

# RAMONA JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBITOR RULES

1. This handbook, also known as the Premium Book, is sent out in advance. The Ramona Junior Fair reserves the final and absolute right to interpret, amend, or add to these rules and regulations as deemed necessary. Any exhibitor found in violation of these rules, the By-Laws of the Ramona Junior Fair, or any directive(s) of any superintendent of the fair shall be penalized by forfeiture of awards, premiums, and privileges.
2. The Local Rules of the Ramona Junior Fair apply to all parents, leaders, advisors, exhibitors and their projects. If any rule is not specifically stated, the State Rules will be used as a guideline by the Ramona Junior Fair. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to know and follow the aforementioned rules and any additional rules set by the Ramona Junior Fair. Copies of both the State Rules and Local Rules are located on our website: <http://www.ramonajuniorfair.com>. Printed copies can be attained by contacting the Fair Administrator.
3. The Ramona Junior fair is not liable for accidents or losses that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at the show. Liability insurance covering exhibits is at the discretion and responsibility of the exhibitor. Exhibitors shall hold the RJF harmless and indemnify it against any legal proceedings arising from any accident or loss.
4. **Market classes** of the Ramona Junior Fair are open only to 4-H, Grange, and FFA members in clubs or chapters North of the Southern boundaries of Del Mar, Poway, Ramona, Santa Ysabel, and Julian areas and within the boundaries of San Diego County.
5. **Breeding, Small Animal, Home Economic, & Industrial Arts classes** of the Ramona Junior Fair are open only to 4-H, Grange, and FFA members in clubs or chapters in San Diego, Riverside, and Imperial Counties.
6. All Youth Exhibitors must be under the supervision of Club/Chapter leader while on the Fairgrounds.
7. **EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY: Exhibitors must be actively enrolled in 4-H, Grange, or FFA to participate in the Ramona Junior Fair. In order to exhibit a specific species of animal, exhibitors must be enrolled in the organization and project under which they are exhibiting.** Exhibitors not meeting these requirements or meeting the age requirements as set forth in the State Rules will not be eligible to show at the Ramona Junior Fair. See State Rule VII for age requirements. Failure to follow the eligibility requirements or refusal of the leader or advisor to approve the entry when required will prevent the exhibitor from entering that particular class.
8. **4-H Cross Over Projects-** Members crossing-over to other project groups, *must* register/enter with the group in which they are crossing over to. Those entries will be approved with the cross-over group, **not** the home group.
9. **ONLINE ENTRIES: Entries must be completed and paid by the exhibitor, online at [ramona.fairwire.com](http://ramona.fairwire.com) by 10 PM on Tuesday, July 14, 2026.** Any entries electronically time stamped after this deadline will **not** be accepted. **A copy of the online receipt for all entries must be submitted directly to the leader/advisor. The Ramona Junior Fair will not be accepting payments OR printed entries.**
10. Submission of online entries shall be deemed acceptance of all rules. Acceptance includes permission to use your name, photograph, and exhibit for the media.
11. **ENTRY FEES: Hand delivered entries and fees will no longer be accepted. All entries and payments must be completed through the entry platform.** Overpaid fees and fees paid on entries made and not exhibited are non-refundable except as noted in the State Rules. Monies/fees **MUST** be received with all entries by entry closing date. Completion of entries will be verified by delivery of completion e-mail to the exhibitor's provided e-mail address. Additional instructions for completing entries can be found on the Ramona Junior Fair website.
12. **First Aid /Emergency Contact forms MUST be submitted online at: <https://tinyurl.com/2026-RJF-First-Aid-Form>**
13. **LEADER/ADVISORS APPROVAL: Club Leaders/Advisors will be provided with a Club Summary Sheet at the close of entries. At this time, Leaders/Advisors must submit requests to Fair Administrator and/or Fair Clerk for changes/approval BY 10 PM on July 18, 2026.**

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14. **LEADER/ADVISOR ELIGIBILITY:** Leaders/Advisors approving entries must be properly registered with the organization which they are representing. Entries approved by unregistered leaders/advisors will result in those exhibitor entries being removed from fair.
15. **Camping Fees:** Camping fees will be paid with all entries.
16. The Ramona Junior Fair Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any exhibit offered if it is objectionable in any way, requires an excessive amount of space, or the capacity of the department has been reached.
17. Entries and exhibits must be on exhibit at the official opening of the fair or at the time specified elsewhere in this Premium Book except as determined by fair management in cases of sickness, accident, death, disciplinary actions requested by a youth program supervisor, or other circumstances which are in the best interest of the Ramona Junior Fair. Exhibits that are removed from the fair may not return. Any exhibit not picked up on specified date becomes property of the Ramona Junior Fair and will be disposed of promptly.
18. 4-H, Grange, and FFA exhibitors will show together in their respective classes.
19. **PREMIUMS:** All premium money will be paid from the awards and placings marked by the judges in the official judging books and not from ribbons that may be attached to the exhibits. Premium money will not be awarded in classes with less than three (3) exhibitors per class. No more than two (2) premiums will be paid per exhibitor, per class. The Ramona Junior Fair assumes no responsibility for special awards offered by clubs, individuals, or sanctioning bodies. Awards not collected at the fair must be picked up at the end of a monthly RJF meeting by appointment.
20. **PREMIUM SCHEDULE:** Please see division pages throughout Premium Book for premiums paid.
21. **ADDRESS CHANGES:** It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to notify the Ramona Junior Fair of any address changes which occur after entries are submitted.
22. **EXHIBITOR CHECKS & PICTURES:** All checks for premiums and auction earnings will be made payable to the exhibitor as listed on the entry form. Checks will be available for pick-up by the Leaders/Advisors no earlier than the RJF Board of Director's Fair Review Meeting following the fair. Checks and pictures not picked up at this must be picked up by Leaders/Advisors at an RJF Board of Director's Monthly meeting the following months. Checks not picked up by the December meeting will be to the address shown on the entry form. Auction checks may be held longer if buyer has not paid. Checks not cashed within 12 months from the date of issue will be forfeited. Replacement checks may be subject to a \$25.00 stop payment fee.
23. Each exhibitor MUST SHOW/EXHIBIT HIS/HER OWN ANIMAL/PROJECT in accordance with the time schedule for the judging of that class/section, unless extraordinary reasons and a variance is approved by the Fair Board. Failure to do so will result in disqualification with forfeiting of any and all awards/premiums to that exhibit.
24. A variance may be granted to the exhibitor following the death of his or her animal. It is also understood that the new animal is NOT eligible to compete for Champion at any level. A variance proposal must be presented to the Fair Board. In addition, the following documents must be presented to the board:
  - a. A letter/statement from the exhibitor that is signed by the exhibitor, parent, and advisor/leader and specifies ear tag number, species, and the information of the owner of the deceased animal.
  - b. A death certificate from the veterinarian.
  - c. A copy of the bill of sale for the new animal.

