division of the U.S. Office of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, DC. (Every FFA project in livestock, poultry, fruit or crops is a part of the practical education of the vocational agriculture student who owns it.) The program includes the improvements of agriculture, leading ultimately to the ownership of the agriculture enterprises and the development of good citizenship. Participation in fairs and livestock shows is recognized as having educational value as well as stimulation for better results and finer projects, under supervision of the qualified chapter advisor and with the cooperation of the Fair Management.

4-H YOUTH

4-H Youth programs are non-formal, voluntary educational programs, open to all youth, without regard to race, color or creed, not connected with the public school system, under the supervision of the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of California and United States Department of Agriculture. They are a part of Extension teaching. The projects exhibited at Fairs by members of these groups are the result of their efforts under the supervision of volunteer adults. These projects are designed to teach proper care and understanding of animals and are not intended to involve competition and animal exhibition as part of the 4-H project.

4-H DIVISION DEFINITIONS

PRIMARY MEMBERS: K THROUGH 3RD GRADES

JUNIOR MEMBERS: 4TH THROUGH 6TH GRADES

INTERMEDIATE MEMBERS: 7TH THROUGH 8TH GRADES

SENIOR MEMBERS: 9TH GRADE AND ABOVE

LOCAL RULES

1. County, District, and State Fairs cannot legally carry liability insurance covering junior exhibitors and/or their exhibits. Obtaining liability insurance is the responsibility of the junior exhibitor.
2. **By the signature on the entry form, each exhibitor agrees to have his or her animals, pens, stall and barn area cleaned and in show condition twice daily, by 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. each day of the Fair. Aisles, pathways, and approaches must be clean at all times. In addition to the above, it is required that every livestock exhibitor personally care for his or her animals once each day. There will be no exceptions. Periodic stall checks will be made. Failure to comply will cause the forfeit of premiums and exhibit privileges to the exhibitor. Premiums will be forfeited and sale animals will not sell in the event that animals are left unfed or un-watered or the aisles and pens are not cleaned by the scheduled times of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. during the days that the animals are housed on the Placer County Fairgrounds.**
3. To ensure the safety of exhibitors, livestock and fair goers, no dogs are allowed on the fairgrounds – except those used as guide dogs for the disabled or entered in the dog show (one hour prior to and one hour after the dog show, only).
4. Any foul and/or abusive language, and /or physical abuse used toward any Fair Personnel, Weigh master, Sale Committee Member, Judge, Animal, etc., by an exhibitor and/or their parent may result in immediate expulsion from the fairgrounds for the duration of the fair and forfeiture of any awards, premium money and/or participation eligibility at future Placer County Fairs.
5. Exhibitors, leaders, advisors and parents found in violation of rules or in practices unethical or inimical with the fair program shall be penalized by forfeiture of awards and/or privileges as may be deemed appropriate to the circumstances. Management shall report any such incidences to the Division of Fairs and Expositions in writing and such reports may become the basis for any other fair to refuse entries.
6. **Stalling & Bedding** – First bedding will not be furnished by the Fair. All pens will be assigned by Fair management. Space may not be traded without approval of the livestock or specie superintendent. No altering of pens or stalls is allowed without similar approval. All matters pertaining to stabling, bedding, etc., will be the responsibility of the livestock superintendent.
7. Management reserves the right to interpret the rules and regulations and to settle questions of difference.
8. A livestock exhibitor will be disqualified from the show ring, if in the judge's or management's opinion, his or her attire is inappropriate or unclean.
9. Any junior exhibitor staying in a camper facility on the Fairgrounds must be under the direct control and supervision of a responsible adult.
Note: Anyone who had not made prior reservations will not be permitted to stay on the Fairgrounds.

