

## **2021 EXHIBITOR GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. The rules printed herein are made a part of the conditions under which all entries of exhibitors are made, and exhibitors are respectfully requested to read them carefully, thereby avoiding confusion at the time of the Fair.
2. Competitions are open to NYS residents ONLY.
3. As a condition of exhibiting at the New York State Fair, the exhibitor authorizes the State Fair to use any photographs from the event for future publication, including the New York State Fair website.
4. You may enter on-line **ONLY** with a credit card at <https://nysf.fairwire.com/>  
**NO REFUNDS OF EXHIBITOR FEE. ARTICLE MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 22ND, IF MAILED.** Please mail early.
5. Failure to exhibit entry for any reason not satisfactory to the Superintendent of that Department shall forfeit all fees paid by them, except where cancellation of classes, lack of housing or similar reasons prevent exhibition of entry.
6. Entries must be entirely the work of exhibitor and must have been **completed within the past two years**. Previously entered items will not be accepted. Violators will forfeit any/all awards earned and be prohibited from entry in future competitions.
7. Exhibitors should read all regulations, deadlines, and department descriptions to ensure they are entering their exhibit correctly.
8. The New York State Fair assumes no responsibility for payment of special awards offered by others.
9. Items to be returned by mail must be sent in sturdy, re-useable carton which can be re-shipped. New York State Fair assumes no responsibility for shipping damages if reusable packing is not provided. **ALL POSTAGE MUST BE PREPAID. MAIL BACKS CANNOT GO TO A PO BOX. ENTRIES BEING RETURNED BY UPS MUST INCLUDE THE RETURN UPS PAID POSTAGE RECEIPT. THIS POSTAGE IS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR ACTUAL ARTICLE.** Not accepted entries will be shipped/returned or withdrawn after the competition of the New York State Fair.
10. **NEW FOR 2021 – EXHIBITOR TAGS: Tags will be provided to you on receiving days**
11. Any name identification on the article itself must be concealed by the exhibitor for judging purposes. This will be removed after judging.
12. While the Management will do everything in its power for the safety and protection of all exhibits, it does not assume responsibility in case of loss or damage to exhibits from any cause. Exhibitor assumes risk associated with, resulting from or arising in connection with Exhibitor's participation or presence at the New York State Fair, including, risks of theft, loss, harm or injury to the person, property, whether caused by negligence, intentional act,

accident, Act of God or otherwise. Exhibitor has sole responsibility for its property or any theft, damage or other loss to such property, whether or not stored in any courtesy storage areas. The New York State Fair, nor any of their respective officers, directors, employees, representatives or assigns, shall be liable for, and Exhibitor hereby releases all of them from, and covenants not to sue any of them with respect to, risks, damages and liability described in this paragraph.

13. Exhibitor must show his exhibit(s) in such a manner as required by the Superintendent in charge of the Department.
14. The judges selected are fully qualified and their decisions will be final. Judges will in no case award a prize where there is no merit. The jury and/or State Fair Administration also reserve the right to refuse any work not considered suitable for display. All judging will be done prior to the opening of the Fair except for the Bucket of Junk.
15. The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases, except where error, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award, is proven. In such cases the Superintendent or such referee as he may appoint may make decisions, or the case may be appealed to the Agriculture Manager before 10:00 am of the last day of the Fair.
16. All prize and/or ribbon winning entries will be displayed at the discretion of the department for the **DURATION** of the Fair. Winning entries cannot be removed before close of the Fair. A notice to **all** exhibitors will be emailed following the judging. Non-winning articles are to be removed in strict accordance with the Exhibitor Calendar. Any articles not picked up will be put in storage until after the Fair. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Please note that if you have multiple entries and not all are accepted, you may pick up all your entries after the Fair.
17. Guard service is provided by the Wegmans Art & Home Center. However, the Fair or any affiliate thereof assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to exhibits from any cause. The exhibitor should arrange locally for term insurance on very valuable works.
18. The right is reserved to withhold the prizes awarded in every case in which it shall appear to the Management that the regulations have not been complied with, or that fraud or deception has been attempted, or where the article is not worthy, and its decision shall be final and binding on all parts.
19. No person having entered anything for competition or exhibition may withdraw it after judging: prize cards and ribbons must be displayed during the Fair. Any infraction of these rules will incur the forfeiture of all prizes awarded to the exhibitor, and such further penalty as the Management may impose.

## **PREMIUM CHECKS AWARDED**

1. Premiums are paid solely from the records of the judge's books. Ribbons or cards have no value as to the payment of premiums.
2. The New York State Comptroller's Office requires that the social security number/federal id number of the exhibitor be on file with the New York State Fair for the payment of premiums/prize money. Failure to provide this information by October 1<sup>st</sup> will result in forfeiture of premiums.
3. Payments of premiums will be mailed between 10/15 – 11/15/21.
4. All premium checks not cashed within 60 days of the check's date are void.

For further information, please call (315) 728-4383, or write to: Wegmans Art & Home Center, New York State Fair, 581 State Fair Blvd., Syracuse, New York 13209.