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25. **OFFICIAL UNIFORMS:** All 4-H, Grange, and FFA members exhibiting livestock must wear the official uniform of their organization while showing or selling their animals. Dress code compliance is the responsibility of the 4-H and Grange Leaders and FFA Advisors. For ALL exhibitors, blue denim jeans will be optional for all shows including Market, Showmanship, Breed, Etc. **AS WELL AS Auction.** Criteria for jeans are as follows: jeans must be clean, unfaded, free from holes and fraying, and worn in a fashion consistent with the values of the Ramona Junior Fair. Traditional whites are optional but **NOT** required for showmanship and auction sale. The Ramona Junior Fair will enforce the 4-H, Grange, and FFA standards of attire for exhibitors in market and showmanship classes and auction sale upon the direction of the superintendent before an exhibitor enters the ring.
26. **ATTIRE:** When on the grounds, exhibitors must be neatly attired, wear close-toed shoes, and conduct themselves in a quiet and orderly manner. Failure to do so may result in removal from the fairgrounds.
27. All persons in the barn areas must observe **NO SMOKING, VAPING, OR SMOKELESS TOBACCO** rules.
28. Bikes, skates/rollerblades, skateboards, motorcycles, and/or electric gas carts will not be allowed in the Livestock area.
29. **ANIMALS:** No animal shall be admitted to or remain on the Fairgrounds from any premises under quarantine or that shows any evidence of any active, communicable disease or condition, parasites, or fungus. No animals other than those officially entered will be allowed in the Livestock area with the exception of Guide Animals.
30. **ANIMAL HANDLING:** Animals are to be handled only by an exhibitor registered for the current year at the Ramona Junior Fair or an RJF Superintendent as needed. Any additional handling of an animal other than by a current year exhibitor will be at the discretion of the Superintendents and will need to be approved by a Superintendent.
31. **CHANGES:** The Ramona Junior Fair Board of Directors reserves the right to move animals and/or entries, if necessary and to change the scheduled program as needed.
32. **PROTEST:** The judges' decisions cannot be protested. All protests must be presented to The Ramona Junior Fair Board of Directors in writing within 24 hours of the alleged violation and must be accompanied by a \$50.00 deposit (cash, money order, certified check). Protests will be considered only if there has been a violation of the rules as stated in this Premium Book. All protests and actions are decided by the Ramona Junior Fair Board of Directors.
33. **The decision of the Ramona Junior Fair Board of Directors shall be final and binding.** The Ramona Junior Fair assumes no liability or responsibility not herein expressed.

# MARKET EXHIBITOR RULES

## (Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, & Meat Pens)

1. **MARKET ANIMAL OWNERSHIP:** Before the day of weigh-in, a market animal must be owned, managed, and personally cared for by the exhibitor for no less than:
 

Market Beef.....	120 consecutive days	Swine.....	60 consecutive days
Sheep.....	60 consecutive days	Goats.....	60 consecutive days
Meat Pens.....	30 consecutive days & exhibitor enrolled in the project for no less than 60 days		
2. **PROOF OF OWNERSHIP:** Proof of ownership for market beef will be a brand inspection, bill of sale, or signed statement and project record showing animal was bred by exhibitor and will be required at scale. Proof of ownership for ALL species may be required at scale upon request of Fair Management.
3. **PROOF OF PROP 12 COMPLIANCE:** In order to enter the grounds, exhibitors must have proof that Market Swine have been purchased from Prop 12 Compliant Breeders. Paperwork *must* be submitted by Leader/Advisor with final Club Summary/Approval.
4. **PREVIOUS OWNERSHIP:** Animals that were previously sold through *any* junior livestock auction are NOT eligible for any market shows of the Ramona Junior Fair. Animals may be eligible for breeding shows if ownership deadlines are met.
5. **MARKET ANIMAL EXHIBITORS:** Market projects must be housed in San Diego County and be personally cared for by the exhibitor that resides in San Diego County. Leader/advisor signature on the entry form serves as proof that the project was personally cared for by the exhibitor in its respective youth agriculture program. Animal projects raised outside of San Diego County will no longer be permitted entry into the market show.
6. **PRE-TAGGING:** All market animals must be pre-tagged. There will be no tagging of any kind allowed on any Ramona Municipal Water District Property. All Clubs/Chapters are responsible for obtaining required large market animal tags from the Livestock Superintendent and tagging their own animals according to the instructions provided prior to the entry deadline. All meat pen rabbits must be tattooed. All poultry meat pen birds must be identified with leg bands. **Tag numbers, tattoos, and leg band numbers must be included on entry forms.** The tagging deadline for all species is the same as the entry deadline. All unused tags must be returned with entry forms. Tags and bands must be attached and remain on the animal at all times until removal from the fair or awards will not be paid. Replacement tags may be obtained from the Livestock Superintendent.
7. **LIMIT OF ENTRIES:** Exhibitors are limited to a total of three market animals. **Large Livestock:** Up to two (2) of each species. **Meat Pens:** A maximum of two (2) entries, only one of each species. Meat pens are considered one animal. If the number of animals entered exceeds barn capacity, the Ramona Junior Fair Board will exclude second animal species.
8. **DISPLAYS:** All displays must be completely installed by 7:00 PM the day before livestock move in. Tack may be moved-in according to the schedule, or by planning with the Livestock Superintendent. **Each animal's pen/stall must be individually identified with a minimum of club, exhibitor name, and animal ear tag number.** Individual animal signs may be hung on animal panels. To increase air flow on the Ramona Junior Fair Facility, no solid displays may be constructed. Any material used in decorating stalls, pens, racks, exhibits, or booths, must allow for at least 50% flow through ventilation and be made of non-flammable material or treated and maintained in a flame-retardant condition. Back drop/displays in addition to individual animal signs for swine, sheep, and goats