10. The rules and regulations prescribed for the Junior Department have been formulated with the cooperation and approval of state leaders of junior groups. Rules applying to the Senior Department also apply to the Junior Department.
11. Representatives and leaders of the junior groups should consult with Fair Management in preparing the Exhibitor Handbook for the Junior Department. The divisions and classes to be included in the Exhibitor Handbook should be selected so as to provide the maximum of competition in order that the greatest benefits of the program of education by comparison with established standards may be achieved.
12. An exhibitor whose only animal fails to make weight limit may show that animal in showmanship classes.
13. Junior exhibitors are required to conform to written State and Local Rules and/or instructions. Failure to comply with the rules, or damage to Fair and/or other exhibitors' property will result in loss of premium awards and expulsion from the Fairgrounds. There is a bulletin board located by the Entry Department Office. PLEASE CHECK IT AT LEAST ONCE A DAY FOR NEWS AND INFORMATION!
14. NO AUTOMATIC WATERERS WILL BE INSTALLED BY EXHIBITORS. INDIVIDUAL CYLINDER NON-PRESSURIZED (TWO GALLON CAPACITY) LICKETS MAY BE USED.
15. All cooler fans and other appliances must be equipped with a 3-wire ground. State Fire Marshal will inspect for compliance. Violators will be asked to remove sub-standard equipment from fairgrounds. Continuing violators will be released from the fairgrounds and premiums/awards forfeited.
16. Junior exhibitors must present their own animals in the show ring when animals are called for judging and auction. Special permission may be granted by Placer County Fair management to use a substitute exhibitor for handling the animal if a legitimate circumstance is presented in writing and approved before judging occurs. Substitute handler must be a junior exhibitor who meets the eligibility requirements for a junior exhibitor at the Placer County Fair. If an exhibitor has two entries in a class, the second animal can be shown by an assistant handler only if the exhibitor is present showing the other animal.
17. Each junior livestock exhibitor is required to groom his/her own animal(s). Parents, 4-H leaders, FFA Advisors, Junior Grange Advisors, Senior Department Herdsmen, and any other adults are prohibited from grooming junior livestock animals. Failure to comply with this rule may cause the forfeit of premiums and exhibit privileges to the exhibitor, and market animals may not sell.
18. Entry Limitations: An exhibitor may enter up to two (2) market animals total at the Placer County Fair. Exhibitors are limited to two (2) entries per class in both large and small animal divisions. Exception: Dairy Goat exhibitors will be allowed three (3) does in one class; State Rule IV-6 to prevail. Please refer to each division for specific limitations. Primary exhibitors are limited to one (1) animal per specie.
19. Fair Management is not responsible for finding errors in entries. No exhibitor shall be entitled to an award which has been disallowed as the result of his/her own error. Fair Management shall withhold the payment of the awards for exhibits that are ineligible and may recover awards that have been paid for ineligible entries that are disclosed during post audits of Fair records. However, exhibitors with cause are entitled to question the validity of any disallowance. Such exhibitors should inform Fair Management immediately, in writing, giving their name, address, complete description of the entry and the reason for requesting reconsideration. Requests will not be considered later than sixty (60) days after receiving notice of disallowance.
20. All signatures and information necessary to determine that the exhibit is eligible must be on the entry form and all fees (including penalties) must be paid before judging of the class has started. Therefore, it shall be the responsibility of the exhibitors to correct all deficiencies in connection with entries or exhibiting which are required of them by the rules printed in the Exhibitor Handbook. Premiums may not be paid, or awards made for exhibits, on which deficiencies have not been corrected before the judging of the class has started.
21. Awards, ribbons, tags or cards have no value as payment. Premiums are paid only from the records of the judges' sheets. Premium checks will be issued as soon as auditing, drug testing if applicable and processing can be completed. If checks are not received by July 31, please phone or write. Checks should be cashed within six (6) months of the date of issue. Exhibitors have until December 15, 2009 to claim checks returned to Placer County Fair as undeliverable. Checks will not be reissued after this date.
22. Management shall reserve the right to vacate, declare ineligible for competition, and/or remove any entry which is not in the best interest of the Fair, is unsightly, unhealthy, injured, lame, unsound, endangers public safety, violates the Fair's Animal Welfare Policies, or has been entered in violation of these rules and regulations.
23. Exhibitors causing public disturbances, those that are uncooperative and/or unsportsmanlike, those not following good animal welfare practices as determined by management, or those found in violation of rules or in practices as determined by management, or those found in violation of rules or in practices unethical or inimical with the Fair program and/or policies/procedures shall be penalized by forfeiture of premiums awarded, any and all awards, payment of fines and/or damages to Fair property, privileges, and/or disqualification at this or subsequent Placer County Fair's as may be deemed appropriate by Fair Management and/or the Board of Directors. Further, if the exhibitor and/or exhibitor's adult supervisor, parent or family member's actions are deemed to be illegal, inhumane or unethical to livestock, the proper authorities will be notified for further investigation by those agencies for possible prosecution and/or civil penalties.
24. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by him/her. Exhibitor agrees to indemnify, and save harmless, the State of California, the County of Placer, the Placer County Fair Association, and all its officers, agents, and employees there of from all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, liability costs suits or actions of every name, kind and description brought forth from, or account of, injuries or death of any person including, but not limited to, workmen, and the public, or damage to property resulting from the performance of the exhibitor or its entries. Neither party shall request an apportionment of liability by a jury.

