

GENERAL INFORMATION RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING TULSA STATE FAIR

**Please read all general rules and regulations and all division rules carefully.
All exhibitors are responsible for compliance with all rules.**

Interpretations, Amendments and Violations

1. **Interpretation of Rules:** The Tulsa State Fair reserves to its management the final and absolute right to interpret all rules and regulations in this exhibitor handbook, and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard there to or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Fair. The Management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules as they, in their judgment, may deem advisable.
2. **Violation of Rules:** Any person who violates any of the following or division rules shall forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the Tulsa State Fair Management may order. Any probation, disqualification, expulsion, or other disciplinary action of the Tulsa State Fair Management for violation of any of the rules in this Exhibitor Handbook shall be final and not subject to dispute. All participants, exhibitors, and others shall be strictly liable for any violation of the rules and regulations of the Tulsa State Fair contained in this Exhibitor Handbook. All participants, exhibitors, and others expressly waive any and all rights to notice, protest or hearing regarding enforcement of the rules and regulations contained in this Exhibitor Handbook. Should any participant, exhibitor, or concessionaire violate this agreement by contesting the decision or finding of the Management of the Tulsa State Fair by initiating suit, litigation, or legal process, then such participant, exhibitor, or other shall be responsible for the costs and attorney's fees incurred by the Tulsa State Fair in said action.
3. **Responsibility of Exhibitor:** The following rules and regulations will apply to each and every division of the Fair. Participants, exhibitors, and others are required to familiarize themselves with them. All property entered for competition, display or for any other purpose brought upon the Tulsa State Fairgrounds by any person shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the Tulsa State Fair.

Entry Procedure and Entry Fees

4. **Exhibitor Eligibility:** Competition is open to Oklahoma residents
 - Junior: Ages 5 – 17
 - Adult: Ages 18 and over
 - Senior: Ages 62 and older
5. **Invitational Competition:** This is an invitational competition. The Tulsa State Fair reserves the right to extend, withhold, or revoke an invitation to any Exhibitor or Contestant.
6. **Entry Deadlines:** Entry deadline dates are strictly enforced. Entry deadline dates are as follows:
 - August 28, 2020: Entry Deadline
 - September 4, 2020: Late Entry Deadline
7. **Submission of Entries:** Entries and payment must be submitted online. Entries submitted online will be accepted until 11:59 pm on August 28, 2020. To submit entries online go to the Tulsa State Fair's website, www.tulsastatefair.com.
8. **Acceptance of Entries:** Show Management reserves the right to reject, accept or conditionally accept any entry and/or late entry. Omission of fees, invalid or incorrect information will disqualify the entry. ***No entries will be accepted via mail, fax, or email.**
9. **Late Entry Deadline:** Entries not entered by August 28, 2020 can be entered online until September 4, 2020. Late entry fees will apply.
10. **Entry Limit:** Only one entry per class. No refunds to those who submit more than one entry per class.
11. **Erroneous Entries:** At the discretion of Show Management, exhibits that have been erroneously entered may be transferred to their proper classes prior to judging.
12. **Refunds:** No refunds will be made on incorrect entries or after the closing entry deadline date.
13. **Entry Fees:** No entry will be accepted unless the proper entry fees accompany the entry. Entry fees is \$5.

Exhibitor's Duties and Privileges

14. **Conduct of Exhibitor:** Show Management may prohibit an exhibitor or exhibitor's family member from competing or exhibiting for rude conduct toward any committee, judge, superintendent or any official of the Tulsa State Fair. Such persons may be reinstated after making proper apologies.

