

Georgia National Fair

YOUTH EDUCATIONAL GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Check each department for early registration deadlines and exhibit receiving times.

NO SUNDAY RECEIVING - NO SUNDAY RELEASE!

RELEASE BEGINS ON TUESDAY AFTER THE FAIR

NOTICE: All exhibitors are cautioned to carefully read the following rules and regulations.

The Georgia National Fair will be held at the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter in Perry, October 4-14, 2018.

ELIGIBILITY

1. **All exhibitors are required to read and abide by the Georgia National Fair General Rules and Regulations.**

2. Entries are limited to a bona fide member of Georgia 4-H, CTI, DECA, FCCLA, FFA, SkillsUSA or TSA, unless stated otherwise. No entry fee is required unless otherwise stated.

3. Entries may be made as individuals or teams, as specified in the rules for each competition and must be submitted through the club advisor.

4. If an exhibitor has been disqualified from competition in a show or has had a premium withheld or withdrawn on the grounds of a rule violation, misrepresentation, fraud or deception, he/she will not be allowed to compete at the Georgia National Fair.

5. To be eligible for entry, exhibitors must meet and adhere to the requirements of Department Rules listed under the appropriate department (in subsequent pages of the premium book).

6. Exhibitors may enter as many classes as they wish, but only one entry per class unless specifically stated otherwise.

7. Exhibits must be completed solely by the entrant. An exhibit may not be entered more than one time. (i.e., an exhibit may not be re-entered at a future Fair or in another Department). "Copies" of a prior exhibit may not be entered.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

8. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED IN ALL DEPARTMENTS. LATE REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.** Check each department for registration information.

9. **Online entries must be pre-registered by club advisor or agent by 11:59 PM on the deadline date. See individual departments for deadlines.** Advisors should email contests@gnfa.com to obtain required password, which must be obtained by two days prior to entry deadline. **Late entries will not be processed.**

10. Chapter events must be entered in the club name; individual events must be entered in the student's name. Substitutions are not allowed.

11. **On-line submission of entries signifies that you agree and will abide with the terms as defined in the published rules and regulations.**

12. A copy of the online registration confirmation will be required to check-in for competition.

13. All entries must be clean and in good condition. Entries should not be too fragile that shipment or public display is potentially harmful to the work or to the viewer.

14. No articles may be shown in this department with a "For Sale" or "Want to Buy" tag attached. Any sales made of articles exhibited in this department will be between the owner and prospective purchaser.

15. Items to be hung must have sturdy wire and hangers properly attached; no sawtooth hangers.

16. Exhibitors should retain the duplicate part of the entry tag (claim check) to identify and reclaim articles at the close of the Fair. **NO EXHIBIT WILL BE RELEASED WITHOUT THE PROPER CLAIM CHECK.**

17. Due care and diligence will be taken to prevent loss or damage to exhibits and security will be in the building to give reasonable protection at all times during the Fair, but in no event will the management be responsible for any injury or loss which may occur while in transit or while at the Fair.

18. **EXHIBITOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING PERMISSION FOR USE OF COPYRIGHTED OR TRADEMARKED CHARACTERS OR LOGOS (Spiderman, Batman, Spongebob, Harry Potter, Disney characters, video game characters, College logos, Coca Cola, etc.)**

19. The Georgia National Fair patrons consist largely of families with children and all exhibits should be suitable for family viewing.

20. The Georgia National Fair reserves the right to reject any exhibit offered if it is objectionable in any way, if it requires an excessive amount of space or

the Georgia National Fair management or such referee as may be appointed (the Advisory Committee), may make a decision regarding final placement.

41. The Superintendent shall notify the exhibitor of the protested article in question, and both parties shall then have 10 days in which to bring testimony in the case to be submitted to the Advisory Committee. The protested award will be held in abeyance until the final action of the Advisory Committee from whose decision there will be no appeal.

42. In case the protest shall not be sustained, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Georgia National Fair.

43. No other protest will be considered

PREMIUMS

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

45. Premium checks will be mailed to the school within six weeks after the Fair is over. Please notify the Fair if you have not received your premium check by December 31, 2018.

46. All premium checks issued by the Georgia National Fair are valid until 90 days after the check issue date. Checks not cashed by that time will not be reissued. In the event that a premium check is lost in the mail, request must be made before the 90 day period has lapsed to have the premium check reissued.

47. Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons or plaques may ONLY be awarded for divisions where they are listed.

ADMINISTRATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

48. The Georgia National Fair Reserves to the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to the Fair, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgement may determine.

49. An exhibitor who violates any of the stated rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority may order.

50. Department rules or special conditions are published in each department where necessary. Any conflict between the special rules of any department and the general rules and regulations, will be governed by the special rules.

STATEMENT OF LIABILITY

51. All exhibits will be under the direction of the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority, but the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority 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 Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority 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.

52. The Fair 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.

ADMISSION TICKETS AND PARKING

53. Most exhibits are delivered to the Fairgrounds prior to the opening of the Fair. No tickets are required at this time. Enter the WEST GATE (facing the Interstate) and proceed to the designated exhibit entry area.

54. Except for live contests, an entry in a competition does not gain exhibitor free entry into the Fair. For live contests, participants must bring a copy of their online registration confirmation for free entry into the Fair.

55. All vehicles must be moved to the parking lot prior to the opening of the Fair.

OTHER RULES AND REGULATIONS

56. Individuals competing in the Georgia Living Programs agree to have their photo taken which may subsequently be used for promotional purposes in publications and social media.

57. Dogs will not be allowed on the Fairgrounds, except guide dogs.

58. No demonstrators, trophies, decorations, portals, fountains, signs, banners, advertising matter or exhibits of any kind or character will be allowed in the aisles or public passageways or attached to the buildings' walls, posts or doors.

59. Use of roller blades, roller skates, scooters, or other unauthorized forms of transportation is prohibited on the Fairgrounds at all times.

Questions?

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