



# OC FAIR GUIDELINES

## ONLINE ENTRY

### Dates to Remember

- Please check the individual Competition Guides for entry deadlines, as well as dates and times for entry delivery and pickup. Dates and times are absolute. Late entries will not be accepted.

### Who May Enter

- Some Divisions are open only to Orange County residents and some limit the number of entries and age of entrants. Check individual Competition Guides for who may enter each competition.
- Youth must enter the Divisions and Classes specified for their age group. The exhibitor's age as of July 13, 2018, determines their age group.
- Youth may not enter in the Adult Divisions. Open Youth who turn age 18 by July 13, 2018, are considered adults. 4-H youth members in good standing may be age 19 as outlined by the 4-H Cooperative Extension Office. 4-H members who are age 19 may choose to enter as either a 4-H Young Adult or Adult - they may not enter both. This rule applies for all OC Fair 4-H Competitions.

### Enter Online

- Enter online at [ocfair.fairmanager.com](http://ocfair.fairmanager.com) or [ocgard.fairmanager.com](http://ocgard.fairmanager.com) for Garden & Floral and [ocfliv.fairmanager.com](http://ocfliv.fairmanager.com) for Livestock. Incorrect or incomplete information on online entry may disqualify the exhibit or cause delay in issuing awards.
- Online submission of data requires that you understand that the decision of the judge is final. Once accepted, entries cannot be removed from the show. You agree to abide by all rules and regulations contained in the OC Fair Competition Guides and understand that such rules and regulations are incorporated with and become a part of this agreement. You hereby release the OC Fair and the State of California from all liability of every kind and character on account of loss, damages or injury to property, which may occur on the fairgrounds.
- By submitting entries, you understand that your entry may be photographed for promotional purposes.

### Processing Fees

- Most Divisions require processing fees (check individual Competition Guides).
- Fees are payable online with a credit card. No refunds will be issued.

## ENTRIES AND EXHIBITS

### Acceptable Entries

- No entries or works with copyright or licensing infringement will be accepted.
- If there is any reproduction of a registered trademark item or work of another artist, the OC Fair reserves the right to disqualify the entry.
- The OC Fair is a family-oriented event. Any entry deemed inappropriate for family viewing will be disqualified prior to judging.
- Articles which are objectionable, stained, soiled, or broken will not be accepted for judging and will not be displayed. You will be notified for pickup.
- OC Fair reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally or to cancel any entry, disqualify exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries or to cancel awards, without claim for damages.
- OC Fair will not be liable for entries made in error and will not re-open judging to accommodate such entries.

### Repeat Entries

- No items displayed in a previous year's OC Fair competition will be accepted.

### Exhibit Sales

- Sale of an exhibit or any part of an exhibit for delivery during the OC Fair will not be permitted.
- Work cannot be removed during the show.



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## Entry Limit

- The Exhibit Supervisor and/or Program Coordinator have the right to limit entries to facilities available.
- Entry forms will be dated as received and entry forms received first will have priority.

## Protection of Exhibits

- All cases will be locked and will not be opened while the public is in the building. Exhibits will not be allowed to leave the OC Fair & Event Center grounds unless the Program Coordinator has approved a release slip. Reasonable precaution will be taken in protection of exhibits. The exhibitor must arrange for insurance if desired.
- OC Fair will not be responsible for accidents or loss that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at the show and the exhibitors shall hold the management harmless and indemnify it against any legal proceedings arising from such accident or loss. Presentation of entry form shall be deemed acceptance of this rule.

## JUDGING AND AWARDS

### Judges and Judging Procedures

- For judging purposes, the OC Fair reserves the right to combine Classes or Divisions to create an adequate judging pool where numbers are insufficient to ensure adequate competition.
- Qualified judge(s) will be selected by the Program Coordinator to judge all exhibits.
- Judges have the authority to disqualify or transfer to the correct Class any exhibit that does not meet the requirement of the Division or Class in which it is entered.
- Adult Divisions are placed using the American Judging System (ranking exhibits one against another). 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and Honorable Mention may be awarded in each Class if judges so determine.
- Young Adults and Junior Divisions are placed using the Danish Judging System where each entry is judged on how well it meets a standard rather than how it compares to other entries. Entries are judged Blue (superior), Red (very good) or White (average) Award. There may be more than one Blue, Red or White Award per Class. All Blue Awards will compete, using the American Judging System, for cash awards.
- The decision of the jurors is final.
- If an entry is disqualified after judging is completed, the judge will not change the status of awards given for other entries.
- Judging is NOT open to the public (except Special Contests).
- Judging results can be viewed online around the second week of the OC Fair at [ocfair.com/results](http://ocfair.com/results). Please do not call or email for competition results. Award information will not be given by telephone.

### Premiums

- Signed judging sheets will be used as evidence for payment of premiums. Ribbons and tags will not be accepted.
- Checks for awards will be made payable to the exhibitor whose name is indicated on the entry form and distributed within 30 days after the close of the OC Fair.

### Ribbons

- To encourage high standards, the judge shall award 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place in each Class according to merit; if without merit, the judge shall make no award under any circumstances. Ribbons and special awards must be picked-up by exhibitors at the close of the OC Fair unless otherwise noted.

## ENTRY PICKUP

### Claiming Awards and Exhibits

- Exhibits and/or awards left after the official release date are not the responsibility of the OC Fair and will be discarded without exception.
- If you are unable to pick up your items, please arrange for someone to pick them up for you.
- Claim check or photo ID is required for pickup.
- No additional phone calls or email notifications will be made.