

GOLDEN BEAR CLASSIC

2025 COMPETITION GUIDE

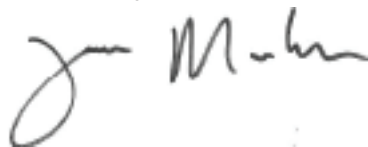
It's your moment to shine!
Enter today.

For more than 170 years the California State Fair has been a constant showcase of the talents and achievements of the people of California. Entering into the California State Fair's 2025 Competitive Exhibits Program allows you the opportunity to showcase your abilities, and revel in your accomplishments!

The California State Fair's friendly competitions are designed to acknowledge the best of the Golden State. Our Competitive Programs inspire talented Californians, as well as highlight the latest advances in technology, agriculture, and industry.

More than 750,000 visitors are expected at the State Fair this summer. Your work is an integral part of the State's celebration, and we look forward to seeing your talents on display during the annual State Fair from July 11-27. We encourage you to enter today and begin making lasting memories for yourself, and for the hundreds of thousands of State Fair patrons!

Sincerely,



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January 8, 2025

On behalf of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, a warm welcome to you as we all prepare for the exciting 2025 fair season! We are thrilled you are joining us this year and sincerely thank you for your continued involvement in showcasing your products, livestock, and expertise. Your contributions help make our fairs successful and provide an invaluable experience for our communities.

Fairs play an essential role in connecting food and agriculture with the public. They are not only a time for us to celebrate the fruits of our labor, but also serve as a critical platform for educating future generations about the importance of farming and food production, livestock management, and sustainable practices. Through your participation, you directly contribute to the appreciation of the vital role agriculture plays in our lives and foster an understanding of the tremendous diversity, innovation and new technology that create new opportunities in agriculture and our rural communities.

The fairgrounds are not just a venue for the annual events. Throughout the year, they serve as a hub for various interim activities that support local economies, offer educational programming, and foster community engagement. From hosting agricultural workshops and livestock sales to providing facilities for regional competitions and cultural festivals, the fairgrounds contribute to the vibrancy and resilience of our agricultural community. Additionally, they play an important role in emergency preparedness, providing a space for disaster response and recovery efforts during critical situations, such as flooding or extreme weather events.

We understand the dedication and hard work that goes into preparing for the fair, and we want to express our deep gratitude for your commitment to making each fair season a success. Your participation ensures the continued relevance of our fairs and strengthens the agricultural ties that bind us all together as a community.

We look forward to this fair season and its great success!

Yours truly,

Karen Ross
Secretary



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At **Animalz Skate Co.**, we believe skateboarding is more than just a sport—it's a movement. We're not just here to create high-quality skateboards and apparel; we're here to make an impact. Our mission is to break the stigma around mental health and support those struggling with depression and suicide ideation by fostering a strong, inclusive community.

Skate for a Cause. Ride with Purpose.

Skateboarding has always been about pushing limits, overcoming obstacles, and finding freedom. At Animalz, we see those same principles as a way to empower individuals beyond the board. Our competitions, events, and initiatives are designed not just to bring skaters together but to spark meaningful conversations, provide access to resources, and create a space where people feel seen and supported.

Our Core Values

Purpose-Driven Craftsmanship – Every board we create stands for more than just performance—it represents **hope, resilience, and a commitment to mental health awareness.**

Community & Support – We foster an **inclusive and safe space** where skaters can be themselves, share their struggles, and know they are never alone.

Advocacy & Impact – Through **education, resources, and partnerships** with impactful organizations, we actively work to **break the stigma around mental health.**

Empowerment Through Skateboarding – Skateboarding is a powerful **outlet for self-expression, healing, and personal growth**, helping individuals navigate life's challenges in their own way.

Giving Back & Taking Action – Through our **clinical feeder program, events, and foundation support**, we make sure our mission translates into real action, **providing help where it's needed most.**

The **Golden Bear Classic** at the California State Fair is a reflection of everything we stand for—**community, passion, and purpose.** Whether you're here to compete, watch, or simply be part of the movement, we invite you to join us in shaping a future where skateboarding is not just about landing tricks, but about uplifting each other along the way.

