

Local Rules Governing All Divisions

Adult & Junior

**ALL RULES AND TIMELINES MUST BE FOLLOWED.
EXHIBITORS WHO DO NOT MEET DEADLINES
WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR CASH AWARDS OR OTHER PRIZES.**

Welcome to the Marin County Fair!

The following steps will help you in filling out your entry form and the procedure to follow. If you should have any questions, please call the Competitive Exhibits Office at 415.473.7048, email exhibits@marincounty.org, or come to the Fair Office so that we can be of assistance to you. *We're here to help.*

1. **Entry Forms:** (Alternative: To enter online see page 14.)

NOTE – There is a 2019 \$2 per person Registration Fee for using paper Entry Forms; save \$1 by entering online.

- a. All entries must be made on the official 2019 Marin County Fair Entry Form (or by entering online). Entry forms may be obtained at **marinfair.org**, at the Fair Office (10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael, California 94903), or by calling the Fair Entry Office at 415.473.7048.
- b. **More than one department may be entered on one entry form.** Exceptions – Poultry, Rabbits, Dogs, Pocket Pets, Guinea Pigs, Dairy and Beef Cattle, Market Swine, Dairy Goats, Pygmy Goats and Horses must each be entered on Fur and Feather, Livestock, or Horse Show forms.
- c. On entry form, print your name and mailing address. Juniors must include age and school. List the Division, Class, and title or description of each entry on separate lines. **BE SURE THE FORM IS FILLED OUT CORRECTLY AND COMPLETELY.**

Example—Clothing & Textiles Department:

Division Number	Class Number	Please Describe Entry (title &/or brief description)	Sale Price or Not For Sale, If Applicable	Entry Fee
73	2	Crocheting, blue ripple afghan	N.F.S.	\$4.00

- d. All Juniors must have signature of instructor, county agent, local leader, parent, or guardian on entry form.
- e. Entries will be computerized; therefore, all paper entry forms must be delivered, mailed, or submitted to the Fair Office on or before deadline specified in your department. You may enter beginning April 1, 2019. (Note: online entry deadlines often differ, see page #14.)
- f. For all Fees, checks are to be made payable to the Marin County Fair and must accompany the Entry Form. Cash and credit cards are also accepted in the fair office. Entry Forms that require fees will not be accepted without fees. Fees are not refundable.

- g. The Fair will attempt to enter exhibits in the proper classes when entries are in error on the entry form. However, the Fair will not be liable for entries made in error and will not reopen judging to accommodate such entries.
- h. All entries must have been completed by the exhibitor within two years prior to the opening day of the Fair.
- i. Exhibitors may enter only one exhibit in a Class, unless otherwise indicated.
- j. Exhibits entered in previous Marin County Fairs are not eligible EXCEPT when specifically noted. (Example: Potted plants may be entered more than one year.)
- k. **Submission of entries, including entries submitted online, implies acceptance of all conditions as stated in State and Local Rules.**

2. **Exhibitor Eligibility:**

- a. Please refer to each department for eligibility. Junior departments are open to all junior residents of **Marin and Sonoma Counties**, five through eighteen years of age, **except where noted**. Open to members of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, and other youth organizations, along with individuals *not* affiliated with an organization.
- b. Junior Exhibitors may be allowed to enter exhibits in the Adult Departments **ONLY** when a class for the exhibit is not offered in the Junior Department (refer to State Rules).

3. **Labeling:** Please check division entered for proper labeling instructions.

4. **Delivery:** **PLEASE READ THE DELIVERY DATES CAREFULLY** as Department delivery dates vary. Entries delivered late will not be accepted.

5. **Tags:**

Fair management will provide and install identifying exhibitor tags when exhibits are delivered. Names are revealed after judging. Any additional signs, courtesy or educational, must be approved by Fair Management.

6. **Judging Rules:**

- a. The Fair will pay cash awards only on those classes specified in the Exhibitors' Guide, and only the Judging Sheet will be the basis for the cash award payments. Ribbons and exhibitor tags have no value as to payment.
- b. All divisions and/or classes will be judged under the American System and/or Danish System as stated in the Exhibitors' Guide.

7. **Liability:**

Although reasonable efforts will be undertaken to safeguard exhibitors' property against loss, damage or theft, the County of Marin, the Marin County Fair and/or its contractors will not be responsible for any loss, damage or theft of exhibitors' property brought on the premises during the period of the Marin County Fair. Every precaution will be taken in the handling and exhibiting of work; however, the Exhibits must be picked up on Release Day. Exhibits not claimed five days after Release Day will be donated or discarded.

8. **General:**

Fair Management has the authority to clarify this guidebook for the proper conduct of the Fair, and exhibitors must in all cases conform. Accepted works shall NOT BE REMOVED from the show prior to release dates as stated in these rules. Work must remain as installed.

9. **Cancellation:**

The Management reserves the right to cancel entries and cash and special awards and request the removal of exhibits from the Fairgrounds where exhibitors are disorderly or endangering or disturbing the public and other exhibitors.

10. **Exhibit Release Dates:**

Please refer to individual Divisions for combination of accepted and non-accepted works regarding Exhibit Release Dates. Entries must be picked up in person by exhibitor, or any other person must have a signed letter of authorization from the artist or exhibitor. Accepted exhibits shall NOT BE REMOVED from the show prior to release dates as stated in this Guidebook. Works must remain as installed. **Entries will not be released without claim check.**

11. **State Rules:**

For a complete listing of State Rules refer to:

https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/Fairs_ & Expositions/Documents/State_Rules_for_California_Fairs/2019_State_Rules_for_California_Fairs.pdf

How to Enter Online

Entry information will be online beginning April 1, 2019.

Extended deadline for online entries – when indicated, online entries will be accepted up to one week before delivery date. See individual departments for details.

1. Go to marinfair.org
2. Click on Competitive Exhibits and follow instructions for entering online. See each department's contest pages for rules, deadlines, etc.
3. Please carefully enter all information – checking accuracy of spelling, exhibitor information, division numbers, class numbers, and any required descriptions.
4. There is a \$1 fee for entering online; see marinfair.org for details.
5. All exhibitors entering online agree to abide by all Local and State Rules.
6. If you have any questions regarding entering online, email the Marin County Fair Entry Office at exhibits@marincounty.org or call 415.473.7048.