25. Any exhibitor found in violation of any rule may be placed on probation for a period of one (1) year or longer if Fair management deems necessary.
26. The judge may disqualify any animal that is not sufficiently gentle to be shown with safety. The judge may not award premiums to any animals which show visible evidence of disease, deformity, or lameness. No award will be made to entries eliminated under this rule.
27. Any animal that is involved in a protest is eligible to compete until the protest is resolved. Any classes which involve a protested animal will not be officially placed until the protest is resolved. In Championship classes involving that animal the judge shall also select a Reserve Champion, in case of disqualification.
28. Each exhibitor shall be expected to show animals in accordance with the schedule for judging as printed in the Exhibitor Handbook or posted. Schedule is subject to change by Management, and such changes will be posted at the Livestock Office. Judging will not be delayed for exhibitors entering the show ring late. Any exhibitor not present promptly at the scheduled time will be ruled out and barred from competition in the class in question.
29. No entry will be judged if fees are outstanding on that entry. Exhibitors and junior exhibitors whose parents or legal guardian have fees and payments outstanding with the Placer County Fair including the Junior Livestock Auction, may not participate until payments are made in full.
30. **PROTEST:** Any protest must be made in writing and submitted to the Chief Executive Officer. The protest must be made within six (6) hours of the cause of the protest. All protests must be signed and accompanied by a deposit of \$100.00 (cash, money order or certified check made payable to the Placer County Fair) or \$200.00 if the protest relates to violations of State Rules X-XI (Animal Health Rules). The deposit shall be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Protest must be based on a violation of rules and must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and set forth the facts relied upon or rule violated and must include the names of a minimum of two (2) supporting witnesses, including their phone numbers upon whom proof is to be made. No complaint or appeal concerning a judge or judge's decision will be considered. The decision of Fair Management shall be final and unappealable.

Uniform Requirements

31. **FFA:** The official Show Uniform shall be worn by all FFA Exhibitors and by helpers in individual and chapter groups while showing at the Placer County Fair. The official FFA Show Uniform shall consist of the following: white pants, white shirt with FFA emblem attached to left pocket, FFA tie, clean shoes or boots, cuffs to be worn over boots, FFA jacket, no hats or head gear of any kind.
4-H: Every 4-H exhibitor of livestock must wear the official uniform of his or her organization while showing his or her animals. The following 4-H uniform specifications must be followed: Boys – 4-H cap (appropriately worn); 4-H green tie; white shirt, short sleeve or long sleeve, buttoned at wrists; white or logan green pants with belt when belt loops are provided; shoes or boots are required; boots, if worn should be inside pants leg. Girls – 4-H cap (appropriately worn); white blouse and white skirt or white dress of comparable design; green 4-H collar with 4-H emblem on back corners, with a simple white ring fastener; OR: Boy's Complete Uniform – 4-H cap (appropriately worn); white short sleeved or long sleeved shirt; green 4-H collar; white or logan green ankle length slacks or pants with belt when loops are provided; shoes are required; boots, if worn, should be inside pants leg.
Grange: Grange Members may show in the organization's official uniform. Each Grange exhibitor has the option to wear either the "full" official uniform or "whites." They cannot wear a combination of both. The official Grange uniform is dark blue trousers and a red polo shirt or a light blue work shirt with red waist vest with the Grange emblem on the back and the word "Grange" above the emblem and the word "youth" below it – no hat or head gear shall be worn.
Independents: Must wear whites during competition. "Whites" shall consist of new-appearing white trousers or skirt and a new-appearing white blouse or shirt. Hats are not acceptable. Open toed foot wear, shorts, T-shirts, sleeveless shirts or clothing with any artwork or embroidery are not acceptable. Any exhibitors not conforming to these qualifications will be disqualified from the class.
32. Assistants in the show ring must wear the official uniform or whites as described in Rule #31.
33. A livestock exhibitor will be disqualified from the show ring, if in the judge's or management's opinion, his/her attire is inappropriate or unclean.

