

Adult Preserved Foods

Preserved Food Rules

1. Accurate and legibly written labels, including exhibitor's name, entry division and class number, must be attached to entry on bottom of jars.
2. No paraffin seals. All canning must be in sealed glass jars with rings in place.
3. Exhibitor to present two (2) identical sized containers for each entry. One container is to be opened for judging, the other is to be displayed. Exception would be Dried Foods.
4. Vegetables must be canned under pressure. Low acid fruits such as figs, should be made more acidic by adding lemon juice as directed in the University of California Agricultural Extension Service leaflet, "Home Canning of Fruits." Tomatoes and fruit, not including their juices, must be processed in a boiling water bath.

Preserved Foods: Division 160-164

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 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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Preserved Food Divisions

Division 160 Canned Foods

Class

- 01 Any Fruit - Specify in description
- 02 Any Vegetable – Specify in description
- 03 Any other - Specify in description

Division 161 Dried Foods

*Indicate method of drying on entry form.
Provide in zip lock bag or plated display.*

Class

- 01 Fruit
- 02 Vegetables
- 03 Meat
- 04 Any other - Specify in description

Division 162 Jams and Jellies

Class

- 01 Any Jam – Specify in description
- 02 Any Jelly - Specify in description

Division 163 Miscellaneous Preserved Foods

Class

- 01 Sauce/ Syrup
- 02 Juices
- 03 Pickled Food
- 04 Any other - Specify in description

Division 164 Pickled Vegetables

Class

- 01 Beets
- 02 Pickles
- 03 Peppers
- 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.