

ENTRY FEES, DEADLINES AND CREDENTIALS

Entry Deadlines-See rules for specifics

MAIL IN ENTRIES (NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED):

All Animals (except Rabbits): Postmarked by: Monday, March 9, 2009
*Hand carried entries must be in the Administration
Office by 5:00 pm on March 9, 2009*

Rabbit Meat Pens: Postmarked by: Monday, March 9, 2009
*Hand carried entries must be in the Administration
Office by 5:00 pm on March 9, 2009*

Breeding Rabbits (Mail In or e-mail Only, No online): Postmarked by: Friday, March 27, 2009
e-mail: grandnationalrabbits@hotmail.com

ON-LINE ENTRIES (NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED):

All Animals (except Rabbits): March 16, 2009 at MIDNIGHT

Rabbit Meat Pens: March 16, 2009 at MIDNIGHT

Breeding Rabbits: SEE DEPARTMENT FOR DETAILS

Entry Fees-See rules and individual departments for specifics

CHARGES IN ADDITION TO ENTRY FEES:

COW TOWN MEMBERSHIP (MANDATORY)	\$2.00 per exhibitor
*PARKING PERMIT	\$15.00 per vehicle
STOCK TRAILERS	No Charge (Rail Yard)
*RV SPACES	\$100.00 per space
BLOCKING CHUTE	\$10.00 per chute
TRIMMING TABLE/MILKING STAND	\$5.00 per table

****See below for further information***

PARKING PERMITS - FEE: \$15.00

Livestock exhibitors must purchase a Gate 8 parking permit for \$15. The permit may be purchased at the time of entry or when arriving on grounds. This permit is valid for entrance at Gate 8. The permit is valid from April 1 through April 5 and will allow unlimited in and out privileges through Gate 8. This permit will not be valid at any other gate.

PRE-PURCHASED PERMITS: All permits purchased at the time of entry will be mailed to the address provided on the entry form or online entry system.

ON-SITE PURCHASES: A permit may be purchased at either Gate 8 or the Livestock Office.

Stock trailers will be allowed to enter the grounds to load or unload livestock but must be moved to the designated trailer parking area immediately following unloading. All vehicles parked in the lower livestock area **must** have a permit or they will be towed.

RV SPACES – FEE: \$100.00 PER SPACE

NO ELECTRICITY WILL BE PROVIDED

Fee includes a permit for the camper/trailer and one (1) tow vehicle for the duration of the Junior Stock Show. All campers and trailers must have a permit in order to remain overnight on the Cow Palace grounds. Permit fees should be sent with entries, as reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. REQUESTS MAY BE MADE FOR A SPECIFIC AREA BUT NOT A SPECIFIC SPACE. Please include an RV reservation form with your entries.

