

# Welcome to the North Idaho State Fair!

It is our pleasure to present an opportunity for the residents of the ten northern counties in Idaho. Residents of Kootenai, Shoshone, Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Latah, Nez Perce, Lewis, Clearwater and Idaho Counties will showcase their projects, crafts and crops which they have produced within their counties. This Handbook contains the guidelines and rules for anyone wishing to enter something in the Open Class Competitive Exhibits Departments.

With five Agricultural, thirteen Home Arts, and two Livestock departments to choose from in Open Class, there's truly a place for everyone's entry!



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#### OFFICE HOURS: ~ Open year round!

The Fair Office is located in the southeast corner of Building 1.

Fair Time Hours: 8 am to 8 pm

Non-Fair Hours: 8 am – 5 pm Monday – Friday

E-mail: [fair@northidahostatefair.com](mailto:fair@northidahostatefair.com)

Website: [www.NISFair.fun](http://www.NISFair.fun)

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

FAIR HOURS:

Gates Open: 9 am each day

Vendor Hours: Wednesday – Saturday 10 am to 10 pm

and Sunday 10 am to 7 pm

Exhibit Buildings (3, 8, 17 & 19) close at 9 pm

## ADMISSIONS

### Fair Gate Admission

- Adults (13-59 years old)..... \$10
- **ADVANCED** Adults (13-59 years old) ..... \$8
- Seniors (60+ years old) .....\$8
- Military (with valid ID) .....\$8
- Youth (6-12 years old) ..... \$8
- **ADVANCED** Senior / Youth /Military .....\$6
- Kids 5 years old & under ..... Free

### Parking

- One-day Parking ..... \$5
- 5-Day Parking Pass..... \$15
- VIP Parking (5-day, appointed spot) ..... \$40

### Carnival

- Single Ticket.....\$1
- Sheet of 24 Tickets.....\$20
- **ADVANCED** Sheet of 24 tickets.....\$15
- Carnival POP (Pay One Price)  
Unlimited wristband-1 person, 1 day .....\$30
- **ADVANCED POP** (sales through 8/20) .....\$25
- Golden Ticket: unlimited wristband-1 person, 5 days, and 32 oz. souvenir cup..... \$90

*\*Golden Ticket only available for pre-sale purchase. **NOT** available for purchase on-site.*

Every person coming on the fairgrounds or remaining on the fairgrounds overnight must have a ticket to be presented when the grounds are policed every morning at 8 am. A daily stamp will be maintained at all gates for patrons wishing to return within the day. **A ticket may only be scanned once per day, every person must have a stamp for re-entry.**

## GRANDSTAND EVENTS

**No rain checks, refunds, or tickets exchanges.** Some events offer grandstand tickets to be purchased at a discounted rate in advance at the Fair Office & online. Tickets are also available at the regular rate listed below at the Findlay Arena Box office if event is not sold out. Most events sell out prior to the day of the event. Purchasing advanced seats is recommended for grandstand events.

### Concert, Wednesday 8/21 at 6:30 PM

*\*Pre-sale Concert ticket purchase includes Fair admission.*

*Day-of Concert ticket purchase will require purchase of fair admission.*

*North bleachers will not be available for purchase for the concert.*

PIT	\$50
Arena Floor (SRO)	\$35
Reserved Grandstands	\$25
Obstructed View Bleacher (lower GS)	\$20

### Xtreme Bulls, Thursday 8/22 at 6:30 PM

Grandstands or Lower GS Bleachers	\$15
North Bleachers (section 9-14)	\$5

### PRCA Rodeo, Friday 8/23 at 6:30 PM

Grandstands or Lower GS Bleachers	\$12
North Bleachers (section 9-14)	\$5

### PRCA Rodeo, Saturday 8/24 at 6:30 PM

Grandstands or Lower GS Bleachers	\$12
North Bleachers (section 9-14)	\$5

### PRCA Rodeo, Sunday 8/25 at 1:30 PM

Grandstands or Lower GS Bleachers	\$8
North Bleachers (section 9-14)	Free

### Demolition Derby, Sunday 8/25 at 6:30 PM

Grandstands or Lower GS Bleachers	\$12
North Bleachers (section 9-14)	\$5

## GATE DISCOUNTS & PROMOTIONS

Each day we have different gate discounts and/or promotions from Open-3PM. Gate discounts cannot be combined or used with any other discount.

### WEDNESDAY – COMMUNITY APPRECIATION DAY

Kid's 12 & under are FREE before 3 pm.

### THURSDAY – THRIFTY THURSDAY

\$3 entry from 10 am to 3 pm!

