

Creative Arts

Division 13

Dolls, Teddy Bears, Animals

New Mexico State Fair September 10 – 20, 2026

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Entry Dates

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

ENTRY FEE: \$5.00
Fees are Non-Refundable

Special Rules

1. Exhibitors limited to a total of 8 entries per household.
2. A “doll” is described as a play toy with movable arms and legs with a swivel or stationary head made to resemble a baby, child or grown person.

3. Doll entries will not be accepted without suitable stands. Unless specified, as “Collection” or “Pair”, the description of classes is intended for a single entry. Entry must be securely mounted. No statues.
4. Name on entry card will be concealed until after judging, so there will be no question regarding illegalities.
5. Dolls previously awarded NMSF ribbons are not allowed to compete in future NM State Fairs.
6. A person willfully re-entering a previous ribbon winning exhibit will be disqualified.
7. Dolls must be entered by owner.
8. Precautions are taken for the safety of all entries, but in no case, will the New Mexico State Fair, the state of New Mexico, employees, contractors or volunteers be held liable for the loss or damages to any entry while in the Fair’s possession. Participants are encouraged to carry their own insurance.
9. Participant recognizes that marketing of the Fair and its grounds requires use of photography and video. Participant hereby expressly grants to the Fair the irrevocable, assignable right and license to take, use and publish participant images and work without the need for any other approval. Images and work will not be used for profit.
10. Participants are responsible for picking up their own work or providing written authorization for pick-up by another individual.
11. **NEW:** Work must be picked up Tuesday, September 22, 2026, from 9:00am – 4:00pm. Any work remaining on the Fairgrounds after this date will be considered abandoned and shall become the property of the NM State Fair to be disposed of at its discretion.

Judging Criteria

Age and Rarity

Originality: Originally replaced clothing should be antique or of the correct period.

Condition: Clothing wear and tear in relation to the doll's age will be taken into consideration. Dolls should be as clean as possible in relation to their age.

Display: All entries **MUST** have a proper display stand to be accepted.

Section 406 – Class 1-65

Dolls: Antique & Collectible

Ribbon Awards

1st Place 2nd Place 3rd Place

Best of Show – Rosette

Note: Best of Show will be awarded only in sections where there are three (3) or more entries. Best of Show will be for the total Doll Painting and Costuming required to be done by exhibitor.

Antique Dolls: Made Prior to 1900

Class 1-9

1. Baby or Toddler
2. China, any size
3. Fashion
4. Foreign Doll
5. Foreign Pair: Male or Female
6. French Bisque: Any size
7. German Bisque: Any size
8. Miscellaneous Antique Doll
9. Costume by Owner

Antique Dolls: Made Between 1900-1949

Class 10-26

10. Advertising
11. Baby or Toddler
12. Brides
13. Celebrity, Specific Fictional or Movie Star represented.

14. Celluloid Doll
15. Cloth
16. Composition
17. Fashion
18. Foreign Doll
19. Foreign Pair: Male and Female
20. French Bisque: Any size
21. German Bisque: Any size
22. Miscellaneous Antique Doll: Other than above
23. Shirley Temple Doll
24. Wooden
25. Theme Groups: Must be secured to a base
26. Costume by Owner

Modern Collectible Dolls:

Made Between 1950-1979

Class 27-45

27. 8" Dolls
28. Advertising
29. Baby or Toddler
30. Barbie Dolls
31. Brides
32. Character, Specific Fictional or Movie Star represented.
33. Cloth
34. Fashion
35. Foreign Dolls
36. Foreign Pair: Male and Female
37. Hard Plastic Dolls
38. Indian Doll: No figurines or statues
39. Madam Alexander Dolls
40. Miscellaneous Modern Doll: Other than above
41. Pair: Male and Female
42. Theme Groups: **MUST be** on a solid base
43. Costume by Owner
44. Vinyl
45. Shirley Temple

Classes 46-65 Judging Criteria

- Originality:** Originality of Doll, Rare, Original Clothes or re-dressed will be taken into consideration.
- Condition:** Wear and tear to clothes in relation to doll.
- Hair:** Hair should be in original set and original wig. Re-wigged or restyled will be taken into consideration.
- Body:** Body if replaced will be taken into consideration.
- Display:** Entries **Must Have** a proper stand to be accepted.

Modern Collectible Dolls: Including Porcelain After 1979 to Present

Class 46-65

46. 8" Dolls
47. Advertising
48. American Girl
49. Baby or Toddler
50. Barbie Dolls
51. Brides
52. Character, Specific Fictional or Movie Star represented.
53. Cloth
54. Fashion
55. Foreign Dolls
56. Foreign Pair: Male and Female
57. Hard Plastic Dolls
58. Indian Doll: No figurines or statues
59. Madam Alexander Dolls
60. Miscellaneous Modern Doll, Including: ethnic, holiday, Fantasy, Humor, Horror, etc.
61. Pair: Male and Female
62. Theme Groups: **MUST Be** on a solid base
63. Costume by Owner
64. Vinyl
65. Shirley Temple

Sections 407 – 411: Class 66-90 Handmade Dolls, Animals Cloth Dolls & Handmade Porcelain Media

Ribbon Awards

1st Place 2nd Place 3rd Place

Best of Show – Rosette

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Special Rules

1. Entries must have been made by exhibitor since the previous New Mexico State Fair.
2. Reproductions, prefabricated, commercially made dolls, animals or clothing will **not be** accepted.
3. Dolls not to exceed 3' tall. Large items will be displayed in an open area on space available basis at the discretion of officials.
4. Dolls may be seated, or the exhibitor must provide a stand.
5. Limit one per class of your choice with a total of no more than 8 entries.

Dolls

Section 407: Youth, 17 years and under

Section 408: Beginners, 1 year or less experience

Section 409: Intermediate, 1-3 years' experience

Section 410: Advanced, 4-8 years' experience

Section 411: Master, 8 years or more experience (Professional: Teaches or sells)

Each Section will Compete in the Following Classes.

Dolls Made from a Pattern, Adaptation of a Pattern, Mold or in a Class

Class 66-74

- 66. Modern: Adult, Baby, Child (Male or Female)
- 67. Characters from Literature, Film, or Historical
- 68. Dolls made in Class
- 69. Ethnic ex: African American, Asian,
Native American Indian, etc.
- 70. Fantasy/Humor/Horror: Anything goes
- 71. Holiday
- 72. Pairs, Tableau, Miniatures or Theater
- 73. Paper Dolls/Flat Dolls
- 74. Rag Dolls: Raggedy Ann, etc.

Cloth Dolls made by Exhibitor

Class 75-85

- 75. Modern: Adult, Baby, Child (Male or Female)
- 76. Characters from Literature, Film or Historical
- 77. Ethnic ex: African American, Asian,
Native American Indian, etc.
- 78. Fantasy/Humor/Horror: Anything goes
- 79. Paper Dolls or Flat Dolls
- 80. Holiday
- 81. Miscellaneous: Other than above
- 82. Mixed Media: Found Object
- 83. Pairs, Tableau, Miniature or Theater
- 84. Tableau, Miniature or Theater
- 85. Rag Dolls: Raggedy Ann, etc.

Teddy Bears and Animals Made by Exhibitor

Class 86-90

- 86. Animals 7" and above
- 87. Animals, Miniatures 6" and under
- 88. Fantasy Animals
- 89. Teddy Bears 7" and above
- 90. Teddy Bears, Miniatures 6" and under