- 15. Division Rules:** To be eligible to enter, exhibitors and their project must meet the division rules.
- 16. Entry Requirements:** Entries must be the original work of and have been executed and owned by the exhibitor whose name appears on the online entry registration. Work must have been completed within the last two years. Winning entries may not be entered in future years after winning any Competitive Exhibits or Contest award. If an item is entered that has previously won, Management has the right to disqualify the entry.
- 17. Exhibitor Definition of Terms**
- Amateur: Hobbyist only with two years or less participation in the Tulsa State Fair.
 - Professional: Teacher/Instructor or someone who derives 50% or more of their income off of their craft.
 - Open: Open to anyone who does not meet the requirements of a Professional
 - Junior: 5-17 years old
 - Adult: 18 years or older
 - Senior: 62 years or older.
 - Exceptional: Limited mental capacity or physical disability.
- 18. Entry Delivery:** Entries will only be accepted per a schedule determined after entry deadline. The person dropping off the items does not have to be the exhibitor.
- 19. Entry Exhibit Dates:** Winning entries will be on display for viewing Thursday, October 1 – Saturday, October 10. Entries will be displayed at the discretion of the Superintendent in charge and as space allows.
- 20. Entry Pick Up:** Each exhibitor must pick up entry per a schedule determined after entry deadline. All exhibitors must have claim tags to pick-up entries. Unclaimed items will be given to charity. The person picking up items does not have to be the exhibitor.
- 21. Entry Classification:** Division Superintendent will reclassify an entry if it does not fit the classification entered by the exhibitor.
- 22. Marking of Entries:** All entries must have name, division, and class marked on the back or bottom of each entry.
- 23. Addition/Cancelation:** Fair Management reserves the right to add or cancel a class or contest at their discretion.
- 24. Disqualification of Entry:** Fair Management reserves the right to disqualify any entry that may be falsely entered or may be deemed unsuitable, objectionable, or inappropriate without assigning a reason therefore.
- 25. Judging:** All judging will be completed before the Fair opens. Results will not be released prior to the Fair opening.
- 26. Judges Decision:** The decisions of a judge shall be final and no appeal will be considered. The judge has the right to not award a first place ribbon if they feel none of the entries merit the award.
- 27. Interfering with Officials:** Any exhibitor or exhibitor's representative who attempts to interfere with a superintendent or judge or displays disrespect shall be excluded from competing or exhibiting and forfeit any premiums or awards.
- 28. Sweepstakes:** Sweepstakes awards will only be awarded in divisions where five (5) or more entries are being judged and are awarded based on the judge's discretion.
- 29. Premiums:** Premiums offered by the Tulsa State Fair will be paid as soon as they can be properly processed after the conclusion of the Tulsa State Fair. Premiums will be mailed to the address submitted with entry.
- 30. Payment of Premiums:** In paying premiums no evidence of award will be recognized unless the judging results have been properly recorded by the superintendent and signed by the judge. Premiums will be paid by check after the fair. All premium checks will be void after 60 days from issue date. Lost premium checks must be reported within 90 days following the fair. No premium checks will be rewritten after 90 days following the fair.
- 31. Photography Waiver:** All photographs taken of exhibitors, demonstrators, and entries become property of the Tulsa State Fair and may be used for promotional purposes.
- 32. Liability:** In no case shall the Tulsa State Fair, or any of its officers or employees, be held responsible for any loss, damage, tampering, misuse, sabotage, alteration, injury, death or disability by disease, or from theft, or from any other cause to any such property, or to any person coming upon said Fairgrounds while said person or property are on the Fairgrounds. The Tulsa State Fair hereby refuses to assume any responsibility for property brought upon said Fairgrounds, same being brought upon and kept upon said grounds at owner's sole risk. If the property owners or others interested in the property desire protection against loss, damage or injury from fire or any other cause, they must arrange for and pay for such insurance.
- 33. Claim for Injury:** The Tulsa State Fair expressly refuses to assume any liability for injuries to the persons of any of the exhibitors or their officers and employees or to any patrons or other persons coming upon the grounds of the Tulsa

State Fair and no claims for injury to any person or property shall ever be asserted or suit instituted or maintained against the Tulsa State Fair, its officers, agents, representatives, or employees for said cause by any person having license or privilege to exhibit on the Fairgrounds or occupying space thereon, and it is a part of the consideration for such license or privilege that such claims for damages are specifically waived. If any damage, loss or injury to person or property shall be proximately caused by reason of negligence or willful act of any person, firm or corporation, or their agents, representatives, servants or employees having license or privilege to exhibit on said Fairgrounds or occupying space thereon, the Tulsa State Fair shall in no manner be liable. All persons causing same or liable therefore shall indemnify the said Tulsa State Fair at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

34. Protests: “Notwithstanding the other rules in this Exhibitor Handbook, contestants and exhibitors may protest the actions of other contestants and exhibitors.” All protest must be made in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$500, which deposit will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Said protest must be filed with the Show Management within five hours after the award was made, it being considered that award was made when ribbon or premium card is placed. Appeals must contain at least one specific charge stating at length the facts or the rule violated, and naming witnesses and their addresses to substantiate the charge. In addition to the right of protest therein guaranteed to exhibitors, the Management reserves the right to take cognizance of fraud consummated or attempted in connection with an animal and take such action as may be deemed just and proper. All questions or disputes or differences not provided for under these rules shall be referred to the Management, whose decision shall be final.

35. Appeals: No complaint or appeal based upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent or have overlooked an article will be considered by the Management. The right of an exhibitor to appeal from the decisions of a judge to the Management will lie only when it is charged that the award has been made in violation of the rules governing the exhibit; or when it is charged that the decision of the judges has been influenced or interfered with by another. All questions or disputes or differences not provided for under these rules shall be referred to the Management, whose decision shall be final.