

Georgia National Fair

YOUTH EDUCATIONAL 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 3-13, 2024.

ELIGIBILITY

1. **All exhibitors are required to read and abide by the Georgia National Fair General Rules and Regulations.**

2. Entries are limited to a bona fide member of Georgia 4-H, CTI, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA, SkillsUSA or TSA, unless stated otherwise. No entry fee is required unless otherwise stated.

3. Entries must be made in the Chapter or "Club" name and must be submitted through the club advisor. Participant name(s) must be entered in the "Student Name" field.

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 **If an exhibitor has been disqualified from competition in a show or has had a premium withheld or withdrawn on the grounds of a rule violation, misrepresentation, fraud or deception, he/she will not be allowed to compete at the Georgia National Fair.**

5. To be eligible for entry, exhibitors must meet and adhere to the requirements of Department Rules listed under the appropriate department.

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

7. Exhibits must be completed solely by the entrant.

8. An exhibit may not be entered more than one time. (i.e., an exhibit may not be re-entered at a future Fair or in another Department). "Copies" of a prior exhibit may not be entered.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

9. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED IN ALL DEPARTMENTS. LATE REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**

10. **Online entries must be pre-registered by club advisor or agent by 11:59 PM on the deadline date. See individual departments for deadlines.** Advisors must email contests@gnfa.com to obtain required password, which must be obtained by two days prior to entry deadline. Late entries will not be processed. Substitutions are not allowed.

11. **On-line submission of entries signifies that**

you agree and will abide with the terms as defined in the published rules and regulations.

12. A copy of the online registration confirmation will be required to check-in for competition.

13. All entries must be clean and in good condition. Entries should not be too fragile that shipment or public display is potentially harmful to the work or to the viewer.

14. No articles may be shown in this department with a "For Sale" tag attached. Any sales made of articles exhibited in this department will be between the owner and prospective purchaser.

15. Items to be hung must have sturdy wire and hangers properly attached; no sawtooth hangers.

16. Exhibitors should retain the duplicate part of the entry tag (claim check) to identify and reclaim articles at the close of the Fair. **NO EXHIBIT WILL BE RELEASED WITHOUT THE PROPER CLAIM CHECK.**

17. 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.

18. **EXHIBITOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING PERMISSION FOR USE OF COPYRIGHTED OR TRADEMARKED CHARACTERS OR LOGOS (Spiderman, Batman, Spongebob, Harry Potter, Disney characters, video game characters, College logos, Coca Cola, etc.).**

19. The Georgia National Fair patrons consist largely of families with children and all exhibits should be suitable for family viewing.

20. 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. For these purposes, the definition of "objectionable" includes, but is not limited to: representations of nudity, graphic violence, profanity, or any depictions of a sexually explicit nature. Decisions of the Georgia

National Fair will be final.

21. **ARTICLES MAILED OR SHIPPED** should be addressed to the Miller-Murphy-Howard Building, Georgia National Fair, 401 Larry Walker Parkway, Perry, GA 31069. A packing slip **must** be included that lists all of the entries and entries must be labeled. Articles must be shipped to arrive the week before stated receiving date in each 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 will not be returned.** Shipped entries must be securely packed in REUSABLE PACKAGES. Masking tape may be used to protect glass from breakage in transit.

22. **A teacher/advisor/agent must be present for delivery and pickup of exhibits.**

23. **HAND DELIVERY BEFORE FAIR OPENS:** Enter the WEST GATE (facing the Interstate) and proceed to the designated exhibit entry area.

24. **HAND DELIVERY FOR CONTESTS DURING THE FAIR:** See individual departments for instructions.

25. **CANCELLATIONS: Please!! If you see that your chapter will not use the space you have reserved by preregistration, email contests@gnfa.com . Exhibit spaces are difficult to deal with when left empty at Fair time. Thanks for your cooperation.**

26. Entries will be on display for the duration of the Fair. **Early removal of exhibits will result in forfeiture of prizes and disqualification from future shows.**

27. **ALL EXHIBITS WILL BE RELEASED TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 12 PM - 8 PM, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 10 AM - 4 PM AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 10 AM - 3 PM. THERE WILL BE NO EARLY RELEASE OF EXHIBITS. No items will be released without exhibitor claim tags.**

28. **Teacher/advisor/agent must check in with fair staff for pickup of exhibits.** A Fair employee will work with one teacher/advisor/agent at a time in releasing the entries. Teacher/advisor/agent must sign for release of exhibits. No items will be released without exhibitor claim tags. **Entries not properly checked out will forfeit any prize premiums and points earned.**

29. **There will be no after hours pickup.**

30. Articles submitted by mail will be returned to the sender October 21-25. If proper postage or shipping fees have not been provided, articles **will not** be returned.

31. The Georgia National Fair will dispose of any articles not picked up by 3 p.m. on Oct. 19, 2024.

JUDGES AND JUDGING PROCEDURE

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

33. 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.

34. **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.

35. 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.

36. 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).

37. 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.

38. Champion and Reserve Champion status may **ONLY** be awarded for divisions where they are listed.

39. In case of a tie between Superior Chapter Champions, where offered, the winner will be determined based on the number of first places won. If the number of first places is tied, the count will go to second places, third places, etc., until the tie is broken. In the unlikely case that both teams have the same number of points and the same ribbon counts, the title will be determined by the highest scoring entries based on the competition scorecards/criteria. If there is still a tie after scores are considered, the title will be shared, and the prize money will be split. If the tie is for the Grand Champion, the prize money for Grand and Reserve, if any, will be split. If the tie is for Reserve Champion, the Reserve Champion money will be split. In either case, a second plaque will be ordered and shipped to the team.

40. The decisions of the judges shall be final in all classes and no appeal will be considered except in cases of written protest.

41. 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.

42. **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. Results will be posted on the website after the Fair is over.**

PROTESTS

43. 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.

44. 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 (the Advisory Committee), may make a decision regarding final placement.

45. 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 Advisory Committee from whose decision there will be no appeal.

46. In case the protest shall not be sustained, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Georgia National Fair.

47. No other protest will be considered

PREMIUMS

48. All premium money will be paid from the judges' record sheets and not from ribbons that may be attached to the exhibits.

49. Premium checks will be mailed to the school within six weeks after the Fair is over. **NOTE: Due to increased administrative costs, for chapters/clubs that earn less than \$15 in cumulative premiums, the exhibitors who place will receive ribbons, but will not be issued a check.**

50. **Please notify the Fair if you have not received your premium check by December 31, 2024. In the event that a premium check is lost in the mail, request must be made by January 15, 2025 to have the premium check reissued.**

51. 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 will not be reissued.

ADMINISTRATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

52. 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.

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

54. Department rules or special conditions are published in each department where necessary. Any

conflict between the special rules of any department and the general rules and regulations, will be governed by the special rules.

STATEMENT OF LIABILITY

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

56. The Fair 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

57. 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.

58. **Except for live contests, an entry in a competition does not gain exhibitor free entry into the Fair.**

59. For live contests, participants must bring a copy of their online registration confirmation for free entry into the Fair.

OTHER RULES AND REGULATIONS

60. Individuals competing in the Georgia Living Programs agree to have their photo taken which may subsequently be used for promotional purposes in publications and social media.

61. Submission of entries grants permission for the Georgia National Fair to use images of those entries for promotional purposes.

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

63. 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.

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

Questions?

Contact:

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