
Sample Judging Sheet

Division 15 Hobbies

ID # _____ Exhibit Tag # _____ Class _____ Lot _____
Judge's Initials _____

	POINTS POSSIBLE	SCORE
Workmanship	30	_____
Complexity	20	_____
Attractiveness (neatness)	30	_____
Originality	20	_____

TOTAL (100 = perfect score)

COMMENTS _____

SECURITY

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.



DIVISION 15 EXHIBITOR'S HANDBOOK

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. This handbook will provide you with some additional information as well as judging criteria and sample judging sheets.

The Tanana Valley State Fair seeks to highlight and enhance appreciation for Interior Alaska by showcasing competitive & commercial exhibits. The Fair educates and entertains all participants by providing opportunities to share a rich variety of individual and community endeavors. The Fair encourages and welcomes involvement by all.

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ENTRY RULES

- **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.
- **Tell us about your entry:** If a class has special instructions, be sure to include this information on a 3" x 5" card attached to your entry.

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 or call the Office anytime between the hours of 9 am & 5 pm, Monday through Friday - **452-3750** or e-mail exhibits@tvsfa.org.

PREPARING YOUR ENTRY

- **Maximum size** for all exhibits (except Construction Sets) is 12" deep x 20" wide x 12" high.
- **Maximum size for Class—F Construction Sets** is 12" deep x 12" wide x 12" high. Must be secured to poster board or equivalent.
- Size limits do not apply to hanging exhibits. **Hanging exhibits** must be prepared for hanging before being entered.
- All **collections** must be affixed to a board, in a container, or in a display case. Gem/mineral collections may be displayed in bags that are stapled, taped, or glued to the board. **Clay is not to be used to affix any items to a board.** Due to space limitations, it is often

necessary to display boards at an angle and clay does not adequately hold items. When using tape, make sure that all areas of the tape are covered so that it will not stick to other items

- Individual items in the collection need not be made by the exhibitor. Judging will be based on quality rather than quantity.
- Please include a 3" x 5" card explaining your entry. (Contact the superintendent for more information).

JUDGING AT THE FAIR

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.

SPECIFIC CLASS INFORMATION & JUDGING CRITERIA

Class A - Models, Original & Class B - Models, Kits

An original model may contain pre-manufactured items, but the finished product must be unique. Original dioramas may contain items built from a kit, but the overall design must be original. Be sure to follow the size regulations; oversize items will not be accepted.

Class C - Collections

Judging will be based on quality rather than quantity, originality and attractiveness of the display, and on the items in the collection. Entries need to have a 3" x 5" card attached explaining the scope of the collection. A photo of the collection may also be useful. Gem, mineral, and rock collections should be entered in Class D or Class E.

Although many items will not include a display background, some, such as collections, will be partially judged on how they are displayed.

Class F—Construction Sets

Entries must conform to size minimums. Lego entries larger than the minimum may be entered in the Lego Contest.

Class G—Coloring Page Arts

Entries include any and all coloring pages. These exhibits are not eligible for entry in Adult Fine Arts or Junior Art Show.

Class H—Cub/Boy Scouting

The exhibitor must be a current or former Scout. Pack or Troop numbers are required for display and entry tags. Entries must have been made in the scope of Boy Scouting activities.