LOCAL RULES

1. Management reserves the final and absolute right to interpret the following rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle questions and differences thereto or otherwise arising out of, or connected with, or pertaining to the Junior Grand National Stock Show, exhibits and sales. Any exhibitor who violates any state or local rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums.
2. All State Rules published by the California Department of Food & Agriculture, Division of Fairs & Expositions are in force for the Junior Grand National Stock Show. Copies of the State Rules are available in the Fair office & online at www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe.
3. There will be no flyers or notices posted or handed out without prior permission of show management. The cost of removing any posters or flyers will be charged to the organization or person listed on the poster or flyer.
4. Livestock exhibitors are permitted to display a sign over each exhibit advertising their own herd. The signs are not to exceed 22 x 38 inches. Commercial signs (such as feed, minerals, medicines, etc.) will not be permitted anywhere on the livestock exhibits. Signs must be removed at the request of management.
5. Management reserves the right to add, delete, combine or change classes to benefit the show and exhibitors. Management is not responsible for any awards offered by breed associations or sponsors, although every effort will be made to ensure their delivery to the proper exhibitors.
6. **FIRST BEDDING WILL NOT BE PROVIDED BY MANAGEMENT. Due to limited space and Fire Marshall Regulations, all feed and supplies must be stored in the feed alley assigned to your exhibit. The maximum height that feed can be stored is 4 ½ feet, with aisle width of up to 3 feet.** Limited feed and bedding materials **may** be available for purchase in the Sales Pavilion. Watch our website for details on the feed vendor.
7. Exhibitors are to keep stall areas neat and clean, keep the spectator walkways clear of all straw, feed, etc., keep any noise to a low volume, and maintain positive and appropriate behavior at all times.
8. **DUMPING OF ANY STRAW, BEDDING OR MANURE IN THE BREEZEWAY AREA IS PROHIBITED.** All stalls and pens must be cleaned by **7:00AM** every morning. Management will retain all premium monies if exhibits are not kept clean and presentable.
9. Management will attempt to comply with stall requests submitted in writing (on the form provided) at the time of entry. **STALL REQUESTS ARE NOT GUARANTEED.**
10. No animals will be allowed on the Cow Palace grounds unless they are entered to show or exhibit. No Nurse Cows allowed.
11. A brand inspection certificate or Bill of Sale must be available for inspection at all times for all cattle. See State Rules for details. The Brand Inspector will be onsite to assure that proper documentation is in place.
12. Exhibitors must have proof of ownership and/or registration papers available at all times.
13. All divisions and classes shall be judged under the American System of judging unless otherwise specified.
14. Premium checks will be mailed after the show. Checks must be cashed within 90 days of issue to remain valid. **Expired checks will not be replaced. Lost checks are subject to a \$25.00 fee.**
15. **PROTESTS** Protests will be considered only if there has been a violation of state or local rules. Judge's decision on awards **CANNOT** be protested. All protests must be presented to the Stock Show Manager in writing within 4 hours of the alleged violation and must be accompanied by a \$100.00 cash deposit (\$200.00 for animal health rule violations), which will be returned if the protest is deemed valid.
16. RV/trailer parking will be available for \$100.00 for the run of the junior stock show in the RV parking area. **THERE WILL BE NO ELECTRICITY PROVIDED.** Please complete the RV reservation form and submit the required fee with your entry forms. Stock trailers may be parked free of charge in the designated area.
17. Dogs must be on a leash at all times.
18. All cattle must be halter broken.
19. No exhibitor may exhibit a market animal that has been sold as a market animal through a fair junior livestock auction whether or not there is a change of ownership.

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20. All exhibitors must show their own animals. The only exceptions are: if an exhibitor has more than one animal in a class, someone else may show one of the animals and if a scheduling conflict arises between different species, another person may be designated to show one specie. CJLA points will not be awarded for animals that are not shown by the exhibitor.
21. Exhibitors may make arrangements, with management approval, for another exhibitor to bring his/her animals to the official weigh in.
22. If the weight of an animal is disputed, the animal will be immediately taken off the scale and the scale will be checked for balance. The animal will be immediately re-weighed. At no time can the animal leave the scale area. The second weight will be the official weight.
23. If requested by management, exhibitors will be required to display their animals in a parade. Any exhibitor failing to promptly show or parade animals selected by show management will forfeit all or a portion of the premiums previously awarded.
24. The number of tie-outs are limited, and are on a first-come, first served basis. The beef superintendent will handle any and all questions regarding tie-outs.
25. The Junior Grand National Stock Show, in cooperation with the member shows of the North American Livestock Show & Rodeo Manager Association and Rule Infraction Database, reserves the right to refuse entry of any exhibitor who has been barred from any other show on the basis of unethical practices.
26. All Market animals are graded and judged into two groups as noted below:

MARKET READY... Market animals projected to have sufficient fat deposition to meet the marbling specifications for USDA Prime, Choice, or Select quality grades.

NOT MARKET READY... Market animals lacking evidence of sufficient fat deposition to produce a desirable consumer product. Steers projected to grade USDA Select or lower.

27. **No Dorms will be available.**
28. **UNIFORMS** Official uniforms will be required of all exhibitors in the show ring. See Each Department for specific uniform requirements. Specie Superintendents are responsible for enforcing this rule prior to the exhibitor entering the ring. In the event an exhibitor has two animals in the same class, he/she must show one animal and an officially uniformed exhibitor of the same division must show the other.

4-H uniform consists of all whites (pants & shirt), green/white 4-H hat and green 4-H tie/scarf.

