

WELCOME TO THE NORTH IDAHO STATE FAIR!

North Idaho State Fair welcomes you and your family to exhibit, compete and display your work. Anyone can enter but residents of Kootenai, Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Idaho, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce, and Shoshone counties are eligible for additional special awards. This Handbook contains guidelines and rules for residents wishing to enter the Open Class Competitive Exhibits and Open Class Livestock.

With more than 20 departments to enter, there are plenty of opportunities to show off your Agricultural, Home Arts and Livestock. If you can make it, take it, grow it, or show it, we have a place for you to enter!



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FAIRGROUNDS POLICIES:

- Smoking is only allowed in designated areas. NO EXCEPTIONS
- **NO PETS OF ANY KIND ARE PERMITTED AT THE FAIR AT ANY TIME!** This includes dogs, cats, ferrets, etc., on a leash, in a carrier, purse or large bag, or held in a person’s arms. The only exceptions are service animals or animals that are part of an attraction, exhibit, or demonstration. Visitors found with pets will be asked to take them home. Animals are not to be left in unattended vehicles in the parking lot under any circumstance. This policy is in place not only for the safety of other visitors, but for the welfare of the animal.
- Soliciting on the Fairgrounds, distribution of hand bills, literature, or advertising by any individual or organization is strictly prohibited. No tacking or posting of advertising bills, cards, etc., will be permitted on any building, power pole, car or elsewhere. All individuals, organizations, religious groups, and commercial exhibitors wishing to solicit, pass out literature or advertising matter must rent exhibit space at the going rate and must confine solicitations, distribution of all hand bills and literature to the space rented. No walking exhibits will be allowed on the grounds.

COMPLETE COPY OF ALL FAIRGROUNDS POLICIES IS AVAILABLE AT THE FAIR OFFICE

BANK SERVICES:

ATM’s are available at each admission gate, north end of the grandstands, food court, Buildings 1, 4 and at the carnival. The Fair does not have a check cashing service.

GENERAL INFORMATION – DURING FAIR					Opening Day!	
The fair office is open during fair 8am to 8pm, Friday, August 18 – Sunday, August 27 Gates open one hour prior to start time, and exhibit buildings are open daily until 10pm. E-mail: entries@nisfair.fun Website: www.NISFair.fun					Friday August 18 2 pm – 11 pm	Saturday August 19 11 am – 11 pm
Sunday August 20 11 am – 10 pm	Monday August 21 2 pm – 10 pm	Tuesday August 22 11 am – 10 pm	Wednesday August 23 11 am – 10 pm	Thursday August 24 11 am – 10 pm	Friday August 25 11 am – 11 pm	Saturday August 26 11 am – 11 pm
Last Day! Sunday August 27 11 am – 7 pm	GENERAL INFORMATION – NON-FAIR TIMES The fair office is located in the southeast corner of building 1 and is open year-round. Non-Fair Hours: 9 am – 4 pm, Monday – Friday					

GET YOUR DISCOUNTED TICKETS NOW!

SKIP THE LINES AND SAVE

ADVANCED TICKET PRICES WILL REMAIN AVAILABLE AT THE SAME PRICE IF PURCHASED ONLINE THROUGH THE FAIR WEEK.

ADULTS: \$9
YOUTH/SENIOR: \$7

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ADMISSIONS

Tickets are single use, one scan per entry. Valid hand stamp required for re-entry. Overnight Fair guests, exhibitors, or vendor/concessionaires must have a valid entry ticket, by 8 am each morning before Fair opening. A daily stamp will be maintained at all gates for patrons wishing to return within the day.

Fair Gate Admission

Advanced ticket prices will remain available at the same price if purchased online through the fair week.

- Adults (13-59 years old) \$12
- **ADVANCED/ONLINE** Adults (13-59 years old) \$9
- Seniors (60+ years old).....\$10
- Military (with valid ID)\$10
- Youth (6-12 years old)..... \$10
- **ADVANCED/ONLINE** Senior / Youth /Military\$7
- Kids 5 years old & under Free

Parking

- One-day Parking.....\$5
- Ten-day Parking\$30

Carnival

- Carnival POP (Pay One Price)
Unlimited wristband-1-person, 1 day \$40
- **ADVANCED POP** (sales through 8/17)\$30
- Golden Ticket*: unlimited wristband-1 person for all 10 days, and 32 oz. souvenir cup (\$2 refills)\$100

*Golden Ticket pre-sale purchase only.
NOT available for purchase on-site.

