



# ENVIRONMENT & SPORTSMAN COMPETITION

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**ONLINE ENTRY REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1, 2026**  
**ONLINE ENTRY REGISTRATION CLOSES JULY 13, 2026**  
**ENTRY DROP OFF AUGUST 8 & 9, 2026, 8AM-2PM at the**  
**ENVIRONMENT & SPORTSMAN BUILDING**  
**ENTRY REMOVAL AUGUST 24, 2026, 7AM-2PM**

**Entry Fee:** \$25.00 allows entries throughout Departments in Creative Arts, Ag-Grange, and Environment and Sportsman. A promo code redeemable for three (3) admission passes will be emailed to the exhibitor on Tuesday, August 11, 2026

**Ages:** 18 & Up

**Prize Checks:** Available Thursday, August 18, 2026, between 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM at the Environment & Sportsman Info Desk along with satin ribbons earned.  
Checks not picked up by Sunday, August 23, 2026, will be mailed.  
**\*Checks are VOID 60 days from issue date and WILL NOT BE REISSUED. Ribbons will not be mailed.**

## **Environment & Sportsman Competition Rules:**

1. Please read and abide by all The Erie County Fair and Creative Arts Department rules and regulations.
2. **All entries must be registered by Monday, July 13, 2026.** Entries not registered will not be accepted. For more information see the Important Entry Information page at [www.ecfair.org](http://www.ecfair.org).
1. **THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO REJECT ANY OR ALL ENTRIES.** Please – no domestic species.
2. Booths must be set up by 2PM on Monday, August 10, 2026.
3. Individual exhibitors are required to be resident of New York State. Exhibitors are not required to be a member of any sportsmen's club. Exhibits to be displayed are at the discretion of the Building Superintendents.
4. Exhibits must have suitable means of attachment to facilitate display. HIDES, SKINS AND PELTS may be used in booth exhibits but will not be accepted to compete for prizes (except if they fit into the Wildlife Art Section).
5. Judging of booths will be based on originality and value in connection with various conservation and fair activities.
6. Entries limited to specimens collected from within North America (including Canada), North of the Mexican border.
7. Specimens entered will be judged on originality, value and work. Not necessarily by size, number of points, etc.
8. New York State Specimens and Out of State Specimens will not be competing against each other. They must be entered into their respective divisions.
9. Single mounts will be entered as a single mount. A group mount with more than one specimen attached will be entered as one; no matter how many specimens are included in the group.
10. Best in Show winning mounts may **NOT** be entered again for a 5-year term. The mounts may be put on display only. If you have any questions or wish to put your Best in Show winning mount on display, please contact the Superintendent.

11. If you cannot report to the assigned times for exhibit setup or removal, other arrangements must be made with a Superintendent. Any exhibit not picked up by 2:00 pm on Monday, August 24, 2026, is left at risk of the exhibitor.
12. Infected or Infested mounts must be removed ASAP to protect other exhibits. Exhibitor will be contacted immediately for removal.

#### **Judging Criteria**

- See Superintendent for class criteria.

# **ENVIRONMENT & SPORTSMAN COMPETITION CLASSES**

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**Premiums Offered:** Division #1-4: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Blue \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Red \$75,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Yellow \$50, 4<sup>th</sup> Place White \$25  
Division #5: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Blue \$40, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Red \$25,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Yellow \$20, 4<sup>th</sup> Place White \$15

#### **Booths-1**

1. Local Sportsmen's Club
2. Local affiliate of National Organizations

#### **New York State Specimen-2**

1. Individual exhibit of animal head (mounted specimen)
2. Individual exhibit of animal (full body mounted specimen)
3. Individual exhibit of bird (full body mounted specimen)
4. Individual exhibit of fish (full body mounted specimen)

#### **Out of State Specimen-3**

1. Individual exhibit of animal head (mounted specimen)
2. Individual exhibit of animal (full body mounted specimen)
3. Individual exhibit of bird (full body mounted specimen)
4. Individual exhibit of fish (full body mounted specimen)

#### **Wildlife Art-4**

- *Please no wildlife photos (See Photography Section in Creative Arts) or woodcarvings (See Woodcarving Department).*
  - *No items larger than 36"x 36" (excluding the span of a rack on a European Mount).*
  - *All Wildlife Art will be put into one class but may be separated for judging if entries warrant.*
  - *Entries in this section are to have included some form of the animal (bones, feathers, hide, etc.) to create the piece.*
  - *All work must have been done by the exhibitor.*
1. Individual exhibit of Wildlife Art

#### **Meat Snack Competition-5**

- Meat can be from any species. The ingredient list and heat rating must be included.
- All entries must be produced using good manufacturing practices and, in a food safe manner.

- Recipes must be the property of the exhibitor.
- Entries must be ready-to-eat. Entries will not be cooked or heated for judging.
- Entries must be shelf stable to be displayed for the duration of the fair, unrefrigerated. The sample that the judge will be tasting can be refrigerated if needed. Please specify that at time of entry drop-off.
- The judge may disqualify entries if there is reason to suspect the entry is not safe to consume.
- Entries must consist of two (2) separate, unbranded packaged portions, a minimum of 4oz each.

1. Jerky- Wild caught
2. Jerky- Farm raised
3. Smoked Sausage- Wild caught
4. Smoked Sausage- Farm raised

***AWARDS FOR ENVIRONMENT & SPORTSMAN  
BEST OF SHOW – NY STATE***

A rosette and cash prize of \$50.00 donated by the Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc., will be awarded to the best overall mount of New York State Specimen.

***BEST OF SHOW – OUT OF STATE***

A rosette and cash prize of \$50.00 will be awarded to the best overall mount of Out of State Specimen.