

Georgia National Fair

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 7-17, 2010.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Entries are limited to bona fide residents of Georgia unless stated otherwise in a particular Division or Section. Entries must be made by individuals only, unless specifically exempted. No entry fee is required unless otherwise stated.

2. Divisions in each department refer to either a skill level or age level and are usually self-explanatory. The Open division, where offered, is for the professional exhibitor and for the amateur exhibitor whose work is competitive at the highest level of his/her art. The Georgia National Fair uses the honor system with regard to the proper division placement for exhibitors. In other words, it will be left to the exhibitor to determine under which Division he/she should exhibit, but superintendents reserve the right to move work where merited .

3. There are special categories for youth competition in most departments. Students may not enter open adult competitions where youth categories are offered.

4. **Creative arts by children under age 12 may be entered in the "Budding Artist" category. See page 58.**

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 If an exhibitor has been disqualified from competition in a show or has had a premium withheld or withdrawn on the grounds of rule violation, misrepresentation, fraud or deception, he/she will not be allowed to compete

at the Georgia National Fair.

6. 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 this premium book).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

8. Exhibits must be the work of the exhibitor except where specifically stated otherwise, and must have been completed within the past five years.

9. An exhibit may be entered only once for competition (i.e., an exhibit may not be re-entered at a future Fair or in another Department).

10. All entries must be typed or printed on current official entry forms of the Georgia National Fair in accordance with instructions on same, giving Division and Class Numbers and all other necessary information. **SEPARATE ENTRY FORMS MUST BE USED FOR EACH DEPARTMENT.** Official entry forms may be duplicated. Entry forms, after being signed by the exhibitor, are to be mailed, e-mailed, or brought to the Miller-Murphy-Howard Building, Georgia National Fair (see www.georgianationalfair.com for entry form).

11. Each exhibitor (and exhibitor's parent or legal guardian, if exhibitor is a minor) must sign a statement

acknowledging that he/she understands and will abide by the liability requirements and rules and regulations of the Georgia National Fair. If the exhibitor does not sign this statement (contained on the front of the entry form), his/her application for entry may not be accepted. Incomplete entry forms will be returned to exhibitors. E-mail registration implies agreement with all rules and regulations of the Georgia National Fair.

12. Early registration is encouraged in all departments. Upon Receipt of the entry form, an exhibitor number will be assigned and claim checks and entry tags will be made out and held for exhibitors. On the day exhibits are brought, all paperwork will have been finished and entry of exhibits will be much quicker. Also, early registration will help the Georgia National Fair prepare proper exhibit space and will facilitate information entry into the computer. **EARLY REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED IN SOME DIVISIONS.** Check each department for early registration information.

13. Exhibitors should retain duplicate part of entry tag (claim check) to identify and reclaim articles at close of the Fair.

14. 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.

15. 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 if the capacity of the department has been reached.

DELIVERY OF EXHIBIT ENTRIES

See Index page for a quick check on entry days, or check each department for delivery dates and times.

16. ARTICLES MAILED OR SHIPPED (do not ship by bus) should be addressed

to the Miller-Murphy-Howard Building, Georgia National Fair, 401 Larry Walker Parkway, Perry, GA 31069. Articles should be shipped to arrive between Sept. 1 and 12, 2010, unless stated otherwise in a department. Shipping costs must be prepaid and return postage/shipping costs and an address label must be included. **Exhibits for which sufficient shipping charges have not been paid or provided may be returned C.O.D. and a \$5.00 handling fee will be assessed.** Shipped entries must be securely packed in REUSABLE PACKAGES. Masking tape may be used to protect glass from breakage in transit.

17. HAND DELIVERY BEFORE FAIR OPENS: Enter WEST GATE (facing the Interstate), drive to the Miller-Murphy-Howard Building.

18. HAND DELIVERY FOR CONTESTS DURING THE FAIR: Walk through ANY TICKET GATE. Your baked goods, etc. will serve as your ticket.

