

Clark County Fair Guide for First Time Exhibitors

Q: *Who can enter exhibits?*

A: Anyone. However, you must be the owner of and the individual, who grew, built, created or raised the exhibit you want to enter.

Q: *What does it cost to enter?*

A: Most still exhibit (non-livestock) open class departments have no entry fees. However, the open class livestock departments do have entry fees that range from .25 to \$5 per animal. See individual department listing in the Exhibitor Handbook for specific information.

Q: *Can I enter exhibits in more than one department?*

A: An individual item can be entered in only one department and most departments limit the number of entries from any one individual. Individuals are not, however, limited to the number of departments in which they submit entries. Each department requires an individual entry form which can be downloaded for our website.

Q: *How far in advance must I enter an exhibit?*

A: Deadlines vary for individual departments. Most still exhibits (non-livestock) deadlines are two or three days before the start of the Fair. Livestock deadlines are throughout the summer. Refer to individual departments for exact dates.

Q: *I have an unusual item that I'd like to enter, but don't see a category for it in the handbook. How can I enter my item?*

A: We welcome and encourage unusual projects. Now that we are in the new Exhibition Hall, which is a climate controlled environment that we can secure, we can work with you to display unique collections and large scale items. (Example: In 2005 we had a full sized, hand carved canoe entry.) If you have an unusual item you would like to enter, contact the fair office and we will help guide you to the correct department.

Q: *What types of awards/ribbons can I win?*

A: The types of awards and ribbons vary by department. Some departments give nominal cash premiums and trophies.

Q: *How are the exhibits judged?*

A: There are two types of judging systems used at the Fair – **the American and the Danish.**

Under the American System, the judges evaluate all exhibits in the department and select only one first, one second, one third and so on in each department.

Under the Danish System, judges evaluate each exhibit on its own merits (not compared to others) and may give more than one first, second, third or so on.

Q: *Who do I call if I have questions?*

A: Each department listing includes the names and telephone numbers of the volunteers involved in that department. They would be happy to answer your questions. If you can't reach one of the individuals listed, call the Administration Office at 564.397.6180.

Q: *What do I do when I bring my exhibit to the Fairgrounds?*

A: Stop by the Premium & Awards Office (located across the midway from the Admin Office) and get an exhibitor number. Fair personnel will then direct you to the appropriate department. Be sure to refer to the entry dates and times that are listed in the handbook.

Q: *I don't want to enter an exhibit, but I do want to volunteer to help. What do I do?*

A: It takes hundreds of volunteers to put on the Fair each year and we thank each and every one for giving of their time and talents. Whether you have a specific area of interest or just want to help out any way you can, give us a call at 564.397.6180.