



## 2026 Santa Barbara County Fair Livestock Show Ring Team

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*Master team overview*

Event	2026 Santa Barbara County Fair
Dates	July 3-12, 2026
Status	Paid internship or volunteer, depending on circumstances and experience

### Event

2026 Santa Barbara County Fair

July 3-12, 2026

### Position Status

Show Ring Team positions may be paid internships or volunteer assignments, depending on event needs, candidate experience, availability, and assigned responsibilities.

Depending on the position, duties may begin up to two weeks prior to the Fair for preparation, training, setup, exhibitor communication, records, awards organization, barn preparation, or show-ring coordination.

### Species Covered

The Livestock Show Ring Team may support livestock shows for:

- Beef
- Sheep
- Swine
- Goats
- Poultry
- Rabbits

### Purpose of the Show Ring Team

The Livestock Show Ring Team supports the safe, orderly, professional, and timely operation of livestock shows during the 2026 Santa Barbara County Fair.

The team helps ensure that each livestock show runs safely, on schedule, in compliance with show rules, and with clear communication to exhibitors, judges, volunteers, staff, and the public.

*Livestock Show Ring Team*

## Recommended Medium-Show Staffing Structure

For the 2026 Santa Barbara County Fair, the recommended show-ring team includes:

- Ring Steward
- Barn / Ready-Ring Steward
- Announcer
- Clerk / Recorder
- Awards Assistant

This structure gives each person a clear lane while keeping the show moving safely, accurately, and professionally.

## Reports To

The Show Ring Team reports to the Livestock Superintendent, Show Manager, Livestock Office, Fair Manager, or other designated event official.

## Works Closely With

- Judges
- Livestock Superintendent or Show Manager
- Livestock Office
- Species superintendents or leads
- Gate personnel
- Barn crew
- Awards staff
- Volunteers
- Exhibitors, parents, and leaders
- Veterinarian or animal health official, when applicable
- Security, maintenance, and emergency personnel, when needed

## Core Team Objective

Ensure that livestock shows are conducted with:

- Safety for exhibitors, animals, judges, staff, volunteers, and spectators
- Accurate records and results
- Clear public announcements
- Proper award presentation
- Respectful communication
- Efficient class movement
- Strong animal welfare standards

- Good sportsmanship
- Professional representation of the Santa Barbara County Fair

### **Team Communication Flow**

1. Barn / Ready-Ring Steward prepares the next class and confirms exhibitors are present.
2. Ring Steward confirms with the gate that the correct class is entering.
3. Announcer calls the current class, upcoming class, and approved reminders.
4. Judge places the class.
5. Ring Steward confirms placings with the judge.
6. Clerk / Recorder records placings and confirms official results.
7. Clerk / Recorder gives confirmed results to the Announcer and Awards Assistant.
8. Announcer announces official results.
9. Awards Assistant presents or distributes awards.
10. Barn / Ready-Ring Steward stages the next class.

### **General Pre-Show Checklist**

- Show ring is clean, safe, and properly set.
- Gates, panels, alleys, scales, holding areas, and staging areas are secure.
- PA system, microphone, batteries, cords, and backup equipment are ready.
- Show program, class list, exhibitor numbers, scratch list, and rule book are available.
- Ribbons, banners, trophies, awards, and sponsor information are at the ring.
- Judge has been welcomed and briefed on schedule, rules, special circumstances, and class breaks.
- Clerk or records table is ready.
- Gate staff, ready-ring staff, barn staff, and awards staff know their roles.
- Exhibitors know the show order and where to stage.
- Emergency contacts, animal health contacts, and facility contacts are known.

### **General During-Show Checklist**

- Classes enter and exit safely.
- Exhibitors are called in time and lined up correctly.
- Scratches and substitutions are communicated promptly.
- Judge preferences are respected.
- The clerk receives accurate placings and notes.
- Awards are distributed correctly.
- Announcements are clear, accurate, and timely.
- The ring and barn remain safe for exhibitors, animals, staff, and spectators.
- Rule, safety, animal welfare, or conduct issues are referred to the proper show official.

## General Post-Show Checklist

- Returning show books, class sheets, ribbons, trophies, equipment, radios, and supplies to the proper location.
- Confirming final records, placings, scratches, awards, and sale information are turned in.
- Cleaning the show ring, clerk area, announcer table, staging area, and barn areas as assigned.
- Supporting orderly animal release and load-out.
- Reporting facility damage, safety concerns, supply shortages, or rule issues.
- Providing suggestions for next year's improvement.

## Conduct Expectations

- Treat youth, families, judges, staff, volunteers, and spectators with respect.
- Support good sportsmanship and animal welfare.
- Remain neutral and avoid favoritism.
- Avoid gossip, public criticism, or visible frustration.
- Keep the show moving while prioritizing safety.
- Use family-friendly, professional language at all times.
- Refer disputes to the proper official instead of arguing in the barn, ring, or announcer stand.

## Safety and Animal Welfare Expectations

- Safe exhibitor and animal movement.
- Clean, dry, and clear aisles and walkways.
- Proper pen, stall, gate, and panel security.
- Prompt reporting of sick, injured, overheated, aggressive, loose, or distressed animals.
- Enforcement of humane handling expectations through the proper chain of command.
- Separation of spectators from restricted livestock areas where necessary.
- Emergency communication during weather, medical, fire, power, crowd, or animal incidents.

## Position Documents

Separate position documents should be maintained for:

- Ring Steward
- Barn / Ready-Ring Steward
- Announcer
- Clerk / Recorder
- Awards Assistant

Each position document should include a job posting, position purpose, duties, qualifications, reporting structure, authority, limitations, and event-specific expectations for the 2026 Santa Barbara County Fair.



## Final Details to Confirm

- Final daily show schedule and working hours during the July 3-12, 2026 Fair
- Which positions begin before the Fair and the expected start date for each, up to two weeks prior
- Whether each assignment will be paid internship, volunteer, or stipend-based
- Age requirement
- Species assignment by position, including Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats, Poultry, and Rabbits
- Required training or background check
- Radio or PA procedures
- Dress code
- Meal / break policy
- Emergency contacts
- Local chain of command
- Local rules, ethics policy, and protest procedure
- Internship expectations, if applicable, including training, supervision, evaluation, and hours documentation