MEGA PASS SUPER SALE

JUNE 5 - 9, 2023

FIRST FULL WEEK IN JUNE
SAVE BIG
ON CARNIVAL PASSES

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GRANDSTAND EVENTS

Presale Grandstand event tickets available for purchase online or at the Fair Office. Guests are encouraged to purchase in advance due to limited seating capacity. Onsite tickets may be available for purchase at the Findlay Arena Box Office on a first come, first serve basis.

Grandstand events are rain or shine. No rain checks, refunds, or tickets exchanges. All sales are final.

*Pre-sale grandstand event tickets include fair admission

August 18, 2023 - Octane Addictions - 6:30 PM	
Grandstands or Lower Bleachers (1-8)	\$25
Floor Bleachers Sections 9-14	\$18
August 19, 2023 - Monster Trucks - 6:30 PM	
Grandstands or Lower Bleachers (1-8)	\$25
Floor Bleachers Sections 9-11	\$18
August 20, 2023 - Monster Trucks – 4:00 PM	
Grandstands or Lower Bleachers (1-8)	\$25
Floor Bleachers Sections 9-11	\$18
August 21, 2023 - Carly Pearce - 7:30 PM	
PIT	\$85
Arena Floor (Standing Room Only)	\$50
Reserved Grandstands (1-5)	\$40
Lower GS Bleacher (6-8)	\$40
August 22, 2023 - Chris Rice - 7:30 PM	
PIT	\$85
Arena Floor (Standing Room Only)	\$50
Reserved Grandstands (1-5)	\$40
Lower GS Bleacher (6-8)	\$40
August 23, 2023 - Lil Jon - 7:30 PM	
PIT	\$85
Arena Floor (Standing Room Only)	\$50
Reserved Grandstands (1-5)	\$40
Lower GS Bleacher (6-8)	\$40
August 24, 2023 - Xtreme Bulls - 6:30 PM	
Grandstands or Lower Bleachers (1-8)	\$25
Floor Bleachers Sections 9-14	\$18
August 25, 2023 - Friday PRCA Rodeo - 6:30 PM	
Grandstands or Lower Bleachers (1-8)	\$25
Floor Bleachers Sections 9-14	\$18
August 26, 2023 - Draft Horse Pull - 1:00 PM	
Grandstands or Lower Bleachers	Free
Floor Bleachers	Free
August 26, 2022 - Saturday PRCA Rodeo - 6:30 PM	
Grandstands or Lower Bleachers (1-8)	\$25
Floor Bleachers Sections 9-14	\$18
August 27, 2023 - Sunday PRCA Rodeo - 1:30 PM	
Grandstands (1-5)	\$16
ALL Bleachers	FREE
August 27, 2023 - Demolition Derby - 6:30 PM	
Grandstands or Lower Bleachers (1-8)	\$25
Floor Bleachers Sections 9-14	\$18

ALL ABOUT ENTRIES!

ENTRY DEADLINES

Pre-registration: Friday, August 4, 5 pm

Entry Days:

- Quilts: Monday August 7, 2 pm – 7 pm
 - Building 17 (Dept 14-17): Monday & Tuesday, August 7 & 8, 2pm – 7 pm
 - Non-perishables: Thursday & Friday, August 10 & 11, 2pm – 7 pm
 - Culinary perishables: Wednesday, August 16, 12 pm – 7 pm
 - Fruits & Vegetables: Thursday, August 17, 7am – 12 pm and 1 pm – 7 pm
 - Flowers: Thursday, August 17, 7 am – 12 pm
Wednesday, August 23, 7 am – 10 am
- Enter **Clayton Gate** on Government Way

THREE WAYS TO ENTER!

