

# 2017 RIVERSIDE COUNTY FAIR & NATIONAL DATE FESTIVAL COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT PROGRAM RULES & REGULATIONS

1. The competition guidelines set forth in each section will be subject to change at the sole discretion of the Fair.
2. Should you have any questions not answered in our guidelines please contact: Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival, 82-503 Hwy 111, Indio, CA 92201. Telephone numbers 760.863.8247 or 800.811.FAIR.
3. State Rules, Health Rules, and Score Cards are available in a booklet produced by Division of Fairs & Expositions, California Department of Food and Agriculture. Please read and comply:  
  
<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/Fairs & Expositions/Fair Information/State Rules for California Fairs.asp>
4. All possible care will be taken to prevent loss or damage to exhibits but in no event will the Fair Management, Building Supervisors or workers be responsible for any injury or loss which might occur. Insurance is recommended and should be obtained by the exhibitor at his/her own expense.
5. Entry closing date is only for the online submission of entry and payment of fees. The actual date of entry drop off is different. Please see the individual department schedules for the submission of exhibits.
6. No entries shall be accepted after the entry closing date: Saturday, January 21, 2017. Any entry or payment submitted past this due date will not be accepted! **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
7. We are offering a "PAY LATER" option for exhibitors without credit cards. Please be advised that credit card payments are preferred to guarantee your entry submission. If you think you will make changes to your entries later, simply save your cart and exit out of the online entry system. Once you select "PAY NOW" or "PAY LATER" your entry will be submitted and you will **NOT** be able to make changes to your list online. You must navigate all the way through the screens and select "PAY NOW" or "PAY LATER" for your entry to be properly submitted.
8. If you chose to "PAY LATER" then you must remember that prior to logging out of ShoWorks you must print out a detailed receipt and you have two options: Print out your detailed receipt and mail in the check payment beginning December 1, 2016 or print out your detailed receipt and hand deliver your payment to our Entry Office at 46-350 Arabia Street, Indio beginning January 16, 2017 but no later than January 21, 2017 at 1 p.m.
9. Most divisions are open to residents of Riverside County only. Please see specific departments for eligibility requirements.
10. Professionals are classified as persons who engage in an event or activity for monetary profit (teachers included).
11. Semi-professionals are classified as persons who gain less than \$1,000 profit during a year's time for sale of their craft or food product.
12. Amateurs are classified as persons who have received no monetary profit from their craft.
13. Same or identical items cannot be entered in more than one competitive program. An exhibit eligible in more than one division and/or class shall be entered and judged only in the division and/or class for which it best qualifies. The Fair may disqualify or transfer to the correct class

any exhibit, which is not a true representation of the division or class in which it is entered. We reserve the right to combine classes if insufficient entries are received in a class. PLEASE CHOOSE DIVISION AND CLASS CATEGORY CAREFULLY.

14. Overpayment of entry fees totaling less than \$10 will not be refunded. Exhibitors are strongly urged to carefully follow the entry fee instructions as indicated as entry fees are non-refundable.
15. If you fail to bring your entry to the Fair on the appropriate date, you will not receive a refund for your entry fees. Please see the competition handbook for your specific receiving date.
16. If the bank returns a check for any fees, a penalty of \$25 per check must be paid prior to the judging of the entries. If a check is returned after the judging, any or all premiums won will be withheld until the fees and penalty are paid. Only cash, certified checks, or money orders are acceptable for these payments.
17. Completion of an online entry shall be deemed acceptance of all Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival Rules, Regulations, and Guidelines. Acceptance includes permission to use your name, photograph, and entry in publicizing the Fair.
18. Exhibits may not be removed from fairground until the conclusion of the Fair; unless specifically noted in department schedule.
19. Where required, exhibitors must keep their exhibits clean and in orderly condition throughout the Fair. Exhibits containing perishable items, which deteriorate during the Fair, must be replenished immediately. Any exhibit, which is neglected and allowed to become unsightly, will forfeit the full premium money that might have been paid and the exhibit may be removed by building supervisor.
20. All attendants of exhibits must be neatly attired and conduct themselves in an orderly manner.
21. All materials used in decorating booths, racks, or exhibits must be made from non-flammable material or treated and maintained in a flame-retardant condition.
22. Any person who violates any general, state, or department rule will forfeit all privileges and premiums.
23. All premium money will be paid from the Official Judge's Book only; not from ribbons or stickers that may be attached to the exhibit.
24. Exhibitors will not be awarded two cash payments in any one class.
25. All premium checks will be made payable to the exhibitor in whose name the entry was made.
26. The decisions of the judges are final.
27. Any exhibitor winning over \$600 in premium money must complete a W-9 in order to receive the monetary award.
28. See department schedule for specific time for removal of all entries. The Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival will not be held responsible for exhibit items left after pick up date: Monday, February 27, 2017. Unclaimed entries and ribbons become the property of the Fair and will be discarded. No exceptions.
29. If you are unable to pick up your items, please arrange for someone to pick them up for you. If you cannot pick up the exhibit items, you may designate someone else to pick them up. The aforementioned person must show written consent that they are designated to pick up the exhibit items. The competition participant's entry stub, signature, address, and phone number must accompany the letter of consent.