PICKUP AND RETURN OF ENTRIES WARNING!

No Sunday evening pick-up! (Last day of Fair.) Buildings will remain open to the public until 10 p.m.

General Release Schedule:

Tues., Oct. 19

10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 20

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

19. No items will be released without exhibitor claim tags.

20. Each Fair employee will work with one exhibitor at a time in releasing the entries. Exhibitors may wish to bring packing boxes for ease and safety in transporting items.

21. Articles submitted by mail or delivery service will be returned to the sender October 20-22. If proper postage or shipping fees have not been provided, articles may be returned C.O.D. and a \$5.00 handling fee will be

assessed.

22. The Georgia National Fair will dispose of any articles not picked up by Oct. 30, 2010.

JUDGES AND JUDGING PROCEDURES

23. Every effort will be made to obtain qualified, impartial judges in every area.

24. Judging will be based upon recognized standards of quality, skill, and workmanship. The criteria/guidelines listed in the premium book under various sections are utilized by the judges in making decisions. However, certain areas, such as creativity, are viewed differently.

25. Where there is competition, all prizes may be awarded as long as there are worthy entries. Where articles are not worthy of first prize, judges may, at their discretion, award a prize or prizes of such a grade as the article deserves. Any article not up to standard in the class in which it is entered may be ruled out by the judge(s).

26. Articles without competition will be judged on their own merit and will be placed first, second, third, etc., or no award, as the judges see fit.

27. If any exhibitor or his/her representative interferes in any way with the judges or shows disrespect to them, or to the show, the management may withhold from such exhibitor any premium monies that may have been awarded, or take any other steps deemed desirable.

28. Judging will not be delayed for late entries. Any exhibit not presented promptly at the scheduled time is barred from competition in the class. Protests that the judges overlooked exhibits will not be considered.

29. No one will be allowed to act as judge in a class in which he/she exhibits or in which he/she may hold an interest.

30. Should any article be entered in the wrong class and the error discovered before the judging, the superintendent may make proper correction in the

entry.

31. The decisions of the judges shall be final in all classes and no appeal will be considered except in cases of written protest. In cases where fraud, misrepresentation, error or collusion is discovered after awards have been given, the Georgia National Fair management or such referee as may be appointed, may make a decision regarding final placement. Such cases may be appealed in writing to the Competitive Exhibits Department from whose decision there will be no appeal.

32. Limitations of staff and time prohibit the release of judging results on the telephone or via e-mail. Please do not call or e-mail to request results.

PROTESTS

33. Protests against any award(s) and/or eligibility must be made in writing to the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority and be accompanied by an affidavit and a deposit of \$50.00 within 24 hours following the designation of such award. In case the protest shall not be sustained, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Georgia National Fair. 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 Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority.

34. No other protest will be considered by the committee.

PREMIUMS

35. All premium money will be paid from the judges' record sheets and not from ribbons that may be attached to the exhibits. Premium checks will be mailed to the winners within 30 days after the Fair is over. Please notify the Fair if you have not received your premium check by December 1, 2010. 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 may 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.

36. SWEEPSTAKES (where offered) will go to the winner of the most blue ribbons. Exception: Photography Sweepstakes is awarded to winner of most ribbons in each Division. If a tie exists, ribbons will be counted for second place, or one place at a time until the tie is broken.

37. AWARD OF EXCELLENCE, in Divisions/Sections where offered, may be selected by the judge as outstanding from among the blue ribbon winners.

38. SWEEPSTAKES and AWARD OF EXCELLENCE ribbons will only be awarded for Divisions and Sections where they are listed.

ADMINISTRATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

39. 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.

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

41. Department rules or special conditions are published in each department where necessary. If there is a conflict between the special rules of any department and the general rules and regulations, the special rules will govern.

STATEMENT OF LIABILITY

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

43. The management 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

44. 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.

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

46. General admission during the Fair is \$8. Children ages 10 and under are admitted free and parking is free.

OTHER RULES AND REGULATIONS

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

48. 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.

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