FFA uniform shall consist of white trousers, white dress shirt or blouse (short or long-sleeved) with the FFA emblem attached to the left pocket, and the official FFA blue necktie for boys or FFA blue scarf for girls. The official FFA jacket is optional; if worn, the shirt emblem is not required. Hats or headgear of any kind shall not be worn with the official show uniform while showing.

Open/Independent Junior Exhibitors shall wear jeans (no distressed, stonewashed, rips, tears or excessively worn jeans or shorts) or slacks and shirt/blouse with a collar (i.e. polo type or button down, no tank tops or t-shirts) in the show ring. Whites are also acceptable.

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29. All 4-H, FFA and Grange exhibitors must have their entry forms signed by their instructor, advisor or leader. If an exhibitor's conduct is such as to reflect discredit on his/her chapter or club, it may be necessary to send the exhibitor home with his/her animals. By submitting and/or signing an entry form, exhibitors, parents and leaders/advisors agree to the following code of conduct:
- A. There is **NO SMOKING** in any State Building; this includes the Main Arena, on the concourse, the lobbies, and all Livestock Barns. "NO SMOKING" signs are posted throughout the buildings. Smoking is permitted outside only.
 - B. No exhibitor is to leave the grounds without specific permission from their adult supervision/chaperone.
 - C. Respectable conduct is expected of all exhibitors. **Obscene language will not be tolerated.**
 - D. Carrying and/or swinging of bullwhips or lariats is strictly forbidden and reason for expulsion and denial of premiums won.
 - E. Gambling in any form is strictly forbidden.
 - F. Drinking of alcoholic beverages or the use of drugs will be grounds for immediate suspension from all activities.
 - G. Exhibitors who are reported to Management for neglect or abuse of their animals will be brought before Management for appropriate action.
 - H. Appropriate attire will be required for all activities.
 - I. Any display of overly affectionate attention shall be discouraged. Persistent abuse of this rule will be grounds for suspension.
 - J. No exhibitor will be allowed in the barn area between the hours of 10:30 PM and 5:00 AM unless accompanied by an adult or advisor.
 - K. **EXHIBITORS WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY AND ALL DAMAGE DONE TO THE FACILITIES OR EQUIPMENT.**

ANY VIOLATORS OF THE RULES OF CONDUCT WILL BE BROUGHT BEFORE COW PALACE AND SHOW MANAGEMENT. The appropriate action will be carried out by show management. This action could include, but not be limited to: suspension from show activities, removal/dismissal of exhibitor and exhibitor's animals, withholding of show premiums and awards and possible reports to the Division of Fairs and Expositions.

30. By submitting an entry, each exhibitor and his/her parents (if under 18 years of age), hereby release rights to any photo or video taken for publicity purposes.
31. **LIABILITY** All Exhibitors agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Cow Palace, the Junior Grand National Stock Show, the Grand National Rodeo, Horse and Stock Show, and the State of California from and against any liability, claim, loss or expense (including reasonable attorney's fees) arising out of any injury or damage which is caused by, arises from or is any way connected with participation in the Grand National Rodeo, Horse and Stock Show. The Cow Palace, The Grand National Rodeo, Horse and Stock Show, and the State of California shall not be responsible for accidents or losses that may occur to 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 Grand National Rodeo, Horse and Stock Show. This includes any injury to others or to the exhibitor or to the exhibitor's property.

ANIMAL HEALTH

32. The Junior Grand National Stock Show may have a veterinarian and/or veterinarian assistant on grounds that will be in the barn area. The appointed veterinarian and/or veterinarian assistant reserves the right to inspect all animals. Any person officially conducting a health check shall have the right to enter any trailer, pen or tie area to inspect an animal. Any animal found to be in an unsafe, unsightly or unhealthy condition will be quarantined in a designated area. The exhibitor shall remove said animal(s) from Cow Palace grounds as soon as possible. The Cow Palace Veterinarians' decisions will be final. See State Rules for specific health information and rules.

