



KNITTING COMPETITION

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ONLINE ENTRY REGISTRATION STARTS APRIL 1, 2026

ONLINE ENTRY REGISTRATION CLOSES JULY 13, 2026

ENTRY DROP OFF JULY 18, 2026, 9AM-3PM and JULY 21, 2026, 12PM-6PM

ENTRY REMOVAL AUGUST 26, 2026, 12PM-6PM and AUGUST 27, 2026, 3PM-7PM

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: 13 & Up

Prize Checks: Available Tuesday, August 18, 2026, between 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM at the Creative Arts 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.**

Knitting Competition Rules:

1. Please read and abide by all The Erie County Fair rules and regulations.
2. **All entries must be registered by Monday, July 13, 2026.** For more information see the Important Entry Information page at www.ecfair.org.
3. Anyone 13 years old and older is eligible to enter this competition. Team members may be younger than 18 years old.
4. Only one (1) entry per class.
5. Articles will be judged on the following: overall appearance, design, harmony of color, workmanship, quality of materials used (no loose ends on the inside of the garment), finishing, and originality.
6. The condition of the article must be clean, properly blocked, and not noticeably worn. Soiled articles will not be judged. Articles are to be the work of the exhibitor.
7. PLEASE NOTE: In describing categories: An article with a contrasting design refers to a color design. An article with pattern stitch refers to a design in the stitch itself such as lace, cables, basket stitch, etc. Unless otherwise indicated, articles may be either hand-knitted.
8. All entries must be clean and free of dirt, pet hair, and stains.
9. Please - no name labels.

Judging Criteria

- General Appearance - Is it pleasing to the eye? Does it have balance? Is there harmony among the subjects stitched?
- Workmanship – Is it (technique) correctly executed?
- Did the designer take into consideration the difficulty of the piece and use the correct technique?
- Is the piece clean of smudges and marks?
- Each entry will be judged on its own merit.

KNITTING COMPETITION CLASSES

Premiums Offered: 1st Place Blue \$6, 2nd Place Red \$4

Tri-Color: \$25 & Eligible for *Best of Tri-Color Award*

*Tri-Color is an honorary award chosen by the judge for the outstanding article among those entered in competition in each section.

Women's Clothing-1

1. Pullover Sweater (Pattern Stitch)
2. Cardigan Sweater (Contrasting Design)
3. Cardigan Sweater (Pattern Design)
4. Casual Shirt (tank, halter, or hooded sweatshirt, etc.)
5. Vest (casual or dress, etc.)
6. Coat/Jacket

Men's Clothing-2

1. Holiday Clothing
2. Sports Themed Clothing

Children's Clothing-3

1. Layette Set-Open Front Sweater, Bonnet, Booties
2. Sweater
3. Hat/Mitten Set
4. Bonnet

Adult Accesories-4

1. Scarf
2. Scarf (novelty yarn)
3. Cowl
4. Shawl/Wrap
5. Hat (cap, or beret, etc.)
6. Handbag (purse, shoulder, or tote, etc.)
7. Gloves/Mittens
8. Headband
9. Socks

Specialty & Miscellaneous-5

1. Toy, Animal or Doll
2. Toy, other than an animal or doll
3. Christmas Stocking
4. Item made by a person over 70 years of age
5. Dishcloth
6. First-Time Entry (any item listed above by a first-time exhibitor)