



2024 Entry Timeline

Entry Deadline	Friday, May 24, by 6 p.m.
Entry Acceptance Email.....	Friday, June 14, by 6 p.m. (<i>check spam folders</i>)
Entry Delivery	Friday & Saturday, June 28-29, noon - 6 p.m.
Award Judging Results.....	Viewable in person. Posted online by the second week of Fair.
Fair Dates.....	July 19 - Aug. 18 (<i>closed Mondays and Tuesdays</i>)
Entry Pickup	Tuesday, Aug. 20, 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Entries may be picked up by someone other than the exhibitor.	

Quick Guide

BY ENTERING YOU ARE AGREEING TO THE TERMS AND RULES PRESENTED IN THIS GUIDEBOOK.

Entry Fees	\$10 adult • \$6 youth (9-17) • <i>Fees are non-refundable.</i>
Entry limit.....	No limit

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RULES & GUIDELINES

1. [Local](#) and [State Rules](#) govern this competition.
2. Exhibitors are responsible for reading and abiding by the guidelines stated herein.
3. If you need assistance determining the Division and/or Class, please contact the Exhibits Office at (714) 708-1553 or email HobbiesandHandcrafts@ocfair.com.
4. **Causes for disqualification.** Disqualified entries will not be displayed and must be picked up when notified.
 - Non-compliance to the competition and OC Fair guidelines will result in disqualification.
 - Entries over the maximum amount allowed will not be accepted.
 - Articles showing signs of wear or use may be disqualified.
 - Entries must follow the rules of the Division and Class.
 - Items previously shown in the OC Fair will be disqualified.
5. **Entry fees are non-refundable.**
 - There will be no refunds for any reason. By entering the competition, exhibitor is accepting the no-refund policy.
6. All entries must have been completed within the last two (2) years.
7. **A photo upload of each entry is required. If a photo is not received, the entry will not be accepted.**
8. Display and location of entry are at the discretion of the Program Coordinator. No entry will be accepted where an exhibitor describes the conditions under which they will exhibit or how the entry must be displayed.
9. Exhibitors are responsible for entering their items in the correct Division and Class.
10. Work must be finished; no incomplete or work in progress will be accepted.
11. Final acceptance of the entry will be left to the discretion of the Program Coordinator.
12. Due to the family-oriented theme of OC Fair, work dealing with drug use, obscenity, defamatory statements, violence or gang activity, satanic or cult themes or other offensive or objectionable content will not be accepted. This is at the discretion of OC Fair staff.
13. **Hold Harmless**

Although reasonable efforts will be undertaken to safeguard exhibitors' property against loss, damage or theft, neither the State of California nor the OC Fair & Event Center will be responsible for any loss, damage or theft of exhibitors' property brought on the premises during the period of the OC Fair.
14. Entries not picked up on entry pickup day become the property of the OC Fair and will be disposed of promptly.



ELIGIBILITY

Adult Divisions:

Open to California residents ages 18 and older.

Youth Divisions:

Open to youth ages 9-17 (by July 19, 2024) who live in Southern California.

ENTRY LIMIT

No limit applies to this competition

- Sets or ensembles may be entered as one (1) entry.
- The total number of accepted entries is limited to space available.

ENTRY FEES

Adult Divisions\$10 per entry

Youth (9-17)\$6 per entry

- Entry fees are payable online with a credit card (Visa, MasterCard or American Express).
- *No refunds will be issued.*

OC FAIR EXHIBITOR TICKET

Exhibitors will receive one (1) OC Fair admission ticket at the time of entry delivery.

If none of an exhibitor's entries were accepted for exhibition, one (1) free admission ticket will be mailed to you.

- One (1) ticket per exhibitor, not per entry.
- Ticket is good any day during OC Fair and does not require a reservation.
- Tickets are provided to participants to view the results of their efforts.
- Tickets must not be re-sold.

PHOTOGRAPHING YOUR WORK FOR ENTRY

Digital photo submission of your entry is required.

- Up to three (3) images per entry may be submitted to show different views or angles.

Image Format

- .jpeg, .jpg, or .png file formats
- iPhone users must change default HEIC camera setting to JPEG, or convert image.
- RGB color space (CMYK files will be converted to RGB by the system.)
- Be sure that the image is rotated to be in an upright position and orientation.
- Maximum file size: 8 MB (megabytes)

Tutorial [Photographing Your Work](#)



HOW TO ENTER

Online Entry Deadline: Friday, May 24, by 6 p.m.

Click on the link to go to the entry homepage ocfair.fairwire.com

Step 1. Register

- Last year's accounts are no longer valid. All exhibitors must create a new account.
- Entries must be made under the name of the individual whose exhibit it is.
- Do not use business or fictitious names.
- There are no team entries.
- Enter the information carefully and proofread the name, title and description of the entry for punctuation, capitalization and spelling to ensure accuracy on exhibit display labels.
- Descriptions are limited to 120 characters and should include a short statement about the work or the methods and techniques used.
- Email will be used to send important information. Check your spam folders and [whitelist](#) emails coming from @ocfair.com.