1. Pre-register on-line at NISFair.fun by **5 PM, August 4.** (FREE for general static pre-entry)
2. Submit a completed entry form to the Fair office by **5 PM, August 4.** (FREE for general static pre-entry)
3. Bring **ALL** your exhibits in on their designated entry day. You can register the day of for \$1 per entry!

EASY TO ENTER!

If you have any questions, please call the Fair Office at 208-765-4969, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. We are happy to assist you in entering your exhibit into the fair!

- **Register online** by August 4. Go to www.NISFair.fun and you will find all departments within the Exhibits tab. Click on the link to enter exhibits. Each exhibitor must have their own account, and renew each year. Create an entry for each item that you plan to exhibit, repeating until finished. You can always go back into your account to make changes or additions. If you are unsure of what class to enter please contact your Department Superintendent to verify you are entering the correct class. Pre-registration online is free for general static exhibits (excludes Dept 17 Professionals and Livestock Departments).
- **Complete and submit a paper Entry Registration Form** before August 5. You can find the form online, in the Exhibitor's Handbook or stop by the Fair Office. Pre-registration by form is free for general static exhibits(excludes Dept 17 Professionals and Livestock Departments).
- **Bring ALL your exhibits in on their designated entry day.** Entry days are listed by department, on the entry form, online, and for your convenience listed under Entry Deadlines. Departments 1 and 18-25 must pre-register; all other departments allow day-of entry. All exhibits registered day of are subject to a \$1/entry fee.

If you cannot enter online or physically fill out a form, please make an appointment to register in the Fair Office by July 10.

EXHIBIT REMOVAL

Open Class exhibits cannot be, under any circumstance, removed from the buildings until Monday, August 28 between 3 and 7 pm. Removal of exhibits is not allowed, any violation of this rule will be banned from future exhibiting. Exhibits may be moved to the Fair Office on Tuesday, August 29 and can be picked up from 9 am to 4 pm. All exhibitors must have item's claim ticket to pick up. Exhibits will be held at the Fair office until September 8, 2022. **Items not picked up will be disposed of without notice.**

OPEN CLASS GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

EXHIBIT ENTRY

1. All open class departments, divisions and classes are open to all United States residents. **Limit one (1) entry per class per exhibitor** unless specified in department rules. If one exhibitor enters more than the allowed amount for a single class, all their entries for that class will not be considered for placings.
2. Open class exhibits that require pre-registration include Dept. 1- Vintage Agricultural Equipment, Dept. 18-Draft Horses, Dept. 19- Poultry, Dept. 20-Rabbit, Dept. 21-Swine, Dept. 22-ADGA Dairy Goat, Dept. 23-Open Goat, Dept. 24-Cattle, and Dept. 25-Sheep. All other departments allow day-of entry.
3. Entry tags will be available for pick up on Thursday August 10 and Friday August 11 between 2 pm and 7 pm in your exhibit buildings. New entries will register at Building 1 on the specific department drop off date. To avoid fees and waiting in line, we strongly recommend pre-registering. **If you cannot enter online or physically fill out a form, please make an appointment to complete the form in the office by July 10.**
4. Some entry days and times have changed, please refer to the Open Class Static Exhibits Calendar and the calendars for each department. Times and locations vary according to department.
5. Allotment of space and management of each department will be in the hands of the Superintendent. A new class may be added if 5 or more entries of likeness are in the "other than listed" class. Superintendents have the right to refuse any soiled or distasteful entries.
6. USE ONE NAME ONLY ON ALL ENTRY TAGS. DO NOT USE VARIATIONS OF YOUR NAME, such as your full name on one tag and a nickname on another tag. We cannot and will not assume that all the names you use on your tags belong to you. PLEASE NOTE THAT CORRECTIONS WILL NOT BE MADE AFTER ENTRIES ARE TAKEN. POINTS WILL BE CALCULATED ACCORDING TO THE NAME ON THE ENTRY TAG. Entry should be registered in the name of the producer.
7. The "Professional" division is only offered in specific divisions of Culinary Arts and Fine Arts. Anyone who refers to themselves as a professional can enter under the Adult division unless otherwise stated in the Department rules.
8. **Fair Management will provide attendants/security and take all possible precautions for the safe preservation of all articles on display as well as persons attending the Fair. Fair Management will not be responsible for loss, damage, or injury to any property or person.**