must be suspended no less than 3 feet above the top railing of the pen panels. Kick/Shavings boards used in the sheep, goat, and swine barns in addition to the pens provided by the fair must not exceed 8 inches from the ground to the top of the board and cannot inhibit air flow. Each swine, sheep, and goat group is allowed two full endcap displays for educational purposes. Back drop/displays for cattle must be suspended at or above a line that reaches from one foot below the top rail of the beef panels and above. Educational displays in the beef barn may be placed on the end caps of the RJF panels or on the wood display boards in the barn. Please contact the RJF Livestock Superintendent to reserve beef barn display space. No displays will be allowed in the aiseways of any barn. Displays and tack may be taken down at the opening of barns the day following the auction. However, no tack or displays may be removed from the grounds **until after the conclusion of closing ceremonies**. For more specifications, please see diagrams on Ramona Junior Fair Website Rules & Entry Page. The Ramona Junior Fair Board reserves the right to remove or modify displays as needed.

9. Cooling and heating devices must be approved by the Livestock Superintendent before use.

10. **WEIGH-IN: Animals will be weighed-in according to the schedule on Page 2 of this book.**

Only exhibitors, staff, leaders, and advisors may handle livestock in the weigh-in area. All animals must be given the opportunity to drink prior to stepping on scale, no animal will be force watered. No overly fatigued or wet animals will be allowed on the scales. Animals deemed unfit for proper health screening will be refused. Only exhibitors whose animals did not make market weight may request a re-weigh **BEFORE** the exhibitor leaves the scale area.

11. **LARGE ANIMAL WEIGHT LIMITS:** Below are the weight ranges for each species:

Species	Minimum Weight	Maximum Auction Pay Weight
Market Beef	1000	NONE
Swine	210	300
Sheep	110	NONE
Goat	65	NONE

Underweight beef, swine, sheep, and goats will be judged in appropriate feeder classes. Underweight animals are not eligible for Auction. **\*\*Underweight barn sale animals are self-haul ONLY. They cannot go on the truck with auction animals.\*\***

12. **MEAT PEN REQUIREMENTS:** Below are the requirements of animals found in chicken, turkey, and rabbit meat pens:

Species	Maximum Age	Minimum Weight
Chicken Meat Pen	8 Weeks**	3 birds no less than 4 pounds each
Turkey Meat Pen	21 Weeks**	1 bird no less than 14 pounds
Rabbit Meat Pen	10 Weeks**	3 Rabbits Weighing 3.5- 5.5 Pounds Each

**\*\* A hatchery receipt or delivery invoice must be submitted with entries.** The base date for computing the age of the animal shall be the day the animal is to be judged.

13. **SCRAPIE (Sheep & Goats):** Pursuant to USDA standards, all sheep and goats entering fairs are required to have official Scrapie Identification. All out of state sheep and goats are required to have official identification, a certificate of veterinarian inspection, and California entry permit. See State Rule X, Sheep and Goats Health Rules.
14. **HORNS:** All market animals with horns must be dehorned or disbudded. Scurs or blunted horns may be allowed at the discretion of the Ramona Junior Fair Board.
15. **FEMALE ANIMALS:** All female market animals must be shown open. If an animal is suspected bred, the exhibitor may be asked to present a 30-day non-pregnancy verification signed by an accredited, licensed, non-owner veterinarian. If the verification cannot be produced, the Ramona Junior Fair veterinarian on-call may be asked to examine the market animal and/or all female market animals of that species at the owners' expense.
16. **DRUG TESTING:** The veterinarian and/or Ramona Junior Fair Board of Directors may order a drug test at any time. Each exhibitor must complete and sign a **Declaration of Medication form prior to the start of the fair**. This form **MUST** be signed by the exhibitor and the 4-H Leader, Grange Leader, or FFA Advisor. Exhibitors agree that the Ramona Junior Fair shall be entitled to disqualify any exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug. **Drug tests may be performed on any and/or all animals going through Champion Drive, either before or after choosing of the champions.**
17. **UNRULY ANIMALS** will be removed at the discretion of the Livestock Superintendent or any Ramona Junior Fair Board Member at any time. No muzzles or bull rings may be used at any time during the fair.
18. **ANIMAL ILLNESS:** Any animal showing evidence of illness will be immediately removed from the Fairgrounds. The decision of the veterinarian is final. Any, and all medication must be reported to the Livestock Office. Prior to treating any animal, veterinarians and/or exhibitors must report to the Livestock Office.
19. **VET SERVICE:** Exhibitors who fail to pay for veterinarian services rendered by the contracted fair veterinarian will not be permitted to show or sell until outstanding bills have been settled.
20. **BEDDING:** The bedding used will be shavings due to recycling requirements. **Manure and waste must be placed in designated areas.**
21. **BARNs:** Cleaning and feeding must be completed by 8:00 AM in the mornings and by closing of the barns in the evenings. Pens **MUST** be cleaned daily. Barns will be open from 6:30 AM until 9:00 PM. There will be no access outside of these areas.
22. **NECK ROPES:** All cattle must be tied with neck ropes by the end of move-in.
23. **GROOMING:** Grooming shampoos and conditioners may be used. No use of glue, adhesives, or paints that alter the natural conformation, color, or weight of the animal may be used at any time. Fly sprays and insecticides may be used upon approval from the Livestock Superintendent or Species Superintendent. **All animals** should arrive clean and remain clean, animals not clean enough will be removed from grounds. **Only exhibitors will be allowed to groom or handle animals.** Adults or non-exhibitors found grooming or handling animals risk disqualification of entry, ineligibility for auction, and/or dismissal from the property. **SHEEP:** Prior to arrival at the show, sheep must have legal tail docks and no more than one (1) inch of stretched fleece at any point on their bodies.
24. **JUDGING:** The Danish System of judging will be used for all market classes. The American system of judging will be used for all showmanship classes. **A judge's decision is final.** The Ramona Junior Fair Board may not and will not request any changes in the judges' ruling.
25. All large market animals and Grand and Reserve Champion Meat Pen animals must remain on the fairgrounds until the close of the fair.
26. Any substance (topical, ingested, or injected), except food and water, which is intended to affect the structure or function of the body of any exhibit animal must be approved by the Livestock Superintendent prior to use on fairgrounds. The supplement must be labelled for that species.