The numbered steps along top of page are clickable and show the current section you are on



fairwire.com welcome page

Step 2. Entries

- Input your entry(s) in the proper Department, Division and Class along with other required information.

Step 3. Cart Review

- Review your entries. You can add, edit, delete, or save your entries.
- When satisfied, click "CHECK OUT" button.

Step 4. Payment

- Enter your credit card information (Master Card, Visa, or American Express).
- An email notification and confirmation will be sent immediately after the online payment is received.
- Check your spam folder if the email confirmation does not arrive shortly after submitting payment.

Step 5. Confirmation

- Sign by typing "YES" in the Agreement to Terms box.
- DO NOT click the "SUBMIT" button multiple times as you will be charged.
- On the resulting confirmation page, you can print a receipt. A blue "UPLOAD FILES" button will also appear.

Step 6. Image Upload

- Click on the "UPLOAD FILES" button to start uploading your images into the system.
- Up to three (3) images per entry may be submitted to allow different views or angles.

***You can log back into your account to see your entries and replace images and description.
For any other changes, contact us; do not re-enter to make corrections as you will be charged.***



HELP WITH ENTERING

For additional help, review these detailed step-by-step guides:

- [Entry Tutorial](#)
- [Photographing Your Work](#)

Phone: During office hours at (714) 708-1553 **E-mail:** HobbiesandHandcrafts@ocfair.com

PRICING AND SALE OF ENTRIES (ADULTS)

Pricing

Entries may be marked NFS (Not For Sale) or For Sale by indicating the selling price \$____. Consider material costs and your time when pricing.

Prospective Buyers

No sale or acceptance of fees for items will be made by the OC Fair. Prospective buyers may fill out an ***Interested in Purchasing Exhibited Art form*** that will be forwarded to the exhibitor at the close of the OC Fair. The OC Fair does not take commission on items sold as a result of exhibition in the Hobbies & Handcrafts Competition.

JUDGES

Qualified judges are utilized to judge all exhibits and special contests. Each year the Program Coordinator may choose new judges, or judges may judge different Divisions from year to year. The judges' decisions are final.

Reassignment of Entry Division or Class

Judges and/or the Program Coordinator have the option of reassigning an entry to a more appropriate Division or Class or combining Divisions or Classes to create an adequate judging pool.

FIRST-ROUND JUDGING

Adult Divisions will be judged first from your uploaded images to determine if the submitted entry meets the basic requirements for participation in this competition, is entered in the most correct or appropriate category and meets the subjective standards for exhibition set by the judges.

- The judges' decisions are final and cannot be protested.

Exhibitor will be notified by email with the results of the first-round judging.

An email will be sent for each entry. Please check your spam/junk folder. Results may also be viewed online at ocfair.com/results.

Acceptance for exhibition

Only accepted work is to be delivered on the entry delivery day. First-round judging acceptance does not guarantee acceptance for exhibition. The delivered entry may still be judged out for not complying with the competition rules and guidelines.

- Not all entries will be accepted. Due to the high number of entries and limited display space, OC Fair cannot accept all the work submitted.



ENTRY DELIVERY

Delivery Date: Friday & Saturday, June 28-29, noon - 6 p.m.

- One participation ribbon will be given to each exhibitor on entry delivery day.
- Late deliveries will not be accepted.

Entry Delivery

- Enter Gate 8 and follow the marked route.
- Drop off east side of the OC Promenade (building 5 on the map).
- Email alerts will be sent prior to delivery date with detailed information. Check your spam folder for emails.



Claim checks

- Will be provided when exhibits are delivered.
- Are required to pick up your entry on entry pickup day.
- Entries may be claimed by someone other than the exhibitor.

ENTRY PICKUP

Pickup date: Tuesday, Aug. 20, 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

- An email alert will be sent prior to pickup date with detailed information. Check your spam folder for emails.
- Claim check or photo ID is required for pickup.
- If you are unable to pick up your items, please arrange for someone to pick them up for you.
- Unclaimed items and ribbons become the property of the OC Fair and will be discarded.

Entry Pickup

- Hobbies & Handcrafts Gallery is in the Anaheim Building (building 4 on the map).
- Enter through Gate 1 (Main Gate) and follow directional signs.



AWARD JUDGING

The judges will select award winners from accepted entries that were confirmed after delivery.

Adult Divisions

Entries are placed using the American Judging System, where exhibits are ranked one against another.

- First, Second, Third place and Honorable Mention may be awarded in each Class if judges so determine. More than one Honorable Mention per Class may be awarded.
- First place winners will compete for Division Winner.
- Division winners will compete for Best of Show.