AWARDS (also see Award Listing):

All exhibitors are eligible for standard awards and premium payouts. Special Awards will only be paid to residents of the northern 10 counties of Idaho. **The possession of ribbons and exhibit cards does not entitle the holder to awards.** The awards on exhibits are paid only on the record of awards returned to the Fair Office by the Superintendents. Individual exhibits are limited to one cash award in any one class. Open class cash awards will be available for pickup on Saturday, August 26 from 4 pm to 7 pm and Sunday, August 27 from 11 am to 4 pm at the south end of Building 8. Beginning Monday, August 28 awards are paid at the Fair Office. Hours are as follows; Monday 3 pm – 7 pm, Tuesday through Friday September 1, 9 am – 4 pm. Exhibit awards are only paid to the entry record returned to the Fair Office by department Superintendents. **Award premiums not claimed by September 1, will be considered a donation to the Fair's general fund.**

WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR

- Entry schedule: Be sure to check the Open Class Static Exhibits Calendar for dates and times of entry that may have changed.
- Be sure to avoid the fees and lines by pre-registering! Entry for general static exhibits is free if you submit an entry form to the Fair office or pre-register online by 5 PM, August 4. You can still register the day of your exhibit's designated entry for \$1 per entry. Exceptions include the new Professional Photography division which is \$5 per entry, and livestock which have different entry fees (see individual departments 19-25).
- **Various Departments:**
Find the theme logo throughout the Exhibitor's Handbook to take part in theme related Special Contests! This year's theme is **Acres of Fun!**
- New Departments/Divisions/Classes
 - Dept. 6 Culinary: Decorative Canning
 - Dept. 11 Quilts: Wool division
 - Ceramics and China Paintings moved to Dept. 16 Fine Arts from Dept. 13 Crafts
 - All wood art will be entered in Dept. 14 Industrial Arts
 - Dept. 16 Fine Arts: Verre Eglomise (reverse painting on glass), Diamond Dotz
 - Dept. 17 Photography: New Professional Prints division (\$5 fee per entry)
 - Livestock: New Open Class Swine Department 21
- The new Youth Stock Show and Sale is the way for 4-H and FFA to show and sell as they have, with a new option of entering and selling as an independent exhibitor.



OPEN CLASS LIVESTOCK RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All entries are taken on a first come, first serve basis; Cattle, Sheep, Swine and Goats must include the appropriate fees per entry.
2. Exhibitors are responsible for entering animals in proper department, division and class. Incorrect or late entries are subject to a \$10 processing fee to correct entries or withdraw that entry from the show.
3. All animals must be stalled in the designated barn.
4. Only exhibitors, ring steward, superintendents and judges are allowed in the Show Ring.
5. The decision of the judge is final.
6. Entry fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.
7. Fair management or superintendents reserve the right to refuse acceptance of any entry based on health. Animals will be inspected upon arrival by the superintendent and/or veterinarian. Please note if the exhibitor wishes to dispute the management or superintendent's decision, they may opt for another veterinarian inspection and signed clearance at the cost of the exhibitors. Fair Veterinarian's decision supersedes all others.
8. Any exhibitor that removes an entry from the grounds prior to the published release time, without written authorization from Fair management will be banned from future exhibiting at the North Idaho State Fair and forfeit all prize money.
9. Open Class livestock and small animals will not be permitted to have "For Sale" signs on pens.
10. Exhibitors shall furnish hay and other feeds at his/her own expense. Shavings will be provided. All barns/cages are to be cleaned by 10 am each day and maintained throughout the day.
11. By exhibiting at the North Idaho State Fair, you are verifying you have read "The National Show Ring Code of Ethics" and understand the consequences of the penalties involved for illegal, unethical, inhumane, and unfair practices of competition. You agree to comply with show practices and ethics and understand the violation and consequence procedures within.
12. Open class livestock cash awards will be available for pickup on Sunday, August 20 from 4 pm to 8 pm and during all other open class premium pickup times.

