

## Directors in Charge

Beef Barn – Celeste Eckley, Swine Barn – Deana Ward, Show Arena - Ron Emard, Poppy Pavilion – Steve McElroy, J.P. Eliopulos Pavilion – Cecil Swetland, Van Dam Legacy Hall (Photo) – Shawny Barcelona, Waste Management Community Hall (Agriculture/Horticulture/Floriculture) – Matthew Jimmink, Heritage Park & Small Animal Pavilion – LeeRoy Halley, Community Stage – Darth Eliopulos

**Exhibits Chair** - Baley Plascencia

## AV FAIR LOCAL RULES

Please read all local and state rules carefully since important changes have been made, premium awards will be withheld if printed rules are not fully complied with:

### 1. IMPORTANT:

The Association will take reasonable precautions to insure the safety of the exhibits and property of every description entered for competition or display or any other purpose while on the grounds, but in no case will the Association be responsible in any way for any loss, damage or injury of any character to any property while same is on the grounds or at any time be liable for or make payment for the value thereof. Presentation of entry form shall be deemed acceptance of this rule. Exhibits entered on the basis of "Conditions" set forth by the exhibitor, will not be accepted.

### 2. FAIR OFFICIAL HOURS FOR 2009:

Thursday, August 20 4:00 PM to 12:00 AM	Sunday, August 23 12:00 PM to 12:00 AM	Wednesday, August 26 4:00 PM to 12:00 AM	Saturday, August 29 12:00 PM to 1:00 AM
Friday, August 21 4:00 PM to 1:00 AM	Monday, August 24 4:00 PM to 12:00 AM	Thursday, August 27 4:00 PM to 12:00 AM	Sunday, August 30 12:00 PM to 1:00 AM
Saturday, August 22 12:00 PM to 1:00 AM	Tuesday, August 25 2:00 PM to 12:00 AM	Friday, August 28 4:00 PM to 1:00 AM	

### 3. ENTRIES:

Closing dates are noted in the information at the beginning of each Department. The management reserves the right to reject any exhibits offered if it is objectionable in any way, if it requires excessive amounts of space, or the capacity of the Department has been reached. **Entry and stall fees must accompany entry forms.**

Make checks payable to 50th District Agricultural Association. Entry fees will be forfeited on entries made but not exhibited. Exhibits are to be in place and removed at the times specified in the information at the beginning of each Department. No premium will be paid on exhibits removed before the specified time. Exhibits must be picked up according to each department time. The Fair assumes no responsibility for exhibits left after that time.

### 4. ENTRY PROCESS:

- a) Entries will be taken online at [www.AVFAIR.com](http://www.AVFAIR.com) or telephone (661) 948-6060 and request the Entry Office for further instruction. To avoid loss of premium money, take special care when entering your information.
- b) Refunds of over-payments under \$1 will not be made.

### 5. MAIL:

All mail should be addressed to: Antelope Valley Fair - Entry Office - 2551 West Avenue H, Suite 102 Lancaster, CA 93536

## **6. CHECKS & PREMIUMS:**

- a) GIVE CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS WHEN ENTERING AS CHECKS WILL BE MAILED TO THE ADDRESS AND EXHIBITOR'S NAME SUBMITTED UPON ENTRY.
- b) All premium checks must be cashed within 60 days after the close of the Fair.
- c) Premium ribbons, tags and cards have no value as to payment. ONLY THE OFFICIAL PLACING ON THE JUDGING SHEET CONSTITUTES THE FINAL PLACEMENT.

## **7. LOCAL DIVISIONS:**

For those divisions identified as "Local," see this rule: You are eligible if your home address lies within the following geographical boundaries: The Los Angeles County/San Bernardino County line on the East; The Ventura County/Los Angeles County line on the West; A line on the South equal to Avenue Y from the Los Angeles County/San Bernardino County line on the East to the Los Angeles County/Ventura County line on the West; A line from the intersection near Gorman of the Ventura County/Los Angeles County lines East along Kern County/ Los Angeles County line to a point equal 270th Street West; Thence North to Bear Valley Road; Thence on a line from the last point described on Bear Valley Road to a point northeasterly at the intersection of Highway 14 and Redrock/Randsburg Road; Thence on a line from the point last described easterly to the Kern County/San Bernardino County line; Thence southerly to the intersection of the Los Angeles County/Kern County/San Bernardino County lines. This Fair is open to all exhibitors who are members of A.V. 4-H Council and/or all 4-H Clubs of Kern County within the boundaries of Local Rule #7. FFA Chapters of the Antelope Valley High Schools, Rosamond, Tehachapi, Mojave, Edwards and Frazier Mtn., also members of other Chapters that live within the Antelope Valley Fair boundaries, Local Rule #7, are eligible to exhibit. Junior and youth Granges members that live within the Antelope Valley Fair boundaries, Local Rule #7 may also exhibit at this Fair.