### FRIDAY – PAINT THE FAIR PINK

\$1 off admission for wearing pink in tribute to cancer awareness (until 3pm).

### SATURDAY – STATE FAIR SATURDAY

First 2,500 guests receive commemorative keepsake & FREE pass to return on Sunday!

### SUNDAY –FAMILY FUN DAY

\$1 off admission with donation of two non-perishable canned goods.

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Smoking is only allowed in designated areas. NO EXCEPTIONS
- **NO PETS OF ANY KIND ARE PERMITTED AT THE FAIR AT ANY TIME!** This includes dogs, cats, ferrets, etc., on a leash, in a carrier, purse or large bag, or held in a person's arms. The only exceptions are service animals or animals that are part of an attraction, exhibit or demonstration. Visitors found with pets will be asked to take them home. Animals are not to be left in unattended vehicles in the parking lot under any circumstance. This policy is in place not only for the safety of other visitors, but for the welfare of the animal.
- Soliciting on the Fairgrounds, distribution of hand bills, literature, or advertising by any individual or organization is strictly prohibited. No tacking or posting of advertising bills, cards, etc., will be permitted on any building, power pole, car or elsewhere. All individuals, organizations, religious groups, and commercial exhibitors wishing to solicit, pass out literature or advertising matter must rent exhibit space at the going rate and must confine solicitations, distribution of all hand bills and literature to the space rented. No walking exhibits will be allowed on the grounds.

**COMPLETE COPY OF ALL FAIRGROUNDS POLICIES IS AVAILABLE AT THE FAIR OFFICE**

## BANK SERVICES:

ATM's are available at each admission gate, north end of the grandstands, food court, Buildings 1, 4 and at the carnival. The Fair does not have a check cashing service.

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## ENTRY DEADLINES

**Online:** Monday, Aug. 5

### Entry Days:

- Quilts: Thursday, Aug. 8 from 2 – 7 pm
- Non-perishables: Monday & Tuesday, Aug. 12 - 13 from 2 to 7 pm
- Culinary perishables: Monday, Aug. 19 from Noon to 7 pm
- Fruits and Vegetables: Monday, Aug. 19 from 4 to 7 pm
- Fruits, Vegetables and Tuesday Flowers: Tuesday, Aug. 20 from 7am to Noon
- Friday Flowers: Friday, Aug. 23 from 6:30 to 9:30 am

## IT'S EASY TO ENTER!

If you have any questions, please call the Fair Office at 208-765-4969 between 8:30 am & 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, we are happy to assist you in entering your exhibit into the fair!

### THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO ENTER YOUR EXHIBITS!

- 1) Register online at [www.NISFair.fun](http://www.NISFair.fun) by August 5.
- 2) Complete and submit an Entry Registration Form by August 5.
- 3) Bring ALL your exhibits in on their designated entry day. Same day registration will be available if needed.

- **Register online** before August 5. Go to [www.NISFair.fun](http://www.NISFair.fun) and you will find all departments within the Exhibits tab. Click on the link to enter exhibits and it will take you to the correct site. Each exhibitor must have their own account, and every account must be renewed each year. Create an entry for each item that you plan to exhibit, repeating until finished. You can always go back into your account to make changes or additions. If you are unsure of what class to enter please contact your Department Superintendent to verify you are entering the correct class.
- **Complete and submit an Entry Registration Form** before August 5. You can find the form online, in the Exhibitor's Handbook or stop by the Fair Office.
- **Bring ALL your exhibits in on their designated entry day.** Entry days are listed in each department, on the entry form, online, and for your convenience listed under Entry Deadlines. Departments 1, 19, & 20 must pre-register, no day-of entry; all other departments allow day-of entry.

**If you can not enter online or physically fill out a form, please make an appointment to register in the office by July 26.**

## WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR

- **Rabbits and Poultry:** Unfortunately, there will be no Open Class Livestock at fair this year. Be sure to check out the Gem State Stock Show in May for open class opportunities.
- **Adult & 4-H Alumni Livestock Showmanship:** No longer 4-H exclusive, adults and 4-H alumni are welcome and encouraged to take part in this adult showmanship challenge. See Department 20 for more information.
- **Youth Awards:** Youth points will now be calculated to go toward Jr. Green Thumb, Best Jr. Cook, and Premier Jr. Exhibitor.
- **Competitive Exhibits Checklist:** For convenience we have supplied you with a list to help make sure all items get to their destination in time.
- **All Departments:** You will notice there are colored tabs on each page to separate each department and help with ease of access.
- **Various Departments:** This year we are encouraging all community members to get involved without the nerves and intimidation that potential exhibitors may have, so we want to offer specific categories for exhibitors with special needs, disabilities, or other circumstances as well as first-time exhibitors. You can register in these categories when updating your personal information. The fairgrounds and superintendents will not request additional information, but trust that exhibitors are mindful and honest when entering.
- **Various Departments:** Find the theme logo throughout the Exhibitor's Handbook to take part in theme related Special Contests! This year's theme is the "Fair Necessities!"