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ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY & QUALITY OF EXHIBIT

33. The Junior Grand National Stock Show is committed to the humane treatment of all animals exhibited. Every possible precaution is taken to insure the animals' safety and well-being. Any exhibitor found using unethical practices or mistreating an animal on the Cow Palace grounds will be immediately dismissed forfeiting all privileges and premiums and will be reported to the proper authorities. Any animal not cleaned or fitted to show as a true representative of the breed it represents shall be disqualified and the judges will not award premiums on such animal.
34. Tail fins, or the addition of any hair or hair like substance, or flocking to the animals body, as well as any grooming material that allows color to come off the animal will not be permitted (False tail switches are permitted). *No foreign substances are to be injected, pumped, drenched or otherwise forced upon any animal.* Violators may face punishment which includes the possibility of expulsion from the Cow Palace grounds and premium money withheld.

FIRE AND SAFETY REGULATIONS IN LIVESTOCK/BARN AREAS

35. Heat producing appliances, such as space heaters, electric skillets, toasters, coffee makers, hot plates and any other appliances used for cooking purposes, shall not be permitted in any barn or livestock area. Electrical devices in good repair that are properly maintained and used in direct connection with the care of the animals are permitted. All extension cords must be plugged directly into the socket or into a surge protector that is plugged directly into the socket. Multiple extension cords may not be strung.
36. By order of the State Fire Marshall, there will be no smoking within the barn, livestock areas or in any exhibit using sawdust, straw or similar materials on the floor.
37. The storage of flammable or combustible liquids or machines containing such shall not be permitted inside any livestock areas.
38. Fire hoses, fire extinguishers or other fire equipment shall not be used except in cases of emergency. These shall not be blocked or obstructed at any time.
39. The roads around the barns shall be kept clear so that fire apparatus may be able to pass through at any time. Minimum width of these roads shall be 20 feet.

OUTSTANDING BILLS

40. All bills for veterinary service, feed or any other debts are due and payable during the show. Any exhibitor who does not meet his obligations to the official veterinarian or feed office will not be allowed to show at any Grand National show until the bills are paid in full.

ENTRY INFORMATION

1. Entries are open to all youth from ages 9 to 19 as of January 1, 2009.

2. **Mail In Entry Deadlines**

It is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure that their entry forms arrive by the applicable entry deadline. The use of return-receipt, proof of mailing, hand-cancellation (postmarking) at the Post Office and overnight guaranteed service are recommended. A metered postmark will not be considered as a valid postmark for entry deadline purposes. The Junior Grand National Rodeo, Horse and Stock Show is not responsible for any lost, delayed or misdirected mail.

All animal entries (except Breeding Rabbits) must be postmarked by **Monday, March 9, 2009**. Entries must bear an official U.S. Postal Service postmark **Monday, March 9, 2009** or earlier to ensure acceptance without late fees. A metered postmark will not be considered as a valid postmark for entry deadline purposes.

All Non-Livestock Competitions must be postmarked by **Monday, March 9, 2009**. Entries must bear an official U.S. Postal Service postmark of **Monday, March 9, 2009** or earlier to ensure acceptance without late fees. A metered postmark will not be considered as a valid postmark for entry deadline purposes.

Breeding Rabbit entries must be postmarked by **Friday, March 27, 2009**. Entries must bear an official U.S. Postal Service postmark to ensure acceptance. A metered postmark will not be considered as a valid postmark for entry deadline purposes.

3. **On Line Entry Deadlines**

All animal entries (except Breeding Rabbits) will be accepted via our online entry system until **MIDNIGHT on Monday, March 16, 2009. The system will shut down at midnight and any unpaid entries as of that time will not be processed.** Entries made online must be paid using a credit card. The online entry system can be accessed through our website at www.grandnationalrodeo.com.

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Breeding Rabbit entries may be e-mailed to grandnationalrabbits@hotmail.com by midnight on Wednesday, March 1, 2009. Entries must be paid in cash prior to the start of judging. See Rabbit Show section for details.

