
JUDGING AT THE FAIR

Judging at the Tanana Valley State Fair is accomplished through a network of volunteers. Judges are recruited & chosen for their expertise in a particular area, and it is through their generous donation of time & knowledge that we are able to showcase your achievements. Judges are trained by the superintendent & through the Fair Office to follow the guidelines set down by the Fair Association. They are expected to:

- be fair & consistent in their judging;
- provide positive comments & constructive criticism to the exhibitor;
- follow the Fair Association's mission to educate participants through their evaluation.

Each exhibit must have a completed score sheet. These score sheets are for the education of the exhibitor only & are not for public view. An exhibitor may request to see a score sheet for any of their entries by asking the exhibit attendant on duty, asking the superintendent, or requesting assistance through the Office.

Although our judges work hard to provide a positive experience for the exhibitor, sometimes there can be discrepancies or inconsistencies. If so, the exhibitor is encouraged to contact the superintendent who can investigate the problem. If necessary, the exhibitor may file a protest through the Office. A \$25.00 fee must accompany any protest filed. Please contact the competitive exhibits coordinator for further information.



ENTRY RULES CONTINUED

- **Prepare your entry:** Read the paragraph on preparation & presentation and present your exhibit in the best way possible.
- **Tell us about your entry:** If a division has special instructions, be sure to include this information on a 3"x5" card attached to your entry.

We have tried to create a class for everything, but if you cannot find an appropriate class in which to enter an item, please contact the Department Superintendent or call the Office anytime between the hours of 9 am & 5 pm, Mon. - Fri., 452-3750 or email exhibits@tvsfa.org



DEPARTMENT 9B EXHIBITOR'S HANDBOOK

Exhibiting at the Tanana Valley State Fair

Welcome to the world of Competitive Exhibits! As an exhibitor at the fair, you are entering into a long standing tradition of education & competition that began in the Tanana Valley in 1924.

This handbook will provide you with entry and department information as well as judging criteria and sample judging sheets.

ENTRY RULES

Sign up for ONLINE ENTRIES for the Tanana Valley State Fair at <https://www.tvsfa.org/>

- **Fill out the easy-to-follow entry forms** for all your entries, review the information, and follow the check-out instructions (no online payment needed). Print your receipt, and bring it with you on entry day – or download the ShoWorks Passport app from the Apple Store or on Google Play and check in from your mobile device, just like you can check in at the airport!
- **If you need assistance** with the entry process, or if you don't have a computer/printer, you can stop by the Events Office on the fairgrounds during open hours to receive help. We are looking forward to seeing your exhibits, and want to offer you every opportunity to enter them!
- **Know your entry day:** Check Guide for entry date. Contest date is Opening Friday. Contact Superintendent or Fair Office for time and location.

The Tanana Valley State Fair seeks to highlight and enhance appreciation for Interior Alaska by showcasing competitive & commercial exhibits. The Fair educates and entertains all participants by providing opportunities to share a rich variety of individual and community endeavors. The Fair encourages and welcomes involvement by all.

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PREPARING YOUR ENTRY

The Fashion Show is just that -- a show. Judges are interested in the clothing's appearance and how it fits the model. The exhibitor's tailoring skills and fashion sense are being judged.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

1. A Fashion Show entry blank must be filled out for each Fashion Show exhibit. They are available in the Exhibit Guide, the Fair Office, and online.

2. Entries are received in the Fair Office by mail or they may be dropped off in person. Check the Exhibit Guide for the entry deadline. Do not bring the exhibit garment to the Fair at this time.

3. The Fashion Show entry blanks are used by the Superintendent to establish the order of appearance in the show. The emcee also uses the information to describe your exhibit to the audience during the show.

4. The Fashion Show will be held on the first Friday of Fair at 5pm. Make sure to submit your entry on Entry Day at the Fair Grounds between 1-6pm. Please contact the Superintendent for more information. All times are approximate since we never know how many entrants we will have until Entry Day.

5. **Entrants must purchase a daily admission ticket to compete in the Fashion Show.**

Models from each lot will appear together on the stage before the judges. The models will remain until judging in that lot is complete. All Blue Ribbon winners in each division will return to the stage together for Division Champion judging. All Division Champions will appear together for Grand Champion and Junior Grand Champion judging.

JUDGING CRITERIA

APPEARANCE (possible 10 points)

- Is the hemline even? Sleeve length, etc. appropriate?
- Does it fit well?
- Current fashion - does it fit in with today's trends?
- What kind of overall impression does it give?
- Do plaids, checks, stripes match? This lends to the overall impression.
- Is the size of the print or plaid appropriate to the person modeling?
- Neatness counts! Is it neat? Pressed?

DECORATION, IMAGINATIVE ADDITIONS (possible 10 points)

- Do accessories go with the item?
- Are the decorations suitable to the fabric?
- Are they compatible to the fabric (washability, dry cleanability, etc.)?
- Do they compliment the outfit? Remember, sometimes trim is unnecessary.

MODELING (possible 10 points)

- Does the model have presence & move with confidence?
- Does the model smile, have good posture & turn smoothly?
- Is the outfit appropriate for the model? Is the design, pattern, etc., appropriate to the person modeling?
- Is the model well groomed? Remember it's the overall picture the judge is looking for.

SAMPLE JUDGING SHEET

Department 9B Fashion Show

WEN# _____ Division _____ Class _____
Judge's Initials _____

	POINTS POSSIBLE	SCORE
Appearance	10	_____
Decoration/imaginative additions	10	_____
Modeling	10	_____
TOTAL (30 = perfect score)		_____

COMMENTS _____