ENTER NOW!

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can enter exhibits?

All open class departments, divisions and classes are open to all United States residents. Special Awards and their premiums are reserved for residents of the northern 10 counties in Idaho. Limit one (1) entry per class per exhibitor. Pre-register for free entry (registration during day of entry is subject to \$1 fee/entry with no limit).

How do I register my entries?

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1. Pre-register on-line at NISFair.fun by **5 PM, August 4.** (FREE for general static pre-entry)
2. Submit a completed entry form to the Fair office by **5 PM, August 4.** (FREE for general static pre-entry)
3. Bring ALL your exhibits in on their designated entry day. You can register the day of for \$1 per entry!

How do I get an entry tag?

Entry tags for all pre-registered entries will be available for pick up during entry in the building where your exhibit will be displayed. Entry tags for exhibits registered on entry day will be prepared on site.

When do I bring my entry? And where do I take it?

Entry information is shown at the beginning of each department. Check out the Open Class Competitive Exhibit Calendars for dates, times and locations. **ENTRY TIMES ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED AND LATE ENTRIES ARE NOT ACCEPTED.**

Can I enter more than one item?

There are twenty-five departments to choose from! However, only one item can be entered in a specific class with no limit on the number of entries per person.

I've sold things in the past. Do I enter as a PROFESSIONAL?

Department 6-Culinary offers specific classes for professionals, classes 363-365. Department 16-Fine Arts offers division 16B and Department 17-Photography offers division 17E for professionals. Exhibitors who consider themselves professionals can enter in the adult division unless otherwise stated in the department's rules.

What's the difference between the American system and the Danish system?

In the *AMERICAN* system, exhibits are ranked in the order of quality. Items are placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, and labeled with special awards such as Grand Champion and Best of Show, if applicable. The North Idaho State Fair's Competitive Exhibits Program uses this system. In the *DANISH* system, exhibits are evaluated according to quality standards. Items meeting the quality standard are awarded blue ribbons. Red ribbons are given if the exhibit does not meet all the quality standards, and white ribbons are awarded if the exhibit rates only moderately satisfactory for the standards. Kootenai/Shoshone 4-H Program, local participating FFA chapters, and the NISF Youth Stock Show use this system.

How is my entry judged? When does it happen? Can I watch?

The North Idaho State Fair uses the American system of judging, all exhibits in the department are evaluated and judged against each other. Depending on the department, judging typically takes place the morning after or immediately after entry closes. All judging is closed to the public, with the exception of the Chocolate Extravaganza, Apple Pie Contest, and Livestock Shows.

What do the judges look for when they're judging?

Each department has one or more sections entitled *What the Judges Look For* outlining basic judging criteria.

Can I win anything?

Typically, ribbons and cash premiums are given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Grand Champion and Special Premium awards are available for specific departments and other special awards, such as the Best Cook or Green Thumb Gardener may be offered as well. Check the award listing and each department for complete list of eligible special awards. Special awards and their premiums are reserved for residents of the northern 10 counties in Idaho and youth exhibitors.

When can I see if I won anything?

When you come to the Fair! Exhibit buildings are open daily till 10 pm. Be sure to check out the discounted rates we offer for pre-sale tickets!

How do I pick-up my winnings?

Open class cash awards will be available for pickup on Saturday, August 26 from 4 pm to 7 pm and Sunday, August 27 from 11 am to 4 pm at the South end of Building 8. Premiums may also be picked up from the fair office Monday, August 28th 3 pm to 7 pm and Tuesday, August 29th through Friday, September 1st during regular Fair Office hours, 9 am to 4 pm daily. Exhibit awards are only paid to the entry record returned to the Fair Office by department Superintendents, possession of ribbons does not entitle the holder to awards. **Award premiums not claimed by September 1, will be considered a donation to the Fair's general fund.**

When can I pick up my entry?

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All exhibitors must have each item's claim ticket to pick up.

Please see **Premiums and Special Awards Listing** on page 8.

