

## GUEST CODE OF CONDUCT

The mission of the Stanislaus County Fair is to promote agriculture, education, entertainment and technology.

The Stanislaus County Fair is committed to its mission in accordance with the highest standards and complying with applicable laws, rules and regulations, The Board of Directors has adopted this Code of Conduct for fair guests.

### **Alcoholic Beverages**

Alcoholic beverages may not be brought into nor taken out of the fairgrounds. To verify proof of legal age to purchase alcohol, individuals may be requested to provide a California driver's license or an official California identification card. Beer sales are limited to two per patron per transaction.

The consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted in the fair's parking lots.

### **Bags**

Each guest is permitted to bring one bag into the fairgrounds. Bags can be no larger than 16" x 16" x 8" and will be subject to inspection upon entry.

### **Banners, Signs, Tossing Items at Arena Events and Concerts**

Composition: Banners and signs must:

- a) Utilize only cloth, paper or other light, flexible materials, rather than be comprised of or supported by wood, metal or other hard materials that could be dangerous in a crowded public setting.
- b) Be no higher than 2 feet or longer than 3 feet.

Display: Banners and signs may be displayed only:

- a) Within the Arena or stage seating area.
- b) In a stationary manner
- c) So as not to unduly obstruct any person's view of the Arena event or stage.
- d) So as not to interfere with Arena event participant's sight lines.
- e) So as not to obscure official fair signage.

Banners and signs may not be affixed to or draped over any part of the Arena, grandstands, bleachers, stage, stage seating areas, and/or other Arena or stage structures.

Subject Matter:

Recognizing that the Stanislaus County Fair is not a forum for public discussion, messages on banners and signs may relate solely to one or more of the following subjects, without any unrelated collateral content whatsoever:

- a) The Arena event or stage act in general.
- b) The activities and/or performance of an individual Arena event participant or individual stage performer.

- c) Birthdays, engagements, weddings, anniversaries.
- d) Additionally, banners and signs may not bear a message that (i) is slanderous, (ii) is obscene, vulgar or indecent and inappropriate for viewing by children, (iii) contains words likely to provoke a breach of the peace, (iv) contains commercial advertising or commercial product or service identification, or (v) contains derogatory matter relating to race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, marital status, or age.

Removal: The Stanislaus County Fair reserves the right to require the cessation of any display of a banner or sign that does not conform to these limitations.

Possession of balloons, beach balls, or other tossed items that interfere with a guest's ability to enjoy the event and/or interfering with Arena event participation, the Arena event participant, and/or the performer is prohibited.

Throwing objects on or causing items to enter the Arena field and/or concert stage in any way is prohibited. Violators are subject to ejection and possible arrest.

### **Bottles, Cans, Coolers**

Glass or plastic bottles, cans, hard sided coolers, thermoses and open containers may not be brought into the fairgrounds. Exceptions are:

- a. Baby bottles.
- b. Sip-type cups for infants and toddlers, not to exceed 8 oz.
- c. Plastic bottles of water, not to exceed 12 oz.

Exceptions may be made for officially entered Stanislaus County Fair exhibitors who enter the fair before opening hours to the general public.

### **Cameras/Camcorders**

Hand-held video cameras and still cameras for personal use may be brought into the fairgrounds, provided no celebrity concert is recorded without the written consent of the artist or artist's management.

Please be courteous to those guests around you when taking pictures. Camera bags can be no larger than 16" x 16" x 8" and will be subject to inspection upon entry into the fairgrounds. Tripods and monopods are prohibited.

### **Cellular Phones and Pagers**

The use of cellular phones and pagers is permitted, provided they do not interfere with another guest's ability to enjoy an Arena event, concert, exhibition, demonstration or other official fair activity.

### **Distribution of Materials**

All of the following are expressly prohibited on the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds or in the fair-owned and/or operated parking areas that surround it:

- A) Distribution of leaflets or other printed materials.
- B) Distribution of products or performing of services, whether for a consideration or free.  
Taking surveys or otherwise interfering with the free movement of guests.

