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## SECURITY

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You are encouraged to enter your best work. The Competitive Exhibits team (staff, superintendents, judges & volunteers) all recognize the value these hold & all effort is made to provide for their security. Each building has a team of volunteers to watch over the exhibits & to make sure they are not handled or stolen, but because of the volume of entries we get each year, we cannot guarantee the safety of each exhibit.

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## QUESTIONS

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We have tried to create a lot for everything, but if you cannot find an appropriate lot in which to enter an item, please contact the Division Superintendent. They can help you in selecting a lot, or can add any lots as needed. Superintendents' names and telephone numbers are listed in the Exhibitor's Guide. Be sure to contact them before Entry Day.

If you are unable to reach the superintendent, the Office is here to help. Call us anytime between the hours of 9 am & 5 pm, Monday through Friday at:

**451-5548 / 452-3750** or e-mail  
exhibits@tvsfa.org.

**(907) 452-3750**



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**DIVISION 14**

## **EXHIBITOR'S HANDBOOK**

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*Welcome to the world of Competitive Exhibits! As an exhibitor at the fair, you are entering into a long standing tradition of education & competition that began in the Tanana Valley in 1924.*

*Your primary source of information about entering an exhibit is through the Exhibitors Guide, available online or at the Fair Office.*

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## **ENTRY RULES**

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- Get your Fair I.D. number & exhibit tags from the Fair Office.
- Fill out Exhibit Tags before you arrive on entry day.
- Pick your Best: You may enter only one exhibit per lot.
- Note any other entry restrictions listed in the Exhibitors Guide.
- Know your entry days & pick-up days.
- Prepare your entry: Read the paragraph on preparation & presentation and present your exhibit in the best way possible.

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## ENTRY GUIDELINES

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The Alaska Native Arts division is a truly Alaskan showcase. Most, but not all, of the arts entered in this division are authentic Alaskan Native arts created using knowledge passed down through many generations. Today many Native artists are expanding their horizons by utilizing traditional knowledge with new & different materials and designs.

Entry in this division is open to everyone. Remember to:

**Pick your Best:** You may enter only one exhibit per lot, so choose that item which best demonstrates your skill or knowledge;

**Prepare your entry:** Present your exhibit in the best way possible. Don't wait until the last minute - know what you will enter & have your exhibit tags ready well before entry day;

**Tell us about your entry:** If your entry has a special feature or story behind it's creation, be sure to include this information on a 3" x 5" card attached to your entry.

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## JUDGING CRITERIA

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Judges will be focusing on the following criteria:

### **Workmanship:**

Are the stitches even?

Are there no visible pen marks?

Is the work finished neatly & properly?

### **Materials:**

Is there a continuity of materials & design?

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Is there uniformity and authenticity in use of materials?

### **Originality:**

Is this work of your own design, or was it copied from somewhere else.

Was a traditional idea used but your own personal touch added?

### **Complexity & degree of difficulty.**

See the sample score sheet below.

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## SAMPLE JUDGING SHEET

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Division 14 Alaska Native Arts		
ID # _____	Exhibit Tag # _____	Class _____ Lot _____
Judge's Initials _____		
	POINTS POSSIBLE	SCORE
Workmanship	30	_____
Material	20	_____
Originality	30	_____
Complexity	20	_____
TOTAL (100 = perfect score)		_____
COMMENTS _____		
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## JUDGING AT THE FAIR

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Judging at the Tanana Valley State Fair is accomplished through a network of volunteers. Judges are recruited & chosen for their expertise in a particular area, and it is through their generous donation of time & knowledge that we are able to showcase your achievements. Judges are trained by the superintendent & through the Fair Office to follow the guidelines set down by the Fair Association. They are expected to:

- be fair & consistent in their judging;
- provide positive comments & constructive criticism to the exhibitor;
- follow the Fair Association's mission to educate participants through their evaluation.

Each exhibit must have a completed score sheet. These score sheets are for the education of the exhibitor only & are not for public view. An exhibitor may request to see a score sheet for any of their entries by asking the exhibit attendant on duty, asking the superintendent, or requesting assistance through the Office.

Although our judges work hard to provide a positive experience for the exhibitor, sometimes there can be discrepancies or inconsistencies. If so, the exhibitor is encouraged to contact the superintendent who can investigate the problem. If necessary, the exhibitor may file a protest through the Office. A \$25.00 fee must accompany any protest filed. Please refer to the Exhibitor's Guide for more information regarding this procedure.