# LIVESTOCK AUCTION RULES

1. Only blue and red ribbon animals will be eligible for auction.
2. The Auction will be held on **Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 1:00 PM**. Buyers are encouraged to pre-register prior to the Auction. Pre- Registration Information can be found on the RJF Website. Day-Of Buyer Registration will begin at 10:30 AM. **A BUYERS' LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED BEFORE THE AUCTION.**
3. All Grand and Reserve Grand Champions must sell through the auction. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
4. Each exhibitor is limited to one (1) large animal sale in the auction, except for exhibitors with multiple champion animals. Exhibitors may sell one (1) eligible Meat Pen and one (1) eligible Large Animal through auction.
5. For every five (5) Small Animal Meat Pens entered in the fair, one additional Pen will be sent through the auction. (Example- 6 Rabbit Meat Pens Entered: The Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place pen would go to auction)
6. A processing fee of 4% of sale price and a photography fee will be charged for each animal sold at the auction. The fees will be deducted from the seller's payment check. A 2% fee will be taken off of add-ons processed by the fair.
7. Each exhibitor **MUST SHOW HIS/HER OWN ANIMAL THROUGH THE AUCTION** unless extraordinary reasons and prior arrangement is made with the Ramona Junior Fair Board. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiting of any and all premiums earned.
8. The Ramona Junior Fair Livestock Auction will hire a professional photographer. Two 8X10 photographs of each animal auctioned will be provided at a cost determined by the photographer. One photograph must be furnished by the seller to the **original buyer**. Any photo taken, other than the original sale photo, is considered an additional photo and must be paid for by the exhibitor at the time the photo is taken.
9. Auction participants agree to waive their "right to reserve bid" and authorize the Fair to sell "without reserve" to the highest bidder. **ALL SALES ARE FINAL!**
10. Classification weight of large market animals at the scale will serve as sale weight, with no shrinkage taken. Meat Pens will be sold as one unit.
11. Exhibitors of auction animals will be responsible for the proper care of the animal until it is delivered to the buyer or agent on specified date and time. Packer truck schedule will be announced following awards ceremony. A \$25.00 handling fee, in addition to loss of all auction and premium payments, will be charged to the exhibitor in the event of late or non-delivery of his/her animal.
12. All animals must be presented, according to the sale order, in the auction ring in a well-groomed and natural condition. **No unnatural or unapproved products may be placed on the animal by anyone other than Fair Management before, during, or after the auction.** Animals that have been altered in any way may be removed from the auction. See Grooming Rules on Page 9.
13. Upon request, sales slips showing weight, price per pound, and total sale amount may be furnished to a seller. In case of dispute the sales slip and/or the official Auction Book is what will be used to determine the sale amount.
14. The Auction Committee is acting agent for the seller but is not responsible for any contract liability between buyer and seller.
15. **DISPOSITION OF MARKET ANIMALS:** Buyers may not change the disposition of a market animal purchased through the Auction or Barn Sale after 8:00 PM on Auction Day. At this time, any animal purchased through the Auction without designation of disposition, will be assigned disposition at the discretion of the RJF Administration.
16. A hauling/processing fee for animals sent to the State Plant will be charged to the buyer at the time of purchase.

17. Any exhibitor having more than one animal eligible for auction must notify the Livestock Office as to which animal(s) will be scratched. **Scratch sheets will be available in the Livestock Office, for animals not going through the Auction and must be completed no later than 4:00 PM on the evening of the last market show. Auction scratches not completed by this time will be determined by the Ramona Junior Fair Board. A final Auction List will be posted and must be reviewed by the exhibitor no later than 8:00 AM the day prior to the Auction. All changes made after this time are subject to a fee or possible refusal of the Ramona Junior Fair.**
18. Barn sales of each species begin at the conclusion of the auction for that species, no sooner. "For Sale" signs cannot be posted in the barns until after that species has been concluded in its entirety from the auction. Exhibitors found advertising prior to the conclusion of the species will forfeit the right to barn sale. All Barn Sale Paperwork *must* be completed no later than 8:00 PM on Auction Day. After this deadline, all Barn Sale animals will be deemed "self-haul" indicating that the exhibitor is responsible for the transportation of that animal at the close of the fair.
19. The Ramona Junior Fair is not responsible for payment of barn sale animals. This is a private party sale.
20. Auction checks will be mailed according to Exhibitor Checks Rules, previously printed in the Exhibitor Rules.
21. Home Economics and Industrial Arts Junior/Senior Division Winners will be eligible for auction. Please see Home Economics & Industrial Arts Section for more details.