## **8. EXTENDED DIVISIONS:**

Extended divisions are open to all exhibitors within the United States. State Rules I #10

## **9. EXHIBITOR STATUS:**

Instructors, judges, owner of shops, teachers and those persons who commercialize their work are not eligible to compete in the amateur classes for these Divisions. They may exhibit only in professional Divisions. State Rules I #19

## **10. CHAMPIONS:**

After all entries in the Junior and Senior Departments have been judged in the livestock division, the Champions and Reserve Champions of each of these departments may be brought together for the purpose of selecting the Supreme Grand Champion of the entire Fair. If the number of animals from any group is not sufficient then classes can be combined at the discretion of the judge.

## **11. SICK OR AILING ANIMALS:**

To eliminate delay in treatment of sick or ailing animals or poultry exhibits, the owner extends authority to take such action as deemed expedient and necessary, to Fair Management, when and after diligent attempts to make contact with the owner or agent of said exhibit. Fair Management has the power of attorney for the exhibitor in this instance by virtue of signing the original entry form. The 50th District Agricultural Association will not assume any cost for action pursuant to this rule.

- a) A Veterinarian Sifting Committee will determine health eligibility of all animals prior to penning. This time will be announced. Check in will occur on the day of arrival. Items to be checked, but not limited to, include lamb fungus disease, sore mouth, and specifically for market animals, lambs teeth, prolapsed repair, testicles and tail docking. State Rule IX Sheep #A. All animals without proper tags will be excused from the Fairgrounds, due to the Jr Livestock Rules stating under the Pre-registration and DNA Sampling section that all market animals are required to complete DNA samples and ear tagging by the entry deadline for that species.

**12. 4-H, FFA, GRANGE AND OPEN JUNIOR:**

In the 4-H Department the local leaders may sign entry forms in lieu of Farm Advisors. All meat producing livestock must be withheld from processing at least 21 days after inoculations or that length of time prescribed by manufacturer with biologics, unless otherwise stipulated by the Fair. All breeding animals must be owned by exhibitor at least 30 days prior to the opening day of the Fair, all registration papers must be in owner's name 30 days prior to opening of the Fair. Club leaders or agricultural instructors or parents for independent exhibitors must sign entry Forms. All market animals must be weighed on a Certified scale located on the Fairgrounds.

**FEEDING TIME:** Wednesday, August 19 through Sunday, August 30, 2009 from 6AM - 9AM and before the Barns Close at 10PM

**13. BEDDING:**

The Exhibitor will furnish ALL bedding for livestock. All animals must be on some form of bedding. Unsanitary pens will receive one official warning, on the second offense animals will be removed from the auction.

**14. LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR'S CREDENTIALS:** Junior Large Livestock Exhibitors Two BBQ Tickets @ \$10.00 each and \$10.00 exhibitor packet fee will be charged to each large livestock junior exhibitor. The packet will include one season admission wristband (not valid for carnival rides) and one season parking pass (valid for general livestock parking Lot F only). The packet is to be purchased with your entry forms.

**EXTRA SEASON GATE ADMISSION:** Exhibitors may buy one (1) extra \$10.00 season admission pass - Max. two (2) per family, also additional BBQ tickets.

**EXTRA PARKING PASS:** A Family with one exhibitor may buy one (1) extra \$10.00 Lot F parking pass.

**PRESALE DAILY ADMISSION TICKETS:** Acceptable any day of the Fair. \$5.00 each, must be purchased by 8 p.m. Wednesday, August 19, 2009.

**15. VETERINARIAN:**

A Veterinarian will be on call for livestock exhibits. The exhibitor must assume the expense of the veterinarian's service.

**16. BEEF SAFETY COMMITTEE:** The Livestock Safety Committee will make the determination as to compliance with State Rules II #12 – 15 and III #4c. For more information refer to Livestock Safety Committee Rules.

**17. PARTICIPATION:**

Any member persistently neglecting his or her project animals will be asked to remove said animal from the Fair-grounds. Project animals are the re-sponsibility of the member until such time as they are shipped from the Fairgrounds.

**18. LOST AND FOUND ARTICLES:**

All lost and found articles should be reported to the 'INFAIRMATION' Booth. Persons who have lost articles should make inquiries at the same place.

**19. AREAS WHERE JUDGING IS TAKING PLACE MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC WITHOUT NOTICE.**

**20. BEST OF SHOW:**

Will be selected from first place only. Judges Choice Award may be selected from any placing.

**21. WHEN A YOUTH MAINTAINS MEMBERSHIP IN A 4-H, GRANGE AND FFA PROJECTS THE PROJECTS MAY NOT BE THE SAME SPECIES OF LIVESTOCK.**

**22. RELEASE OF ANIMALS:**

Exhibitors must get releases from the livestock office before taking livestock from the grounds.

