

Adult Photography

Photography Rules

1. A label bearing the photographer's name, division and class number must be attached to the back or bottom of the work.
2. Entries must be the original work of the exhibitor with the exception of processing and mounting materials.
3. Amateur photographers only. Amateurs are defined as someone whose main source of income does not come from photography.
4. Any entry can be a color or black and white photograph. The B&W Film class is specifically for photographs developed using traditional film methods with no digital interference.
5. Exhibitors are limited to 10 print entries total.
6. Size of print must be at least 5" x 7". The print, including the mat, must not weigh more than 5 lbs. or exceed 18" x 24".
7. All prints must be matted. No canvas or frames are allowed!
8. Prints must be ready for display at time of drop-off. To be display ready you must either attach a medal wire to your print or attach a plastic sawtooth adhesive picture hanger (to prints 3 lbs. or less). All prints not ready for display at time of receiving will not be accepted. For step-by-step instructions on how to prepare your print for display visit placercountyfair.org/photo-display. Fair management will be selling hanging supplies for \$1.00 during receiving times only.
9. Prints will be judged on the following criteria:
 - Exposure/Focus
 - Composition
 - Lighting
 - Image Processing
 - Image Creativity
 - Emotion/Expression (Portraits Only)

Photography: Division 180

Deadline for Entry Application:

Friday, May 29, 2026

Entry Drop-Off at Jones Hall:

Thursday, June 18, 12-7 p.m.

Exhibit Judging:

Saturday June 20, 9 a.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 Show at Judge's discretion

Premium Awards Offered

- Best of Show - \$85

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Photography Divisions

Division 180 Photography

Class

- 01 Portrait
- 02 Animals
- 03 Landscape
- 04 Cityscape
- 05 Still Life
- 06 Street Photography
- 07 Placer County Fair
- 08 B&W Film

\$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 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.

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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.