**AUCTION ORDER**

Swine, Rabbit Meat Pens, Goats, Chicken Meat Pens, Sheep, Turkey  
Meat Pens, Beef

\* Home Economics & Industrial Arts Champion Items Being Sold Will  
be Spread Throughout the Auction

# SMALL ANIMAL EXHIBITOR RULES

## (Rabbits, Poultry, Cavy, & Pygmy Goats)

1. Small Animal shows are open to all 4-H, Grange, and FFA members in clubs and chapters within San Diego, Imperial, and Riverside Counties.
2. All Small Animal Shows are one day shows.
3. For Meat Pen requirements please see Market Animal Rules and Classes.
4. **SMALL ANIMAL OWNERSHIP:** A small animal must be owned, managed, and personally cared for by the exhibitor for no less than:
  - Rabbits, Cavies, & Poultry ..... 30 consecutive days
  - Pygmy Goat..... 30 consecutive days
5. Animals must be brought to the fair in standard, separate transport cages. No cardboard boxes.
6. **JUDGING:** The American System of judging will be used for all Small Classes. **A judge's decision is final.** The Ramona Junior Fair Board may not and will not request any changes in the judges' ruling.
7. Rabbits and Cavies will be judged according to A.R.B.A. rules and current A.R.B.A. show classes but will not be sanctioned this year.
8. Rabbit classes will be divided by age.
9. Poultry will be judged based on the Standard of Perfection of the American Poultry Association and the American Bantam Association.
10. Poultry are limited to five birds per section per exhibitor.
11. Pygmy goats will be judged according to N.P.G.A. classes and rules.
12. **HORNS:** Pygmy goats must be dehorned.
13. **IDENTIFICATION:** Cavies must have an identification tag in the left ear. All rabbits must be tattooed. All poultry must be identified with leg bands. Tag numbers, full tattoos, and leg band numbers must be included on entry forms.
14. **AGE OF ANIMALS:** Rabbits and cavies must be a minimum age of three (3) months old. The base date for computing the age of all breeding animals shall be the day the animal is to be judged.
15. **RABBITS:** Those that are disqualified because of permanent defects, deformities or blemishes and those absent at the time of judging do not count when computing the number of exhibitors in a section. A judge may eliminate a rabbit from competition because of temporary or curable defects, but the rabbit will be counted as an exhibit.
16. **POULTRY:** Birds that are disqualified because of sickness, disease, or lice/mite infestation and those absent at the time of judging do not count when computing the number or exhibitors in each section.
17. **POULTRY POSTER:** Must be on a standard size poster board, no larger than 24" X 36". Judging criteria: Educational Value- 25%, Design- 25%, Neatness- 25%, Originality- 25%.
18. **POULTRY KNOWLEDGE TEST:** Entries are individual and entered within the open entry deadlines.
19. **PYGMY GOAT AGE:** The base date for computing the age of the animal shall be the day the animal is to be judged.
20. **AWARDS:** Small Animal Divisions will receive awards for Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show.

# HORSE SHOW RULES

1. The Ramona Junior Fair Horse Show is a one-day show that is open to all 4-H, Grange, and FFA members in clubs and chapters within San Diego, Imperial, and Riverside Counties.
2. The Ramona Junior Fair Board reserves the right to interpret all questions and conditions in regard to or arising out of an incident at the show without claims for damages or recourse of any kind. All questions not covered on these rules and regulation shall be decided by the Superintendent.
3. The Ramona Junior Fair Board reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally, or to cancel any entries, and cancel award prizes, without claim for damage; to change any course, to cancel or combine any unfilled classes, or to reschedule classes, after due notice to exhibitor; to change rings or rotate or change judges and officials.
4. All arenas must be vacated while any maintenance equipment is being used.
5. No dogs are allowed in the show area with the exception of Guide Animals.
6. Lack of entries may result in the combination of classes and/or the cancelling of the show for the year.
7. No horse may compete in more than twenty (20) classes.
8. **HORSE OWNERSHIP:** Exhibitors must have owned or leased their animal no less than 120 days prior to the closing date of entries. Should an exhibitor's horse die, the exhibitor may replace the project horse before competition at the discretion of the project leader. Notification of such must be made in writing to the Ramona Junior Fair Board of Directors before competition.
9. **GROOMING & HANDLING:** All physically able exhibitors are responsible for the handling, grooming, tacking, and warm-up of the horse for competition unless safety is compromised. Adults or non-exhibitors found handling, grooming, tacking or warming-up animals risk disqualification of entry and/or dismissal from the property.
10. Horses may not be tied to fence posts or left unattended in the arenas at any time.
11. Horses that are being ridden must be bridled and ridden by a single rider at all times. There will be no riding with halters or riding double.
12. **PROOF OF VACCINATION:** To eliminate the spread of equine disease, proof of Flu/Rhinovirus Vaccination administration at minimum must be presented. Vaccination must have occurred within one year prior to show date. All animals must be inspected by fair/show staff before unloading from trailers.
13. Stallions are not eligible to be shown and will not be permitted on the grounds.
14. **CLASSES:** Classes will be defined as Walk/Trot/Special Needs, Junior, and Senior. Upon examination, the Board of Directors, Show Superintendent, and/or judge hold the right to move a rider and/or horse to a more appropriate division.
  - JUNIOR:** An exhibitor age 13 and under as of January 1.
  - SENIOR:** An exhibitor age 14 to 19 as of January 1.
  - WALK/TROT/SPECIAL NEEDS:** This division is for a first or second-year riding showman, regardless of age. Walk/Trot exhibitors may only enter this class for a total of two years. Those wishing to participate for more than two years or requesting to move to a higher division in their first two years, may request to do so through the Board of Directors. Participation in In-Hand classes does not count against years of participation in this division.
  - IN-HAND:** This division is for new exhibitors that desire to show but not ride. Exhibitors in In-Hand may *not* enter riding classes.
15. **SHOWMANSHIP:** Exhibitors that show in their respective showmanship class will be eligible for Horse Showmanship Awards.
16. **SHOWMANSHIP TACK:** Any presentable halter with a throat latch and lead may be used. No whips allowed.

