

# **GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS**

**It is the exhibitor's responsibility to know the General Rules and Regulations of the Family Living Department, as well as the Special Rules that govern each Individual Competition.**

## **ELIGIBILITY**

1. There is no entry fee for Youth, Baking, Antique, or Horticulture Divisions.
2. An entered item cannot be submitted in more than one class. There is no refund for entered items not submitted.
3. All entered items must be clean, and must be the handiwork of the exhibitor (except in Antique division).
4. Entered items are restricted to those from individuals who reside in the State of Florida. Employees of the Florida State Fair and their immediate family members are not eligible for competition.

## **ENTERED ITEM SPECIFICS**

1. The skill level defined in the divisions are: Adult Division (ages 18-59), Senior Division (ages 60+);  
Youth Divisions: Y1 (ages 6-9), Y2 (ages 10-12), Y3 (ages 13-15), and Y4 (ages 16-18 students).
2. Exhibitors may submit as many entered items in each division as they would like, but only one item per class (except as indicated in some divisions).  
Each entered item will be charged the \$2.00 entry fee, due with application.
3. All checks should be made payable to Florida State Fair Authority and mailed with the Entry Forms.
4. The Entry Forms must be clearly marked with the specific categories (Division # and Class #) for which they are to be used. The deadline for all entry forms is 5:00 pm on December 15, 2011.
5. It is the goal of the Florida State Fair to display all entered items; however, due to limited display space and other considerations, the Florida State Fair reserves the right to choose which entered items will be displayed. No other entered items will be removed before the closing of the Fair.
6. Any competition may be cancelled for the lack of submissions in that category.
7. Clothing items entered for competition will consist of garments only. The Fair will furnish accessories necessary for display.
8. All items that would be displayed by hanging on a wall must be securely wired and ready to hang using screw eyes and wire.
9. All premium checks will be mailed following the close of the Fair.
10. Every precaution will be taken to protect exhibits; however, the Florida State Fair Authority, its officers and agents are not responsible for any accident, loss or damage.
11. All decisions affecting competitions and the interpretation of rules are vested in the Florida State Fair Authority.

12. All protests must be made in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$25.00, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained; however, if it is ascertained that any exhibitor has made a false statement concerning the entered item, all premiums awarded to the entered item shall be forfeited.

**ENTRY FORM REGISTRATION DEADLINE – December 15, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.**

**Entry Forms that are mailed must be postmarked no later than December 13, 2011.**

1. All entered items must Be Pre-registered.
2. Mail completed Entry Forms with entry fee to:

Florida State Fair  
Florida Center  
P.O. Box 11766  
Tampa, FL 33680

3. **Entry Forms must be filled out completely.** Failure to complete **all** sections on the Entry Form may result in the disqualification of the exhibitor. **Please print** information clearly. Registration claim-checks will not be mailed; claim-checks will be given when items are delivered.

**ACCEPTING ENTERED ITEMS**

1. Entered items delivered by hand will be accepted only at the Florida Center. No hand delivered items will be received at the Administration Building.
2. Use the Orient Road entrance to the Fairgrounds and proceed to the Florida Center.
3. Dates for accepting items are Thursday, January 19, 2012, 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM; Friday January 20, 2012, 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM; and Saturday January 21, 2012, 10:30 AM - 4:00 PM.
4. Deadline for accepting entered items delivered by hand is 4 p.m., Saturday, January 21, 2012 with the exception of Baking, Handcrafted Furniture, Technology, Woodcarving, Wood Turning and Horticulture. (For deadline dates in these divisions, please see Entry and Release Dates).
5. Entered items mailed or shipped to the Florida State Fair must be received no later than Wednesday, January 18, 2012. Entered items should be mailed to:  
Florida State Fair  
Florida Center  
4800 US Highway 301 North  
Tampa, FL 33610
6. Boxes, hangers and clothing bags delivered with entered items are accepted only upon special request of the owner. Normal and reasonable care will be taken to see that such items are returned to their owners; however, the Florida State Fair does not assume the responsibility for them.

## **ENTERED ITEMS RELEASE DATES**

1. Entered items delivered by hand to the Florida State Fair must be picked up at the Florida Center on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 and Wednesday, February 22, 2012 from 11:0 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Please use the Orient Road entrance.
2. The Florida State Fair is not responsible for and will dispose of any entered items not picked up by 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2012.
3. Please Note Shipping Regulations: All exhibitors are asked to personally bring their exhibits to the Fair; however, exhibits may be mailed or shipped to the Fair. All entered items that are mailed or shipped must be prepaid. Exhibitors requesting the Fair Authority return their entered items in the same manner **must send payment for the shipping costs with a copy of the Entry Form under separate cover**. They must also mark the box on the Entry Form stating “Entered items to be returned by Mail”. Failure to comply with either requirement will result in the entered item not being mailed to the exhibitor.
4. **No entered item will be released before 11 a.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2012.**

## **JUDGING**

1. Qualified judges will be engaged.
2. Entered items may be awarded ribbons and premiums by the judges according to the merit of the entered item.
3. All premiums will be paid according to the selections shown in the Judge’s Book. (Checks will be mailed following the close of the fair.)
4. The decisions of the judges are final.
5. Judges may reclassify an entered item if inconsistent with the class or division selected by entrant.