Youth Divisions

Entries are placed using the Danish Judging System, where each entry is judged on how well it meets a standard rather than how it compares to other entries.

- Entries are judged First, Second or Third place awards.
- There may be more than one First, Second or Third place award per Class.
- All First place awards will then compete, using the American Judging System, for Division Winner.
- Those chosen for Division Winner will compete for Best of Show when there are two (2) or more Divisions represented in the show.

Reassignment of Entry Division or Class

Judges and/or the Program Coordinator have the option of reassigning an entry to a more appropriate Division or Class or combine Divisions or Classes to create an adequate judging pool.

Judging Criteria:

- **Adult:** entries are judged on originality and creativity, workmanship and technique, level of difficulty, color and design, finishing and visual impact.
- **Youth:** entries are judged on appearance, workmanship, creativity/originality and an overall score.

Judges' Award

Additional awards may be made at the discretion of each judge for outstanding entries that exhibit special qualities that the judges feel deserves to be recognized.

Industry Awards

Awarded by a community guild or organization.

Disqualified Entries

If an entry is disqualified after judging is complete, the judge will not change the status of awards given for other entries. Judges reserve the right to remove or disqualify any entry in violation of the rules, in poor taste, or not in accordance with the competition standards.



AWARDS

Includes ribbons and/or prize money (premiums)

Adult

Best of Show	\$150
Division Winner	\$50
First	\$25
Second	Ribbon
Third	Ribbon
Judges' Award	Rosette

Youth

Best of Show	\$75
Division Winner	\$35
Judges' Award	Rosette
First, Second, Third	Ribbon

- Exhibitors will receive awarded ribbons on entry pickup day.
- Award checks will be made payable to the exhibitor whose name is indicated on the entry form and mailed within thirty (30) business days after the close of the 2024 OC Fair.
- Total premiums of \$600 or more to any individual will be paid only after a completed **Payee Data Record** form has been received.

Judging Results

- All accepted entries will be displayed in the Hobbies & Handcrafts Gallery with any awards received.
- Results will be posted online around the second week of the OC Fair at ocfair.com/results.
- ***Please do not call or email for competition results.***

AWARDS CEREMONY

Sunday, Aug. 18, at noon

- Hosted on the OC Promenade Main Stage.
- Best of Show Award recipients will be invited to attend and be recognized at the ceremony and will receive two (2) tickets to attend.
- Invitations will be sent to the email provided at entry registration.
- All exhibitors and the general public are welcome to attend the ceremony.
- Additional guests should purchase Fair admission tickets in advance.





HOW TO PREPARE

Ensembles/Suites

May be entered as a single piece.

Body of work

- Total output of the artist.
- Minimum of three (3) items.
- Maximum of ten (10) items.

Metalwork

- Must be produced by the exhibitor.
- Commercial findings are acceptable.

Polymer clay

Please enter in the Handcrafts Polymer Clay Division 400.

Labeling

- Please include a 3 inch by 5 inch index card with information about how the jewelry was made, what was bought and how it was crafted.

Displays

- All entries will be displayed in cases provided by OC Fair. Cases vary in size and style.
- Management reserves the right to limit the amount of display space available.
- Material, display stands and props will be provided.





Adult Divisions

Eligibility Open to California residents ages 18 or older

Entry limit No limit

Entry fee \$10 per entry

- Rules & Guidelines on page 1 apply.
- Entries require a photo upload.

DIVISION 950

Beading

Class 01: Single Item or Suite

Class 02: Body of Work
(3-10 items)

DIVISION 951

Bead Weaving

Class 01: Single Item or Suite

Class 02: Body of Work
(3-10 items)

DIVISION 952

Wire Wrapping with & without Stones

Class 01: Single Item or Suite

Class 02: Body of Work
(3-10 items)

DIVISION 953

Wire-Wrapped Links with & without Stones

Class 01: Single Item or Suite

Class 02: Body of Work
(3-10 items)

DIVISION 954

Metalsmithing

Class 01: Single Item or Suite

Class 02: Body of Work
(3-10 items)

DIVISION 955

Jewelry, All Other

Class 01: Single Item or Suite

Class 02: Body of Work
(3-10 items)



Youth Divisions

Ages 9-17 Jewelry Art

Eligibility Open to youth ages 9-17 (by July 19, 2024) who live in Southern California

Entry limit No limit

Entry fee \$6 per entry

- Rules & Guidelines on page 1 apply.
- Entries require a photo upload.

DIVISION 358

Youth Jewelry, ages 9-12

Class 01: Single Item, specify

Class 02: Ensemble or Suite

DIVISION 359

Youth Jewelry, ages 13-17

Class 01: Single Item, specify

Class 02: Ensemble or Suite