# HORSE SHOW RULES

17. **TACK:** The Ramona Junior Fair Board reserves the right to perform a *mandatory* inspection of all tack before each class for suitability, cleanliness, and safety. A mechanical hackamore may be used in Gymkhana ONLY. Tie-down, or martingales, are permitted for Gymkhana.
18. **WESTERN TACK:** Refer to AQHA official handbook. Any Western shank bit is allowed that has a maximum length overall of 8 ½". The mouthpiece shall consist of a metal bar 3/8" to 3/4" in diameter. If the horse is five (5) years old or younger, a rawhide bosal or a snaffle with a smooth mouthpiece may be used. Two hands may be used if a bosal or snaffle is used. A smooth, flat, half-inch chain may be used as part of the curb strap or leather curb strap. The saddle should be of the Western type, serviceable, and fit the rider. Reference to a bit in Western Performance Classes means the use of a curb bit that has a solid or broken mouthpiece, has shank and acts with leverage. All curb bits must be free of mechanical device and should be considered a standard Western bit.
19. **ENGLISH TACK:** Crops are optional. A smooth mouth snaffle, Pelham, or Kimberwick is permissible. A curb chain is to be used with a Pelham, but not with a snaffle. Martingales are allowed only if the pattern calls for jumping. Saddles should be serviceable hunt, all purpose, or flat. No bareback pads.
20. **APPAREL:** All participants will be judged on personal appearance. Clothing shall be Western show clothes, English show clothes, or the complete 4-H, FFA, or Grange Uniforms. No combinations will be allowed. Short or long-sleeved collared shirts are acceptable, no tank-tops or t-shirts allowed. Shirts must be tucked in and sleeves rolled down and fastened when showing. Vests, jackets, and chaps are optional. All boots must have at least a 1/2" heel and smooth sole. Patterned soles are permitted if the pattern is 1/8" or less deep. "Waffle" soles are prohibited (i.e. Fat Baby soles). All participants must wear a properly fitting ASTM/SEI approved helmet with the chin strap fastened at all times. Spurs are optional, but if worn must be enroweled for English classes.
21. **HELMETS:** All riders, regardless of riding seat, shall wear a properly fitted equestrian helmet which meets ASTM/SEI standards with secured chin harness properly fastened at all times when mounted on a horse, in the arena, or when handling or in the vicinity of any horse.
22. **JUDGING:** AHSA and California State Fair 4-H Horse Show rules will apply to all show classes. Silver and other appointments will not be taken into account by the judge. The American System of Judging will be used for all Horse Show Classes. First Place will earn seven (7) points, Second Place will earn five (5) points, and so on with Sixth Place earning one (1) point.
23. **AWARDS:** Ribbons will be awarded in all classes for 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Place. High Point awards will be given in each of the four disciplines in each Class (IE- Junior English, Junior Western, Junior Gymkhana, Junior In-Hand, Walk/Trot English, etc). The four discipline high points will then compete for overall high point in that Class (IE- Junior, Senior, Walk/Trot, In-Hand) and the top individual will receive an award at the official award ceremony. Individuals may receive more than one High Point in multiple disciplines but may not win more than one Overall High Point Award in the show. (IE- Cannot win in Senior and Walk/Trot).

English High Point Calculation Walk/Trot, Jr, Sr	Western High Point Calculation Walk/Trot, Jr, Sr	Gymkhana High Point Calculation Walk/Trot, Jr, Sr	In-Hand High Point Calculation- Junior In-Hand or Senior In-Hand ONLY
Showmanship, English Equitation, English Pleasure, Horsemanship, Trail	Showmanship, Western Equitation, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Trail	Showmanship, Speed Ball, Speed Barrels, Clover Leaf, Hurry Scurry	In-Hand Showmanship, In-Hand Trail, In-Hand Hurry Scurry, In-Hand Speed Barrels, In-Hand Sped Ball, In-Hand Clover Leaf

24. **DISQUALIFICATIONS:** The following will result in disqualification of the exhibitor and removal from the show and show grounds as well as loss of entry monies:

\*Undue cruelty to a horse by an exhibitor. \*Taking any class or test a second time. \*Unsafe conduct. \*Interference with the judge's decision. \*Rudeness towards a judge or any show official.