4. All mail in entries must be made on entry forms supplied by the Junior Grand National Stock Show (photocopies are acceptable). Faxed and/or emailed entries (breeding rabbits are an exception) will not be accepted.
5. Use separate entry forms for each type of livestock. Market, Breeding and Classic animals have separate forms. All mail in entries must be accompanied by a summary sheet. All entry fees must be submitted at time of entry. Refer to each division for fee schedules.
6. Exhibitors utilizing the online entry system must complete the Release of Liability and return it to the Junior Grand National Stock Show.
7. All entries must be accompanied by the full entry fees due in order to ensure acceptance. Please make entry checks payable to:
Junior Grand National Stock Show
PO Box 34206
San Francisco, CA 94134
8. Show management will refuse entries postmarked after the published closing date and will do so without prejudice or discrimination. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** The Junior Grand National Stock Show reserves the right to reject any entry at will.

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9. Entries for breeding animals must contain the ID, date of birth, sex, breed and if registered, the registration number of entry, and registration number of sire and dam (except in breeds where the registration papers do not include this information). The owner listed on the registration paper must match the name of the exhibitor. See State Rules for detailed information on registration requirements.
10. Animals entered in pair or group classes must be entered, shown and judged as individuals in the appropriate classes.
11. All animals shall be identified by a permanent number (ear tag, tattoo, photo or drawing, or brand required by breed association, ear notching or micro chip) on the animal which matches the number recorded on the entry form.
12. Agricultural colleges, state and county institutions and schools will be permitted to enter competition, in all classes. Those entries will be subject to the same rules and regulations as apply to regular exhibits.
13. Management reserves the right to limit entries to facilities available and may limit the number of entries made by an exhibitor. Any return of entries under this rule will be done generally and without discrimination. Under any limitation of entries, acceptance will be based on entry receiving date, except some eligible entries may be accepted to ensure an equitable representation of specie or breed.
14. Dairy & Beef Blocking Chutes will be restricted to designated areas, and a chute fee of \$10 per chute must be paid. Milking Stands & Trimming Tables will also be restricted to designated areas and a table fee of \$5 per table must be paid. Tags issued by management must be affixed to all chutes and tables. Chutes and tables must be moved at the request of management.
15. **Refunds** will not be considered for amounts under \$50.00. Please see State Rule II 6 for requirements. Overpayment of entry fees will not be refunded. In the event of an FMD (Foot and Mouth Disease), or other major disease, outbreak in the United States, Cow Palace Management will determine a fair and universal system for the refund of any entry fees collected by the exposition. This system will be based on the date of the outbreak, the severity of the outbreak, and the operational costs associated with and undertaken by Cow Palace Management for the Livestock Show.
16. There will be a \$35.00 fee for checks returned by the bank. Returned checks must be substituted by cash or money order only, accompanied by the \$35.00 fee.
17. There is no limitation on the number of animals an exhibitor may enter, unless otherwise specified, but each exhibitor may only receive premiums on 2 entries per class.
18. Sheep are not to be muzzled while on the fairgrounds. Muzzles will be confiscated and will not be returned.
19. Management reserves the right to implement weigh backs in all Classic and Market Shows.
20. If a Market Animal fails to make the minimum weight as described in this book, the exhibitor has the option of paying additional fees and transferring said animal to the Classic Show. The entire entry fee for the Classic Show must be paid in cash at the livestock office immediately following weigh in. The entry fee for the market classes do not go towards the Classic Show Entry Fee. This transfer is the exhibitor's responsibility and must be done prior to leaving the scale at the time of the official weigh in. Any animal entered in the Classic Show that is over the maximum weight will be disqualified.
21. If an exhibitor has a market animal that has been transferred to the classic show (see rule #20) and that market animal is the only animal of that specie being shown by said exhibitor, then the exhibitor may transfer from market to classic showmanship. If the exhibitor has multiple entries in the classic show of that species, showmanship may not be transferred.
22. If an exhibitor has a market or classic animal that is weight sifted and as a result may not show in an individual class after passing vet check, the exhibitor may use this animal for showmanship if and only if this animal is the only animal the exhibitor has brought to the show.
23. Any exhibitor who qualifies for Round Robin showmanship must be present for the competition or all premiums will be withheld.
24. Management reserves the right to physically handle any animal on the fairgrounds at their discretion.

ENTRY INFORMATION

25. Independent juniors entering market animals must provide show management with a picture of their animal, appropriate proof of ownership, and provide tag or tattoo information 30 days prior to the opening day of the Grand National.