Exhibitor Pass

34. Each livestock exhibitor may pick up his/her pass and exhibitor's card on Tuesday, June 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, June 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Livestock Office (caboose).

Livestock Arrival/Release Times & Requirements

35. Arrival: Livestock will not be allowed on the grounds for housing until Tuesday, June 23rd, after 8:00 a.m. All livestock must be in place by 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 23rd (except where otherwise stated); weigh-in times are earlier. Market animal weigh-in will take place between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. The traffic lanes on the north side of the barns will be closed to traffic between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. due to these weigh-ins. All show animals should arrive on the grounds clipped. All animals must be identified by a permanent ear tag or tattoo. No nurse cows will be allowed on the fairgrounds (natural mothers will be allowed). If you need to contact the Livestock Superintendent during the fair, please call the Livestock Office at 916/782-4033.
36. Release: Livestock shall not be released prior to Sunday, June 28th at the official release times (please refer to Judging & Arrival Release Schedule or specific divisions for times) unless authorized by the Exhibits Supervisor and/or Fair Management. Release slips must be obtained from barn superintendent or authorized personnel only. Any exhibitor removing livestock from fairgrounds must have a release form. Animals will NOT be released prior to 6:00 p.m. on June 28th to be weighed or tagged for another fair. All small animals must be removed from the grounds on Sunday, June 28th by 11 p.m. (RABBITS/POULTRY/CAVIES: All cages, feeders and waterers must be cleaned to the satisfaction of Fair Management before animals will be released). All large livestock must be removed by 6:00 p.m., Monday, June 29th.
37. No animals are to be loaded into trucks until release time, except auction animals. Any livestock exhibitor loading or removing animals or tack before that time will forfeit all earned premiums and eligibility at future Placer County Fairs unless permission is granted per Placer County Fair management.
38. RV & Trailer Space: Trailers and campers may come onto the fairgrounds on Tuesday, June 23rd, after 9:00 a.m. Parking will be for self-contained units only. A \$50.00 fee will be charged. Trailer parking will be designated by Management. Electrical and water hook-ups are not available. Please indicate size on trailer space reservation sheet. Only pre-registered trailers and campers will be accommodated. Identification tags must be displayed in the front window. No refunds will be made on trailer fees. Please fill out the registration form printed in the Exhibitor's Handbook. Trailers and campers may be removed from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, June 28th, or after 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 28th.

Health Examinations

39. Veterinarians shall have the right to enter any pen or tie area to inspect an animal. Any animal found to be in an unsafe or unsightly condition will be quarantined in a designated area and then dismissed from the grounds as soon as possible. The Placer County Fair veterinarian's decision will be final. Specific health conditions that may warrant quarantines and/or dismissal are "active" ringworm, warts, sore mouth, infectious scours or dysentery, pinkeye, lice (may include animals traveling and/or exposed to an animal(s) that has been dismissed by veterinarian), mites, foot rot, infectious pneumonia and abscesses which are balding, showing 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. Animals that are lame or injured will also be dismissed at the direction of the Placer County Fair veterinarian. \
40. All animals may have their tattoos checked.
41. Sheep and Goat Rules – All sheep and goats entering fairs require individual scrapie identification. Animals must be enrolled in the scrapie program. The Fair WILL NOT be providing tags for Market Lambs and Market Goats. Lost scrapie tags are the exhibitor's responsibility.
42. **Poultry health checks will start at 4:00 p.m. prior to coop-in, poultry will not be permitted on grounds prior to check in.**
43. Drench guns are not approved for use while on fairgrounds. Anyone found to be using a drench gun, without the supervision and/or direction of the official fair veterinarian and/or designated fair official, may result in exhibit being disqualified.