# DOG SHOW RULES

1. The Ramona Junior Fair Dog show is a one day show that is open to all San Diego County 4-H Dog Project members. It is a San Diego County Point Show.
2. **San Diego County Dog Advisory Group Rules will be followed for ALL classes.** It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to know and follow the aforementioned rules and any additional rules set by the Ramona Junior Fair. Any violation of these rules will be subject to the immediate jurisdiction of the Fair Management. Copies of San Diego County Dog Advisory Group Rules are located on our website: [www.ramonajuniorfair.com](http://www.ramonajuniorfair.com).
3. Only pre-entries are accepted.
4. All dogs entered must be 4-H Dog Care Project animals and will be the only dogs permitted on the grounds.
5. All dogs must be on a leash and under control at all times.
6. No bitches in season are allowed on the show grounds.
7. **GROOMING & HANDLING:** Only exhibitors may handle or groom the dogs for competition. Adults or non-exhibitors found grooming or handling animals risk disqualification of entry and dismissal from the property.
8. **APPAREL:** Official 4-H uniforms are required for the show. Criteria for blue jeans are as follows: jeans must be clean, unfaded, free from holes and fraying, and worn in a fashion consistent with the values of the Ramona Junior Fair.
9. **AWARDS:** Ribbons will be awarded in all classes for 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> placements. Awards will be given for High Point Showmanship and in Beginning Novice, Novice, and Grad Novice/Open Obedience Classes.
10. High Point Showmanship exhibitors from the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior divisions qualify for further competition in Small Animal Round Robin.
11. **SHOWMANSHIP:** Handlers who have won a county medal or have three first placements with qualifying scores in Novice Showmanship must move to Open Showmanship. Handlers who have won a county medal twice in Open Showmanship must move to Master Showmanship. Open B Showmanship is for members with a second Showmanship dog. Entries are neither eligible for High Point Awards nor eligible to compete in Small Animal Round Robin.
12. **OBEDIENCE BEGINNING NOVICE A:** For first year handlers with first year dogs. All exercises are on a leash: Heel on lead, figure 8, stand for examination, recall and finish, one (1) minute sit, and three (3) minutes long down.
13. **OBEDIENCE BEGINNING NOVICE B:** For experienced handlers with experienced and/or inexperienced dogs. All exercises are on leash: Heel on lead, figure 8, stand for examination, recall and finish, one (1) minute sit, and three (3) minutes long down.
14. **OBEDIENCE NOVICE A:** Handlers show in this class until receiving three qualifying scores on first dog. Heel on lead and figure 8 are on leash. Stand for examination, heel free, recall and finish, one (1) minute sit, and three (3) minutes long down are off lead.
15. **OBEDIENCE NOVICE B:** For handlers who have exhibited a dog in Novice A and are handling their next dog.
16. **OBEDIENCE GRADUATE NOVICE:** All exercises are in the 4-H Dog Advisory Guidelines.
17. **OBEDIENCE OPEN A:** Handlers show in this class until receiving three qualifying scores on one dog. All exercise are off lead: Heel free, figure 8, drop on recall, retrieve on flat, retrieve over high jump, and broad jump. Three (3) minute sit and five (5) minutes long down are out of sight.
18. **OBEDIENCE OPEN B:** Dogs who have received three (3) qualifying scores in Open A. All exercises are off lead: Heel free, figure 8, drop on recall, retrieve on flat, retrieves over high jump, and broad jump. Three (3) minute sit and five (5) minutes long down are out of sight.
19. **RALLY NOVICE:** All exercises will be performed on a leash. Course will consist of 10-15 stations.

# HOME ECONOMICS & INDUSTRIAL ARTS EXHIBITOR RULES

**Entry Fee: \$5.00 per entry**

**Rosette and \$10 Premium for Best of Each Division; \$8 for 2<sup>nd</sup> & \$5 for 3<sup>rd</sup> in Division  
\$15 Premium, Award, and Rosette for Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show**

1. 4-H, Grange, and FFA members need not be enrolled in the projects to enter these classes.
2. Exhibitors are limited to six (6) entries per class, unless specified.
3. All entries must have been produced by the exhibitor within the last year and not previously entered at the Ramona Junior Fair.
4. **Check-in time for entries is 9:00 AM to Noon on the opening Saturday of the fair.**
5. No article may be entered in the "Other" class if there is a specified class for the article.
6. **CLASSES:** Entries from exhibitors ages 9 to 13 as of January 1, will be entered in the Junior Classes of each Division. Entries from exhibitors ages 14 to 19 as of January 1, will be entered in the Senior Classes of each Division. The exhibitor's age and other information will be provided to the judges at time of judging.
7. Fine Arts items and hanging items, other than photos, must be ready to hang. Clothes pins are used to hang the matted photos, so they do not need to be ready to hang.
8. **GROUP ENTRY:** Entries produced by two or more exhibitors may be entered in this division. Junior and Senior entries will be judged together. Entries must include a page narrative describing the project and its development. Snapshots may be included. Exhibitors must include the dimensions in the description on the entry form.
9. **POSTERS AND DEMONSTRATIONS:** Are educational displays of 4-H, Grange, and FFA projects. No advertising is allowed. The topic must be included on the entry form.
10. **CLOTHING, QUILTS, & NEEDLEWORK:** Each entry must be of different material, pattern, or style. Each exhibit is to be identified by name (ie- dress, blouse, etc.) on the entry form. Entries may consist of an item judged individually or a coordinated exhibit of two (2) to five (5) items not judged elsewhere in the show. All items must be clean, pressed, and ready for exhibit on hangers. If only handiwork on apparel is to be judged, enter under needlecraft.
11. **AGRICULTURE & ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE:** Must be fully matured to a state of ripeness which will ensure palatability after removal of the product from the tree, plant, or vine. Exhibitors are to water entries as needed. Any exhibit found infested with disease shall be disqualified and removed immediately. Each entry must have a unique name (e.g. Yellow Plum Jam, Purple Plum Jam).
12. **BAKED FOODS:** Entries may arrive on cardboard, paper, glass, ceramic, wood or other serving items. ALL serving items must be picked up on the last Sunday of the fair. Recipes MUST be included with each entry. Foods requiring refrigeration may be entered but must be indicated on the entry form. Entries of cookies, muffins, biscuits, or candies must have at least 6 in the entry. Decorated cakes may not be more than 3 layers with a maximum size of 15" round and 20" high. Recipe in a Jar *must* submit the jar with ingredients *and* the finished product for judging. Recipes listing ingredients and processes must be submitted for the health and safety of our judges and visitors, no entries will be accepted without a recipe.
13. **FOOD PRESERVATION:** Type of product (fruit, vegetable, preserve, etc.) and the method used (water bath, dehydration, etc.) must be listed on entry form. Low acid foods must be canned under pressure. No paraffin seals may be used. Entries of Jams, Jellies, & Canned Fruits & Vegetables shall consist of two sealed clear jars

