



NON-COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS – 2024

NOTICE: All exhibitors are cautioned to carefully read the following rules and regulations.
Arts and Crafts Entry and Release Schedule:

Entries accepted

Crafts - Saturday, September 14th 12 to 6pm and
Crafts - Sunday, September 15th 1 to 4:30pm

Baked Goods – Tuesday, September 17th 2 to 8pm

All items must be received and logged into all entry books before closing hours each day.

Check out

Baked Goods – Wednesday, September 18th 3pm – 8pm

Crafts - Monday, September 30th 9am to 12pm and 5pm to 8pm
Items not picked up will be discarded. NO EXCEPTIONS

ELIGIBILITY

1. Entries are limited to bona fide residents of Georgia unless stated otherwise in a particular Division or Section. Entries must be made by individuals only, unless specifically exempted. No entry fee is required.
2. Divisions in each category refer to an age level and are usually self-explanatory.
3. There are special categories for youth competitions. Students may not enter adult competitions.
4. To be eligible for entry, exhibitors must meet and adhere to the requirements of the Category. No craft entries may contain food items such as candy, cereal, popcorn, etc.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5. Exhibitors may enter as many classes as they wish, but not more than two (2) per class except canning and photography. Canning and photography is one (1) entry per class.
6. Exhibits must be the work of the exhibitor and must have been completed within the previous 12 months (September 2023 to September 2024).
7. All entries must be typed or printed on current official entry forms of the North Georgia State Fair in accordance with instructions on same, in its entirety. All forms must be presented in triplicate. **ONLY ONE ENTRY FORM PER PERSON.**
8. Each exhibitor (and exhibitor's parent or legal guardian, if exhibitor is a minor) must sign a statement acknowledging that he/she understands and will abide by the liability requirements and rules and regulations. Incomplete entry forms will not be accepted.
9. Exhibitors should retain duplicate part of entry sheet/tags to identify and reclaim articles at close of the Fair.

JUDGES AND JUDGING PROCEDURES

10. Every effort will be made to obtain qualified, impartial judges in every area.
11. Judging will be based upon recognized standards of quality, skill, and workmanship.
12. Articles with and without competition will be judged on their own merit and will be placed first, second, third, etc., or no award, as the judges see fit. Any article not up to standard in the class in which it is entered may be ruled out by the judge(s).
13. Judging will not be delayed for late entries. Any exhibit not presented promptly at the scheduled time is barred from competition in the class.
14. No one will be allowed to act as judge in a class in which he/she exhibits or in which he/she may hold an interest.
15. Should any article be entered in the wrong class and the error discovered before the judging, the exhibit chairman may make proper correction in the entry.
16. The decisions of the judges shall be final in all classes.

PREMIUMS

17. All premium money will be paid from the judge's record sheets and not from ribbons that may be attached to the exhibits.

AWARDS

18. **Award of Excellence – Quilting.** Selected from all blue-ribbon winners of the quilting division classes one (1) to nine (9). The winner will be determined by the best overall item in the division based on appearance, color selection, creativity and level of difficulty. The winner will receive \$250 and a rosette ribbon.
19. **Award of Excellence for Youth and Special Population.** Selected from all blue-ribbon winners in all youth and special population divisions. The winner will be determined by the best overall based on appearance, creativity and level of difficulty. Winner will receive \$250 and a rosette ribbon.
20. **Lois Lewis Award for Youth and Special Population exhibitors.** The winner will be determined by the number of blue ribbons in the youth and special population divisions. If there is a tie, red ribbons will be counted to break the tie. Winner will receive \$250 and a rosette ribbon.

21. **Marilyn Ellis Award for Adult and Senior Adult exhibitors.** The winner will be determined by the most blue ribbons in the adult divisions (including canning). If there is a tie, red ribbons will be counted to break the tie. Winner will receive \$250 and a rosette ribbon.

STATEMENT OF LIABILITY

22. All exhibits will be under the direction of the North Georgia State Fair, but the North Georgia State Fair Management will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from any article exhibited by him/her and shall indemnify the management against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as damage or injury to any other person or property caused by the exhibitor.
23. The management reserves the right to remove from the grounds any exhibit that may be falsely entered or may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable, without assigning reason therefore.
24. **Any items not picked up at the end of the fair at scheduled check out time will be discarded.** Special arrangements can be made for emergency situations only.

ADMISSION TICKETS AND PARKING

25. All exhibits are delivered to the Fairgrounds prior to the opening of the Fair. No tickets are required at this time. Enter the SOUTH GATE and proceed to the Exhibit entry area.

OTHER RULES AND REGULATIONS

26. Dogs will not be allowed in the Exhibit areas, with the exception of service dogs.