

# FAIR PROTEST POLICY & PROCEDURES

1. Protests will be considered only if there has been a violation of state or local rules. Decisions of judge, veterinarians, weighmasters and timers cannot be protested and are final.
2. All protests must be presented to the management of the Fair in writing within 24 hours of the alleged violation, *or 24 hours after results are available to the public*. A \$100.00 deposit must accompany protests (cash, money order, or certified check made payable to the San Joaquin Fair) or \$200.00 if the protests relates to violations of State Rules concerning Animal Health. Deposits will be returned if the protest is determined valid. If protest is upheld, the violator may be held liable for any portion of the direct cost incurred by the Fair to resolve the protest.
3. The Fair will make every effort to resolve protests as quickly as possible.
4. Exhibits involved in a filed protest will be eligible to compete until protest is resolved. Classes that involve the protested exhibit will not become official until protest is resolved.
5. The President of the Board of Directors will appoint a committee of two Board Members, and the Fair Manager/CEO or his designee to hear and resolve the protest. This committee will be appointed at least 30 days before the opening of the Fair. If any of the members are unavailable, the Committee Chairperson may ask another Board Member to serve.
6. Violations of State Rules may be appealed to F&E.

## STATE RULES

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**State rules are  
available upon request  
or online at  
[www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe).**

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