

Adult Homebrew and Wine

Homebrew and Wine Rules

1. Exhibitor must be 21 years of age or older.
2. Accurate and legibly written stickers, including exhibitor's name, entry division and class number, must be attached to entry on bottom of bottles only.
3. Open bottles will be disposed of. Any exhibits not claimed within the release time will be discarded.
4. Entries may not be produced in a commercial facility.
5. No more than 5 entries per person.

Homebrew Specific Rules

1. Entries for Homebrew shall consist of three (3) 12-ounce bottles. One bottle will be for display only, two bottles will be opened for judging.
2. Bottles with identifiable commercial labels will be disqualified. Caps with commercial markings must be blacked out.
3. All entries must include type of herbs, fruit, etc. used in homebrew in the description on the entry form.

Wine Specific Rules

1. Exhibitor must bring two 750 ml. cork or screw finished bottles. One bottle will be for display only, one bottle will be opened for judging.
2. Wine must be personally produced by the exhibitor. Grapes do not have to be grown by exhibitor.
3. All wine entries will be judged for taste and bottle label design. In judging, consideration for label design will be given to creativity, marketability, aesthetic appearance and appropriateness to product. Label must be presented on a wine bottle.

Homebrew and Wine: Divisions 170-171

Deadline for Entry Application:

Friday, May 29, 2026

Entry Drop-Off at Jones Hall:

Wednesday, June 24, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
& 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Exhibit Judging:

Wednesday, June 24, 7 p.m.

Entry Pick-Up After Fair at Jones Hall:

Monday June 29, 3 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Entry Fee – \$5 per entry

Ribbon Awards Offered

1st, 2nd & 3rd Ribbons Only

- Best of Division at Judge's discretion
- Best of Show at Judge's discretion

Premium Awards Offered

- Best of Division - \$5
- Best of Show - \$85

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Homebrew & Wine Divisions

Division 170

Homebrew

Must specify any fruits or herbs used in production on label

Class

01 Lager

02 Ale

03 Porter/Stout

04 Wheat Beer

05 Fruit/Herb

06 Sours

07 Any other - Specify in description

Division 171

Wine

Class

01 Red Wine

02 White Wine

03 Blush Wine

04 Any other - Specify in description

\$5 fee for each entry. All entries to be picked up on Monday, June 29, 3:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

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Awards - Best of Division and Best of Show

Adult Rules and Judging Overview

Below is a list of rules that apply to all adult categories unless otherwise noted. Rules specific to each category will be noted in each category's section in the following pages.

All rules must be followed for entries to be accepted and judged in the Placer County Fair. For questions on any entry rules, please email fairentries@atthegrounds.com.

Adult Rules

1. Adult categories are open to exhibitors who are legal residents of El Dorado, Placer, Nevada, Sacramento, Sutter & Yuba counties.
2. All entries are to be displayed in Jones Hall.
3. Every possible care will be taken in handling work, but no responsibility is assumed by fair management or @the Grounds.
4. All entries must be made, collected or produced by the exhibitor not more than one year prior to opening day of the Fair. Copied work will be disqualified.
5. Exhibitors must check carefully for receiving instructions and any other rules specific to their entry.
6. Entries cannot have been exhibited in any prior Placer County Fair.
7. For amateurs only, unless otherwise specified.
8. Management reserves the right to withhold or reject any entries if they are deemed inappropriate or offensive.
9. If any of the above rules are not followed, works shall not be displayed.
10. Management has the right to change schedules and divisions at any point in time. Please check back frequently on www.placercountyfair.org/get-involved/contests/still-exhibits for any updates.

Definition of Terms

- Class - A group of items that are judged together
- Division - A group of classes with a similar theme
- Show/Category - A group of divisions that make up a category

Adult Judging

All Adult categories will be judged using the **American Judging System**. In the American judging system, each entry in a class is judged in comparison to other entries in the class. Awards are given for each class with the potential for no more than one first, one second and one third place per class.

A Best of Division award is given in each division. This is selected from all of the first place class winners in that division.

A Best of Show award is given in each category (unless otherwise noted). This is selected from all of the Best of Divisions in that category. The Best of Show award may or may not be awarded based on number of entries.

Awards

1. Placement of ribbons does not guarantee correct placing in judging. Only the official placing on the judging sheet constitutes the final placement.
2. Cash awards will be paid out within 60 days of the conclusion of the Placer County Fair.