### **Family-Friendly Environment**

Individuals must refrain from conduct that is inconsistent with the family-friendly atmosphere that should prevail at the Stanislaus County Fair, including but not limited to interfering with other guests' ability to enjoy the fair, use of obscene language or gestures, the display of gang gestures\*, interference with the flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic, defacement of property, possession of weapons, appearing to be in a drunken or diminished capacity; failure to produce a proof of admission upon request or sitting in a ticketed seat without proof of purchase, and/or any other unlawful behavior or activity.

### **Freedom of Speech**

A designated and marked area to the left of the Mocse Credit Union Entrance may be reserved for any individual and/or group desiring to express an opinion. To reserve the Freedom of Speech area, participants must contact the fair office. A reservation form is required and participants must comply with the fair's First Amendment/Freedom of Speech guidelines. The guidelines will be provided with the reservation form. The Mocse Credit Union Entrance is accessible from the North Parking Lot.

### **Radios, Televisions, Electronic Listening Devices**

Radios, televisions, and/or other electronic listening devices are permitted provided the item is hand-held size or smaller, and is only operational when utilized with a headphone.

### **Risks of Public Event**

Guests assume all risks and dangers inherent in and incidental to a public event, whether occurring prior to, during or subsequent to the opening hours of the fair, including but not limited to injury from Arena event activity that may be exposed to guests (i.e. mud during the mud bog) or fragments thereof and spectators' conduct. Accordingly, neither Stanislaus County Fair / 38<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural event, nor their respective employees, independent contractors and agents shall in any way be liable therefore.

Guests must be vigilant at all times and must recognize the many elements that can distract their attention from the activities at hand, including but not limited to the video boards, scoreboards, announcements, shows, demonstrations, exhibitions, and the activities of others.

### **Concert Seating**

Early arrival for concert seating at the Variety Free Stage is allowed on the same day of the desired performance. While the fair is not officially open until 5 p.m. on weeknights and noon on weekends, any fair guest may pay admission to enter the fairgrounds on or after the hour that the livestock exhibitor entrance (County Bank entrance) opens for business. The County Bank entrance is accessible on Soderquist Road.

Seat-saving is strictly prohibited by persons and/or items, such as blankets, towels, tape, rope, etc. However, a fair guest who arrives early for concert seating may vacate his/her seat for a period of 5 minutes or less, while the seat is held by his/her companion.

Items on seats or surrounding seating areas left unattended will be removed by fair officials and immediately discarded. Fair officials are not responsible for items left unattended and disposal of unattended items shall not result in any remuneration and/or reimbursement to the item's owner.

### **PETS AND SERVICE ANIMALS**

Service animals are permitted throughout the fairgrounds; however, all service animals must remain on a leash or harness at all times. Fair staff members are not permitted to handle service animals.

Pets are not allowed on the fairgrounds, unless the pet is a registered exhibitor/competitor in an official event currently in progress at the fairgrounds.

Pets are allowed on leash in the fair's RV lots, provided the pet's caretaker is a registered guest. The pet's caretaker is responsible for clean-up and disposal of pet waste.

### **Smoking**

There shall be no smoking in the following locations on the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds at any time: Buildings, Grandstand seating areas, Arena seating areas, Variety Stage seating areas, Kiddie Carnival areas, Livestock area, and Horse area.

### **Tailgating**

Tailgating (picnic-type activity in the fairgrounds parking lot) is not permitted. An exception may be made for Arena event participants competing in the day's Arena event and or specific exhibitors.

### **Umbrellas / Sun Protection**

Umbrellas and/or other hand-help sun protection items are permitted inside fairgrounds. Please be considerate of guests around you when using an umbrella and/or sun protection item.

Umbrellas and sun protection items must not unduly obstruct any person's view of the Arena event or stage, must not interfere with an Arena event participant's performance, and/or interfere with a stage performer's performance and/or sight lines.

*\*Please contact the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office with any questions and/or to confirm whether the gestures of a particular gang are prohibited.*

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