Join the Movement. Be the Change.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO KNOW

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Entry Dates:

March 10	Entries Open at 5:00pm
June 13	Entries Close at 11:59pm
July 11	Under 18 1st Round Qualifiers
July 12	Under 18 2nd Round Qualifiers
July 13	Under 18 Championship Finals
July 18	18-34 Years of Age 1st Round Qualifiers
July 19	18-34 Years of Age 2nd Round Qualifiers
July 20	18-34 Years of Age Championship Finals
July 25	35 & Over 1st Round Qualifiers
July 26	35 & Over 2nd Round Qualifiers
July 27	35 & Over Championship Finals
July 25	Open Class 1st Round Qualifiers
July 26	Open Class 2nd Round Qualifiers
July 27	Open Class Championship Finals

The California State Fair July 11-27, 2025

The California State Fair has always been the awe-inspiring showcase of the state's finest, and ever since the first fair in 1854, California has upheld this tradition. People come from all over to witness the competitions and innovations that our exhibitors produce. We continue to add new and exciting competitions to our competitive programs to showcase California's very best!

Why enter the competition?

The Golden Bear Classic at the California State Fair isn't just another contest—it's an opportunity to showcase your skills, connect with the skate community, and experience the excitement of a professionally organized event. Whether you're a seasoned skater or just starting to compete, here's why you don't want to miss out:

- **Compete on a Big Stage** – Skate in front of a live audience at one of California’s biggest events, with a pro-level setup designed to highlight your best tricks. Located in Expo Center Building #6.
- **Prove Your Skills** – With a live leaderboard and structured divisions, every skater has a shot at making their mark. Go head-to-head with others in your category and see where you rank.
- **Be Part of the Skate Culture** – This isn’t just a competition—it’s a movement. Join a community of skaters who share your passion and push the limits of what’s possible.
- **Exclusive Perks** – Your entry includes fair admission and an official competition shirt, making it an all-around epic experience.
- **Open Skate Session** – Even when you’re not competing, you can keep the energy up with our open skate sessions, giving you more time to ride and connect with fellow skaters.

This is your chance to be part of something bigger—so step up, drop in, and show what you’ve got at the **Golden Bear Classic**.

Competition Times:

Thursdays, July 10th, 17th, & 24th

4pm-10pm Open Skate

Fridays, July 11th, 18th, 25th - 1st Round Qualifiers

10am Practice Time

6pm Competition Time

Saturdays, July 12th, 19th, 26th - 2nd Round Qualifiers

10am Practice Time

5pm Competition Time

Sundays, July 13th, 20th, 27th - Championships

10am Practice Time

3pm Competition Time

COMPETITION OVERVIEW



The California Skateboarding Competition and exhibition is recognized as one of the Golden State's new and exciting shows.



You are invited to enter the California State Fair's skateboarding competition for California skaters of all ages. We wish you success in this competition and hope you will join us for sharing the best moments of summer at the 2025 California State Fair on July 11-27.

Who Can Enter & Entry Fee

California residents who have reached 5 years of age as of January 1, 2025.

\$25.00 per entry

Online entries must be paid by Visa or Mastercard. Entry fees are non-refundable. A maximum of 30 entrants will be accepted per class.

Entry Deadline

All entries must be registered online and all entry fees paid at <https://calexpos.fairwire.com/> by 11:59 pm, June 13, 2025.

Late Entries will not be accepted.

How to Enter

1. Review all information in this guide, taking note of entry deadlines, competition dates and directions, entry requirements and rules, and which class you will enter.
2. Internet browser must be up to date. Check the browser to make sure Flash add-on is enabled.

Attention Mac Users: Please use Internet Explorer, Chrome, or Mozilla Firefox when entering.

RULES & REQUIREMENTS

Rules

1. Practice Sessions

120 minutes of shared practice time will be provided to all competitors before their qualifiers and the championship.

2. Qualifier Rounds (Friday & Saturday)

- Participants will be split into two groups:
 - 1st Round Qualifiers compete on Friday
 - 2nd Round Qualifiers compete on Saturday
- Each skater will receive five (5) runs of 45 seconds each.
- Best single-run score is retained, and the other four scores are discarded.
- The top 15 competitors from each round qualifiers will advance to the Championship Finals on Sunday.