AGE AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUTH EXHIBITORS

1. **4-H MEMBER AGE POLICY:** A bona fide 4-H member is a youth who is enrolled in, at least, kindergarten during the 2008-2009 school year, and has not reached their 19th birthday by December 31, 2009. They must be enrolled in the Placer County 4-H Program with a card on file in the County 4-H Office, and have completed all project requirements by required deadlines, including a 4-H Record book, signed by all appropriate leaders. Showing in the fair is the culmination of a year's efforts, therefore, a 4-H member must have been enrolled in at least the 4th Grade by January 1, 2009, and fulfilled all other membership and project requirements to show and/or sell 4-H Livestock. Any questions as to eligibility rest with the Placer County 4-H Leader's Executive Committee.
Primary Members: 4-H Primary Members are youth who are enrolled in Kindergarten through 3rd Grades. Primary members are eligible to enter primary classes only. They are not eligible to show large livestock or sell in the junior livestock auction. Children enrolled in Kindergarten or 5 years old as of January 1, 2009 are eligible for 4-H as Primary Members. Involvement in animal projects is limited to approved projects only. Primary members are eligible to enroll in the following animal projects only: pygmy goats, dogs, cavies, rabbits, embryology, entomology, marine science, poultry, and therapeutic animal projects. Primary members do not pay an Entry Fee; therefore, they receive RIB-BONS ONLY. Premiums will not be paid to primary members. These projects are designed to teach proper care and understanding of animals and are not intended to involve competition and animal exhibition as part of the 4-H project.
2. **FFA – FFA members** may participate as members until the end of the calendar year following the year of graduation from high school. Students competing in this division must be regularly enrolled in the High School Vocational Agriculture Program or graduated from High School in 2008 in order to meet the requirements, rules and regulations set up by C.A.T.A. and the State Association of FFA. Competition is open to FFA Chapters of Placer County. Exhibitor must be in good standing in his/her FFA Chapter. No exhibit will be received unless entry has been signed by a Chapter Advisor and parent or guardian. All entries in an FFA division must be owned by the student and have acceptable Record Books available upon request of Fair Management.
3. **GRANGE – Grange members** may exhibit if they are at least 5 years of age as of January 1, 2009 and until the end of the calendar year in which the member reaches age 19. Grange members ages 5 through 9 are subject to the same rules as 4-H Primary members.
4. **INDEPENDENT JUNIOR – Independent Jr. Exhibitors** must be at least 9-years old or in the 4th Grade by January 1, 2009. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31 of the year in which they turn 19 years of age – Independent junior exhibitors must enter an open junior class unless one is not available. If an open junior class is not available, junior exhibitors may enter an appropriate FFA, 4-H Division or Grange Class. Division and/or Class placement of Independents may be determined by Fair Management. Juniors who have been FFA, 4-H or Grange project members within 60 days prior to the fair are not eligible to compete in that project as independent juniors (150 days for market beef and 60 days for market swine). Each entry in these divisions shall have been made or produced by the exhibitor. Entries shall be made on Junior Department entry forms provided by the Fair. The signature of a parent or guardian is required. State and Local Rules apply to all entries and scorecards in corresponding Senior and Junior Department classes shall be used unless otherwise provided in these divisions.
 - A.) Independent junior exhibitors not affiliated with any organization can enter appropriate FFA or 4-H classes if they meet the age or grade level requirements.
 - B.) Independent junior exhibitors must not have been project members in a junior organization within 60 days (150 days for market beef cattle) to be eligible to participate as an Independent Junior in that project.
 - C.) Independent Juniors must have "on ground" supervision by a responsible adult while at the fair.
 - D.) Please refer to Junior Livestock Auction Rules and Local Rules for more information on Independent Junior Exhibitor requirements.
5. **JUNIOR EXHIBITORS** must meet the ownership requirements for livestock and small animals by the following schedule:
 - Turkey – 45 days prior to Fair, May 9, 2009
 - Poultry – 30 days prior to Fair, May 24, 2009 (must be owned by 1 week of age)
 - Rabbits – 30 days prior to Fair, May 24, 2009 (must be owned since 5 weeks of age)
 - Sheep – 60 days prior to Fair, April 25, 2009
 - Swine – 60 days prior to Fair, April 25, 2009
 - Market Goats – 60 days prior to Fair, April 25, 2009
 - Beef – 150 days prior to Fair, January 24, 2009
6. **OTHER JUNIOR EXHIBITORS**
 - A.) Other Junior exhibitors include divisions and classes restricted to children 17 years of age and under who are not under the FFA, 4-H youth programs or other recognized junior farm organization programs.
 - B.) Each entry in these divisions shall have been made or produced by the exhibitor. Entries shall be made on official Placer County Fair entry forms provided by the Fair. The signature of a parent or guardian is required for entry.
 - C.) State and local rules apply to all entries and score cards in corresponding Senior and Junior Department classes shall be used unless otherwise provided in these divisions.
 - D.) Exhibitors who are enrolled in any junior organization for which classes are offered elsewhere are not eligible to enter in these divisions.