## OPEN CLASS GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

### EXHIBIT ENTRY

1. Open class exhibits that require pre-registration include Dept. 1-Vintage Agricultural Equipment, Dept. 19-Draft Horses, Dept. 20-Adult & 4-H Alumni Livestock Showmanship, and some of Dept. 99-Community Contests. All other departments allow day-of entry.
2. Entry tags will be available for pick up on Monday & Tuesday August 12 & 13 between 2 and 7 pm in your exhibit buildings. Entry tags for exhibits registered on entry day will be prepared on the spot in Building 1. **To avoid waiting in line, we strongly recommend pre-registering. If you can not enter online or physically fill out a form, please make an appointment to complete the form in the office by July 26.**
3. Non-perishable exhibits come to the Fairgrounds on Monday and Tuesday, August 12 and 13. Perishable exhibits on Monday, Tuesday and Friday, August 19, 20, and 23. For specific entry times and locations, please refer to the Open Class Competitive Exhibits Calendar and the calendars for each department you plan to enter, as times and locations vary according to department.
4. **LIMIT ONE EXHIBIT PER CLASS PER EXHIBITOR UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.** A single exhibit cannot be entered in more than one class, nor may it be entered in both Open Class and 4-H. If one exhibitor enters more than the allowed amount for a single class, all of their entries for that class will not be considered for placings.
5. Allotment of space and management of each department will be in the hands of the Superintendent. ***New classes for exhibits not shown in the Exhibitors Handbook will NOT be added.*** Superintendents have the right to refuse any soiled or distasteful entries.
6. Any article entered for the premium award must be entered in the name of the producer.
7. **USE ONE NAME ONLY ON ALL ENTRY TAGS. DO NOT USE VARIATIONS OF YOUR NAME,** such as your full name on one tag and a nickname on another tag. We cannot and will not assume that all the names you use on your tags belong to you. PLEASE NOTE THAT CORRECTIONS WILL NOT BE MADE AFTER ENTRIES ARE TAKEN. POINTS WILL BE CALCULATED ACCORDING TO THE NAME ON THE ENTRY TAG.
8. The "Professional" division is no longer offered except in Culinary Arts in specific divisions. Anyone who refers to themselves as a professional can enter under the Adult division unless otherwise stated in the Department rules.
9. Any individuals who have been denied the privilege of showing in 4-H will not be allowed to enter in Open Class.
10. **Fair Management will provide attendants/security and take all possible precautions for the safe preservation of all articles on display as well as persons attending the Fair. However, Management will not be responsible for loss, damage, or injury to any property or person.**

### AWARDS (also see Award Listing):

11. Awards will be paid to bona fide residents of Kootenai, Shoshone, Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Latah, Nez Perce, Lewis, Clearwater and Idaho Counties only. Residents of Washington and Montana are not eligible to enter. **The possession of ribbons and exhibit cards does not entitle the holder to awards.** The awards on exhibits are paid only on the record of awards returned to the Fair Office by the Superintendents.
12. Individual exhibits are limited to one cash award in any one class.
13. The American System is used and decisions of the judges are final. Judges choose (1) first, (1) second, and (1) third place winner in each class; however, the judges reserve the option to withhold ribbons and awards in a class where there is no deserving entry. Disrespect shown to any award or to any judge by an exhibitor forfeits all awards made to him/her. Violation of any of the rules listed will cause the exhibitor to forfeit all awards.
14. Grand Champion awards are presented to the "best" entries in each department. "Best" is defined as "that which demonstrates the best technique, skill or animal in the eyes of the judge".
15. Special Premium awards are sponsored by local businesses and individuals. A first and second place is awarded to entries that the judges determine warrant special recognition.
16. Open Class cash awards will be paid to those entitled to awards on Saturday, August 24 from 12 to 6 pm and Sunday, August 25 from 12 to 4 pm at the South end of Building 8. Also, at the Fair office on Monday, August 26 from 3 to 7 pm, and Tuesday, August 27 through Friday, August 30, from 9 am to 4 pm. **If not claimed by 4 pm on August 30, the premium will be considered a donation to the Fair's general fund.**
17. All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$25, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Such protests must state plainly the case of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Fair Manager within six hours after the cause of protest.