3. Championship Finals (Sunday)

- Each finalist receives five (5) runs of 45 seconds.
- The **best single-run score** is kept, and the other four scores are discarded.
- Final rankings are determined by the highest-scoring single run.

4. Makes v.s. Bails

- The **Head Judge** is the final decision-maker in determining whether a trick is considered a **Make (landed)** or a **Bail (failed)**.
- **Definition of a Make:** A trick where the skater **lands with control** and continues rolling or repositions naturally.
- **Definition of a Bail:** Any trick where the skater **loses control, falls, or dismounts** from the skateboard without a clean landing.

5. Tie-Breakers

- If two or more skaters tie after final scoring, the tie is broken by comparing each skater's **second-best run score**.
- If the tie still remains, a **judging panel vote** will determine the winner.

- The Head Judge will have the final determining vote if necessary.

6. Conduct & Sportsmanship

- **Fair Play:** No intentional interference with other competitors.
- **Respect for Officials & Staff:** Judges' decisions are final.
- **Substance Policy:** No drugs or alcohol permitted at the competition.
- **Course Etiquette:** Skaters must **leave the course promptly** after their run.

7. Dispute Resolution

- Judges' decisions are final.
- Any disputes must be **filed in writing within 30 minutes** after results are announced.

8. Rule Adjustments

Day-of Competition Rule Changes: These rules are subject to **modification or adjustment** at the discretion of the **Head Judge or event organizers** to accommodate competition conditions or unforeseen circumstances.

Requirements

Equipment & Safety

- **Skateboards:** Must be in **safe working condition** with no major cracks or broken parts.
- **Protective Gear:** Helmets, knee pads, elbow pads, and wrist guards are **required**.
- **Clothing & Footwear:** Closed-toe skate shoes **required**. No offensive or inappropriate imagery on clothing or boards.
- **Medical Staff:** EMT personnel will be available on-site for **immediate medical assistance**.

Age Verification

If discrepancies arise regarding an athlete's class qualification, they must present an acceptable age verification document (Driver's License, Birth Certificate, etc.).

DIVISIONS & CLASSES

Entry Fee: \$25.00 per entry.

Division 100 - Golden Bear Classic

Class 1 - 5-18 Years of Age

Class 2 - 18-34 Years of Age

Class 3 - 35 & Over Years of Age

Class 4 - Open Class - All Ages 5 & Up

Notes & Special Rules for Division 100:

- a. **Class 1-3:** No professionally sponsored riders receiving financial compensation (gear sponsorships allowed).
- b. **Class 4:** No restrictions on sponsorships or professional status.



JUDGING

JUDGING PANEL

- A 5-judge panel will evaluate each run.
- Judges are selected based on experience and skateboarding expertise.

SCORING CRITERIA

- **Difficulty** – Complexity of tricks attempted and landed.
- **Execution** – Stability, control, and cleanliness of landing.
- **Flow & Style** – Smooth transitions, creativity, and consistency.
- **Use of Obstacles** – Variety and effective use of the skate course.
- **Overall Impression** – General impact of the run.

SCORING CALCULATION

- Each judge will score a run on a **scale from 0 to 10**.
- **Highest and lowest scores are dropped.**
- **Best single-run score** is retained, and the other four scores are discarded.
- The **best single-run score** from a skater determines their ranking.



AWARDS

The California State Fair will award the following:

Classes 1-3

FIRST AWARD

Award \$250 plus Prize Bag, Themed Deck & State Fair Rosette

SECOND AWARD

Award Themed Deck & State Fair Rosette

THIRD AWARD

Award Themed Deck & State Fair Rosette

Class 4

FIRST AWARD

Award \$250 plus Golden Bear, Prize Bag, Themed Deck & State Fair Rosette

SECOND AWARD

Award Themed Deck & State Fair Rosette

THIRD AWARD

Award Themed Deck & State Fair Rosette



2025 GENERAL RULES

CLICK LINK OR SCAN QR CODE TO VIEW GENERAL RULES ONLINE:

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