

NOVELTY VEGETABLES

DIVISION 3B

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.

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ENTRY RULES

- **Get your Fair I.D. number & exhibit tags from the Office.** Please fill out Exhibit Tags before you arrive on entry day.
- **Pick your Best:** You may enter only one exhibit per lot.
- **Know your entry days and 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"x5" card attached to your entry.

JUDGING AT THE FAIR

Judging at the Tanana Valley State Fair is accomplished through a network of volunteer judges chosen for their expertise in a particular area. It is through their generous donation of time & knowledge that we are able to showcase your achievements. Judges are expected to follow these guidelines set down by the Fair Association:

- 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.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Judging of Novelty classes.

The guidelines for prize winning entries are as follows:

- The exhibit should be clean. Care should be taken when cleaning your entry so as to not injure the outer skin.
- The entry should be free from insect or mechanical damage, cracks or blemishes disease spots or wilt and mold.

Class S - Vegetable & Crop Art, entries are judged on originality & artistic expression, as well as condition of materials used.

Class T Novelty Vegetable entries are judged on size or weight only and are not eligible for Grand Champion.

SAMPLE JUDGING SHEETS

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Vegetable & Fruits Crop Art		
Exhibit Tag # _____	ID # _____	
Class _____	Lot _____	
Judge's Initials _____		
	PERFECT SCORE	JUDGES SCORE
Overall quality & condition of exhibit	20	_____
Originality, pleasing design and layout	40	_____
Preparation & neatness	20	_____
Variety of materials used	20	_____
_____ TOTAL	(100 = perfect score)	_____
COMMENTS _____		

PERISHABLE EXHIBIT PICK UP

Because of the length of the Fair and the desire to keep the displays as fresh as possible, we have two different entry days for perishable exhibits.

Junior exhibits may be picked up on Adult Entry Day during the Fair. **Admission onto the grounds will be granted if the exhibitor has their claim check in hand at the gate.** All others must pay admission.

Perishable exhibits that are not picked up by the Sunday following the close of the fair will be donated to charity, or discarded.

QUESTIONS

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. Be sure to contact them before Entry Day.

If you are unable to reach the superintendent, the Fair Office is here to help. Call us anytime 9 am - 5 pm, Monday through Friday or e-mail ozzie@tananavalleyfair.org.



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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.