### EXHIBIT REMOVAL

18. **Open Class exhibits cannot be, under any circumstance, removed from the buildings until Monday, August 26 between 3 and 7 pm.** Remaining exhibits will be moved to the Fair Office on Tuesday, August 27 and can be picked up during regular office hours. You must have your claim ticket for pickup. Exhibits not picked up will be held at the Fair Office for a reasonable amount of time and then disposed of without notice. Removal of exhibits prior to this without written authorization from Fair Management is not allowed, any violation of this rule will be banned from future exhibiting.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Who can enter exhibits?**

Residents of Kootenai, Benewah, Shoshone, Boundary, Bonner, Latah, Nez Perce, Lewis, Clearwater and Idaho Counties. Residents of Washington and Montana are not eligible to enter. Also, any individual who has been denied the privilege of showing in 4-H will not be allowed to enter in Open Class.

### **How do I register my entries?**

#### **THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO ENTER YOUR EXHIBITS!**

- 4) Register online at [www.NISFair.fun](http://www.NISFair.fun) before August 5.
- 5) Complete and submit an Entry Registration Form by August 5.
- 6) Bring ALL your exhibits in on their designated entry day. Same day registration will be available if needed.

### **How do I get an entry tag?**

Entry tags for all registered entries will be available for pick up beginning Monday, August 12 between 2 and 7 pm in the building where your entry will be displayed. Entry tags for exhibits registered on entry day will be prepared on the spot.

### **When do I bring my entry? And where do I take it?**

Entry information is shown at the beginning of each department. Also check out the Open Class Competitive Exhibit Entry Schedule for dates, times and locations. **ENTRY TIMES ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED AND LATE ENTRIES ARE NOT ACCEPTED.**

### **Can I enter exhibits in more than one department?**

Absolutely! There are twenty departments to choose from! However, only one item can be entered in a specific class and some departments have entry limits based on available space.

### **I've sold things in the past. Do I enter as a PROFESSIONAL?**

Department 6-Culinary offers the only specific classes for professionals, classes 363-365. Exhibitors who consider themselves professionals can enter in the adult division unless otherwise stated in the department's rules.

### **Can I win anything?**

Typically, ribbons and cash premiums are given for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. There are also Grand Champion and Special Premium awards. Other special award, such as the Best Cook or Green Thumb Gardener are offered as well. Check the awards listing for the different awards that are offered in Open Class Competitive Exhibits.

### **How is my entry judged? When does it happen? Can I watch?**

The North Idaho State Fair uses the AMERICAN system of judging, which means that all exhibits in the department are evaluated and judged against each other. Depending on the department, judging typically takes place the morning after or immediately after entry closes. With the exception of the Chocolate Extravaganza, Apple Pie Contest, and Livestock Shows, all judging is closed to the public.

### **What's the difference between the American system and the Danish system?**

In the AMERICAN system, exhibits are ranked in the order of quality. Items are placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, and labeled with special awards such as Grand Champion and Best of Show, if applicable. The North Idaho State Fair's Competitive Exhibits Program uses this system.

In the DANISH system, exhibits are evaluated according to quality standards. Items meeting the quality standard are awarded blue ribbons. Red ribbons are given if the exhibit does not meet all the quality standards, and white ribbons are awarded if the exhibit rates only moderately satisfactory for the standards. The Kootenai/Shoshone 4-H Program uses this system.

### **What do the judges look for when they're judging?**

Each department has one or more sections entitled *What the Judges Look For* that lists the basic criteria.

### **When can I see if I won anything?**

When you come to the Fair! Exhibit buildings are open from 10 am to 9 pm. Be sure to check out the discounted rates we offer for pre-sale tickets!

### **When and where do I pick-up my winnings?**

Open class cash awards will be available for pickup on Saturday, August 24 from 12 to 6 pm and Sunday, August 25 from 12 to 4 pm at the South end of Building 8. Also, at the Fair office on Monday, August 26 from 3 to 7 pm, and Tuesday, August 27 through Friday, August 30, from 9 am to 4 pm. The awards on exhibits are paid only on the record of awards returned to the Fair Office by the Superintendents.

### **When can I pick up my entry?**

Open Class exhibits can not, under any circumstances, be removed from the buildings until **Monday, August 26 between 3 and 7 pm**. Remaining exhibits will be moved to the Fair Office on Tuesday, August 27 and can be picked up from 9 am to 4 pm. Exhibits not picked up will be held at the Fair Office for a reasonable amount of time and then disposed of. **You must have your claim ticket to pick up.**

Check out the **Award Listing** on page 12, as well as **Premium Payout** times and locations on page 14.

