**SELECTION FROM STATE RULES FOR CALIFORNIA FAIRS**

**Independent Junior** - Exhibitor not eligible to compete in a certain category as a member of a 4-H,

Grange or FFA junior organization.

**Independent Exhibitors** must be at least 9 years old by January 1, 2019 to compete in large animal

(Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Boer Goats, Market & Fiber Goats, Horse, Alpaca & Llama)

competitions at California Fairs.

a. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31st of the year in which they turn 19 years

of age.

b. Youth may be ineligible to participate as Independent if documented disciplinary action involving their

project(s) has been taken against them by 4-H, FFA or Grange organizations. Length of ineligibility to be

determined by fair management.

**Independent exhibitors must enter an open junior or Independent class unless one is not available.**

If an open or Independent class is not available, junior exhibitors may enter an appropriate 4-H, FFA or

Grange class. Division and/or class placement of Independents may be determined by Fair Management.

**Juniors who have been 4-H, FFA or Grange project members within 60 days (120 days for horse and**

**market beef) prior to the fair are not eligible to compete in that project as Independent juniors or**

**enter project(s) under a different organization.**

All junior exhibitors must have project management records and proof of supervision available as to the length of project.

Independent junior exhibitors entering market animals must provide Fair Management with a picture of their

animal, appropriate proof of ownership, permanent tag, tattoo and/or hog ear notch information 120 days

prior to the fair for beef and 60 days for sheep, swine and goats.

All junior exhibitors must have “on ground” supervision by a responsible adult.

The exhibitor agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the fair, the county and the State of California from and against any liability, claim, loss or expense (including reasonable attorneys’ fees) arising out of any injury or damage which is caused by, arises from or is in any way connected with participation in the program or event, excepting only that caused by the sole active negligence of the Fair. The Fair Management shall not be responsible for accidents or losses that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at the fair. The exhibitor (or parent or guardian of a minor) is responsible for any injury or damage resulting from the exhibitor’s participation in the program or event. This includes any injury to others or to the exhibitor or to the exhibitor’s property.

**SELECTION FROM LOCAL RULES**

Possession, use and/or influence of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs during Fair shall warrant forfeiture of premium money, eligibility for sale and require expulsion of exhibitor from Fair.

**NOTE: Local Rules are allowed to be stricter than State Rules.**

**BE SURE TO READ ALL STATE** www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe **AND LOCAL RULES.**