### 23. JUNIOR LARGE LIVESTOCK ELIGIBILITY AND AGE REQUIREMENTS:

- a) FFA members may participate as members until the end of calendar year following the year of graduation from high school.
- b) 4-H Members may participate as members but may not exhibit large livestock animals if they have not become nine years old by January 1st and must be enrolled in these projects by January 1st. They may continue to exhibit as a member until the end of the calendar year in which the member becomes 19 years old. Experimental and special programs may disregard these age limits.
- c) Grange members may participate as members but may not exhibit large livestock if they have not become nine years old on or before Jan. 1st. State Rule VII #9. They may continue to exhibit as a member until the end of the calendar year in which the member becomes 19.
- d) Experimental and special programs may disregard these age limits. These are exhibitors entered in shows and contests open to all youth enrolled in and meeting the requirements of 4-H, FFA or Grange Youth Program or qualify as an Independent Junior Exhibitor. **Independent exhibitors** must be at least nine years old or in the fourth 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.

### 24. JUNIORS IN THE SENIOR DEPARTMENT:

All youth must be nine (9) years old on or before January 1 of the current calendar year to exhibit large livestock: Beef, Dairy Goats, Horse, Sheep, Swine, and Large Poultry (ducks, geese and turkeys) at the Antelope Valley Fair. Pygmy goats may be shown in Divisions #2402 & #2403 by exhibitors 5 years old by the first day of the Fair.

### 25. LOCAL BRED AND FED CONTEST:

It is the desire of the A.V. Fair Board of Directors to recognize the efforts of local breeders of quality market livestock. These classes are open to all Junior Exhibitors who show a market goat, lamb, beef or swine that was born to a dam that is owned by the Jr. Exhibitor. Dam must be owned by exhibitor at time of breeding. Market Ready animals only are eligible. Ribbons and trophies will be awarded for Champion and Reserve Champion Bred & Fed Market Animals, also for the Champion and Reserve Champion owner of the dam and sire. The Champion and Reserve Champion animals will be determined directly prior to the Supreme Grand Champion and Reserve Supreme Grand Champion market animals. Placing in these classes will result in sale with the other Champion Animals at the Kiwanis Junior Livestock Auction.

### 26. INDEPENDENT EXHIBITORS:

a) Independent exhibitors who have resided within the boundaries of the Antelope Valley Fair (Local Rule #7) and meet the eligibility and age requirements (State Rule VII #10 & 18) may enter and show animals at the Antelope Valley Fair. If they have belonged to a Junior Organization (FFA, 4-H or Grange) during the current calendar year, in any large animal project, they will not be eligible to sell an animal in the Kiwanis Junior Livestock Auction. **Independent exhibitors must have "on grounds" supervision by responsible adult, (parent or legal guardian) at all times during the fair.** Name of the adult who is to be the responsible person must be presented to the Entry Office by June 20, 2009, 5 PM and will be kept on file in the Livestock Office. All Independent exhibitors must bring a certified copy of their birth certificate to verify age at time of entry, a copy of this certificate will be kept on file in the Entry Office. This information must be brought to the entry office with the entry form.

**\* Independent exhibitors shall be neatly attired in new dark blue jeans and white cotton shirt with collar. A belt should be worn if pants have belt loops. Exhibitors may also wear a clean plain white straw cowboy hat.** Independent exhibitors should also read State Rules VII #17 & #19

b) Rules for Independent Showmanship: Independent exhibitors who exhibit large livestock at the Fair are eligible for their own group showmanship, but not Master Showmanship.

1. The exhibitor must own animals shown.
2. All entries in Showmanship must be made on entry form at the time of entry.
3. Exhibitors shall be on hand and ready to exhibit at the time called for judging.

27. All pens, stalls and surrounding areas are to be cleaned by exhibitors or helpers when the animals are released.

28. All Grand & Reserve Grand Goat, Sheep, Beef and Swine Champions will be tested for State of California prohibited drugs and illegal substances.

29. All steer projects must have regulation rope halter and a regulation neck rope on when stalled.

**30. ALL ONLINE ENTRIES MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE ENTRY DEADLINE AND FORMS MAY BE RECEIVED AT THE ENTRY OFFICE NO LATER THAN THE ENTRY DEADLINE SINCE ONLINE ENTERING IS AVAILABLE.**

31. Letters must be on file in the Livestock Office for any exhibitor unable to show their animal in market classes or auction.

32. No private scales allowed on the fairgrounds at any time. **One weigh-in only.**

**33. Any animal that is over or under weight will automatically be re-weighed. The reweigh must be done before the animal leaves the scale area. Animals not meeting the specified weight requirements must be removed from the fairgrounds immediately following weigh-in if not ALREADY registered for showmanship.**

34. **The Management reserves the final and absolute right to interpret the rules and regulations.**