- from the same canning. One jar will be opened for judging and must be claimed following judging. The remaining sealed jar will be on display during the fair. Entries of Dried foods shall consist of two clear plastic wrapped packages or two clear lidded jars. Entries of Honey shall consist of two clear lidded jars.
14. **FINE ARTS:** A maximum framed width of 48" will be accepted. Glass shall not be used in the framing.
  15. **COLLECTIONS:** Collections must consist of 5 or more items. Exhibitors will be given 30 minutes to set up their collection. Entries must include a one-page narrative describing the collection and its development. Exhibitors may bring a case to house their collection. Ramona Junior Fair does not provide cases. If you bring your own case, please specify the size in the entry information.
  16. **HOME DECOR:** Items made for inside the home including wreaths, wall hangings, etc. Maximum size 24" X 24".
  17. **POTTERY AND CERAMICS:** Items made of ceramics, pottery, and colored clay substitutes.
  18. **PHOTOGRAPHY:** Entries may be color or black and white. Commercial processing is permitted. Photos must be matted and ready for hanging. **NO GLASS OR FRAMES.** Prints must be no less than 5" by 7" and no more than 8" by 10". The title of the print must be on the lower, front edge of the photograph mat.
  19. **WOOD WORKING:** Projects constructed strictly out of wood. Non-wood fastening materials are acceptable, but only the wood fabricated portions will be judged. Entries constructed of a combination of materials must be entered in the "Combination" category (e.g. - pizza slicer with wooden handle and metal rotary cutting blade).
  20. **METAL:** Metal work, farm equipment, and machinery projects of all sizes. Projects are composed strictly of metal, and only the metal fabricated portions will be judged.
  21. **COMBINATION:** Projects are a combination of wood, metal, or other materials (e.g. table with metal base and wooden top, pizza slicer noted in WOODWORKING).
  22. **JUDGING:** The Danish System of judging will be used for all Home Economics and Industrial Arts classes. Any entries awarded blue ribbons will then be ranked by the American System of Judging. **A judge's decision is final.** Fair Management may not and will not request any changes in the judges' ruling.
  23. **For both the Home Economics Department and the Industrial Arts Departments, a Junior and a Senior Best in Show and a Junior and a Senior Reserve Best in Show entry will be chosen by the respective Judges for both the Home Economics and Industrial Arts Divisions winners and will receive an award and premium. This award will not be determined by the number of entries entered by an exhibitor. Rosettes and premiums will be awarded to the best entry of each Division. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> winners of each Division will receive premiums.**
  24. Junior Best of Division "Champion" and Senior Best of Division "Champion" entries in the following Divisions will be eligible for sale through the Livestock Auction should the exhibitor choose to sell their entry. Home Economics: Group, Machine Sewn Quilts, Fine Arts, Needlework, Machine Sewn Items, Agriculture, Ornamental Horticulture, Handicrafts, Food Preservation, Home Décor, Pottery & Ceramics, Photography. Industrial Arts: Group, Wood Working, Metal, & Combination Projects.
  25. **Each exhibitor is limited to auction two Best of Division items. In the instance that the Best of Division Champion is not being auctioned, the second place in that Division will be eligible for auction.**
  26. **Exhibitors eligible for auction will be notified by fair administration. Those wishing to sell their Champion items in the Auction must notify the Office Staff no later than 6:00 PM on the Wednesday prior to the Auction.**
  27. Additional entries may be offered for sale through Private Treaty. The Home Economics and Industrial Arts Superintendents will facilitate communication between the exhibitor and the interested party.
  28. **Exhibitors will not be permitted in the immediate vicinity of the judges during judging and placing processes.**
  29. The Ramona Junior Fair will take all precautions to ensure the safety of exhibits, but in no case will the management be responsible in any way for any loss or damage to any exhibit.
  30. Home Economics and Industrial Arts Building Duty is required of ALL exhibitors who submit entries. Sign-ups for shifts will be in the building at the time of entry drop-off. You may also receive an email with a link for a Sign-Up Genius to sign up for a shift ahead of time.

# PRIMARY DIVISION RULES & CLASSES

**One Time-Entry Fee: \$5.00 Per Exhibitor**

**Premiums Per Section: None**

**Ribbons: Recognition**

1. The Ramona Junior Fair Primary Show is open to all 4-H & Grange members properly enrolled with their organization and residing within San Diego, Imperial, and Riverside Counties.
2. Primary exhibitors must be between 5 years old **and 8 years old** as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the Program Year.
3. The only approved animal projects for Primary Members are dogs, rabbits, rats, cats, poultry, cavies, mice, embryology, entomology, marine science, pygmy goats, Nigerian dwarf goats, & therapeutic animal projects.
4. The use of Danish and/or American systems of judging is not acceptable. Participation should have no competition.
5. Primary exhibitors may wear traditional whites or blue jeans for their classes.
6. Primary exhibitors are encouraged to attend the awards ceremony for recognition.

PRIMARY DOG		
<u>Division</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
PDS	Primary	Dog Showmanship
PDO	Primary	Dog Obedience
PRIMARY RABBIT		
<u>Division</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
PRS	100	Rabbit Showmanship
PRB	100	Rabbit Breed Class
PRIMARY CAVY		
<u>Division</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
PCS	100	Cavy Showmanship
PCB	100	Cavy Breed Class

PRIMARY GOATS		
<u>Division</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
PGS	100	Pygmy Goat Showmanship
PNS	100	Nigerian Dwarf Goat Showmanship
PRIMARY POULTRY		
<u>Division</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
PSH	100	Poultry Showmanship
PPB	100	Poultry Breed Class
PPC	100	Poultry Poster
PAV	100	Poultry Avian Knowledge
PRIMARY HOME ECONOMICS		
<u>Division</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
PHE	100	Describe Project on Entry Form- May also be Group Project

