



Plumas-Sierra County Fair

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PLUMAS SIERRA COUNTY FAIR INDEPENDENT EXHIBITOR GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS

All junior livestock exhibitors must adhere to the most current California State Rules to show their animals at the County Fair. Additionally, the Plumas Sierra Junior Livestock Sales Committee has requirements for those exhibitors to sell their animals at the livestock auction at the Fair.

Independent livestock exhibitors are discussed under six items in Section VII of the State Rules:

3. **Independent Junior** – Exhibitor not eligible to compete in a certain category as a member of 4-H, Grange or FFA junior organization.

10. **Independent Exhibitors** must be at least 9 years old or in the 4th grade by January 1 of the year of the Fair to compete in large animal (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Boer Goats, Market & Fiber Goats, Horse & Llama) competitions at California Fairs. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31st of the year in which they turn 19 years of age. ***(For 2016 the age for Independent exhibitors will change to age based only, no grade level; must be 9 years of age by January 1, 2016.)***

16. 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.

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

19. 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.

24. All market animals owned by Independent juniors shall not be discriminated against by the sale program.

A complete copy of the State Rules is available on the fair website; www.plumas-sierracountyfair.net.

Most of these rules are self-explanatory. 4-H, FFA and Grange programs require more from an exhibitor than these rules alone. They also provide closer supervision, better advice and more appropriate guidance to junior exhibitors. Currently, Independent

Exhibitors are only held to the requirements noted above, primarily eligibility, proof of ownership, and most importantly, project management records and proof of supervision. By fulfilling those requirements, an Independent Exhibitor can participate in showmanship competition at the Fair. To be able to then sell their animal at the Fair Auction, they would have to meet the same requirements all exhibitors must fulfill to the Junior Livestock Committee. Independent Exhibitors must contact that committee directly as it is an independent organization, separate from the Plumas Sierra County Fair.

Beginning in 2016, to bring the Independent Exhibitor program closer to the requirements of 4-H, FFA and Grange, exhibitors will be required to complete at least one Community Service Project. This will be in addition to the current requirements outlined in the State Rules.

A packet of Independent Exhibitor forms will be available on the fair website, including an Independent Junior Livestock Exhibitor Affidavit, an Independent Junior Livestock Exhibitor Community Service Project Report, a Junior Livestock Meeting Record and an Independent Exhibitor Project Record.

As stated in the State Rules, no Independent Exhibitor will be discriminated against.