

Youth and Teen 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. 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.
4. Exhibitors are limited to 10 print entries total.
5. 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".
6. All prints must be matted. No canvas or frames are allowed!
7. 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/frame 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 adhesive hangers for \$1.00 each during receiving times only.
8. Prints will be judged on the following criteria:
 - Exposure/Focus
 - Composition
 - Lighting
 - Image Processing
 - Image Creativity
 - Emotion/Expression (Portraits Only)

Age Groups

The Photography division is divided into three age groups.

Photography

Division 270 5-9 years old

Division 271 10-14 years old

Division 272 15-18 years old *Judged American

Photography: Divisions 270-272

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.

No Entry Fee!

Ribbon Awards Offered

1st, 2nd & 3rd Ribbons Only

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

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Photography Divisions

Divisions 270-272 Photography

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Class

01 Portraits

02 Animals

03 Landscape

04 Cityscape

05 Still Life

06 Street Photography

07 Placer County Fair

08 B&W Film

09 Poultry Animal

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Awards - Best of Division and Best of Show

Youth and Teen Rules Overview

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1. Restricted to youth ages 5 to 18 years of age and/or 4-H Member to age 19.
2. All entry forms must be signed by a parent or guardian if the exhibitor is under the age of 18.
3. Youth and Teen categories are open to exhibitors who are legal residents of El Dorado, Placer, Nevada, Sacramento, Sutter & Yuba counties.
4. All entries to be displayed in Jones Hall.
5. Every possible care will be taken in handling work, but no responsibility is assumed by the fair management or @the Grounds
6. 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.
7. Exhibitors must check carefully for receiving instructions and any other rules specific to their entry.
8. Entries cannot have been exhibited in any prior Placer County Fair.
9. State and local rules apply to all entries in corresponding Adult Departments and shall be used unless otherwise specified in the Youth & Teens Department.
10. Management reserves the right to withhold or reject any entries if they are deemed inappropriate or offensive.
11. If any of the above rules are not followed, works shall not be displayed.
12. 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

Can't find a youth Division that fits your entry? All Youth and Teen exhibitors are eligible to enter an Adult open category if it is not offered in the Youth and Teen department.