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GLOSSARY

Accepted Entries: Entries that have been pre-juried and have been accepted for entry delivery and display at the OC Fair. Some competitions (Visual Arts, Adult Hobbies & Crafts, Adult Fiber Arts and Adult Collections) are subject to pre-jurying from photos of the entries which are uploaded by the exhibitor during the online entry process. Pre-juried is also referred to as First Round Judging.

Adult: Anyone 18 and over belongs in this age category.

Blue Ribbon Kids: Children between 5 and 8 are put in this age category. Blue Ribbon Kids are not judged and automatically receive blue ribbons for their pieces. No premiums are offered for them. (This category is not applicable to Garden & Floral or Livestock)

Class: A subcategory of a division; a group of like exhibits that are judged together.

Deadline to Enter: Final date to enter in a specific OC Fair competition. Dates vary for competitions and most competitions require online entry. No late entries are accepted.

Division: Name and number of a single category that is split into a group of further defined classes.

Entry Delivery: Date exhibitors are to deliver their entered items to the OC Fair for judging.

Entry Fees: A fee charged to enter a competition. The fees vary by division and are not always required.

Entry Pickup: Date exhibitors must pick up their entered items.

Exhibit/Entry: An item entered online into an OC Fair competition intended for judging and display.

Exhibitor: Any person who has entered into a Fair competition and is the owner of the exhibit.

Help Days: Dates set aside for any exhibitor who needs in-person assistance with the online entry process. Photographing services are available for photo-required entries.

Honorable Mention: A work of merit not receiving 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. More than one can be awarded by judges, per class.

Judges/Juror's Choice: Special recognition by individual judges/jurors within the whole competition.

Junior: Children between 8 and 12 usually belong in this age category. See specific competition details.

Premiums: Merit-based cash awards that vary by competition.

Program Coordinator: Manager of a competition and exhibits gallery.

Special Contests: Contests that do not have processing fees, cash prizes, or online entry. Pre-registration is recommended but not always required. See specific competition guides for details.

Young Adult: Teens between 13 and 17 usually belong in this age category. See specific competition details.



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FAQ - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Entering

I entered last year, so why isn't my password working?

Previous year's accounts have been deleted for security purposes. Please create a new exhibitor profile. You only need to do this once for all of your entries this year.

I am having technical problems entering online, what should I do?

Call (714) 708-1553, (714) 708-1718 or email the Entries Office at entries@ocfair.com. Someone will get back to you within 72 business hours.

It is my first time entering and I have a lot of questions.

You have two options:

1. Email and/or call the Program Coordinator for the competition. Contact information is located on the cover page of every competition guide.
2. Stop by during the OC Fair "Entry Help Days" in the OC Fair Administration Building located inside Gate 4 off Arlington Drive near Fairview Road.

I'm not sure if my online entry form processed correctly or I didn't receive an email confirmation, what should I do?

Do not re-submit your payment, otherwise your credit card may be charged again. Check your Spam/Junk folder for the OC Fair Entry Confirmation, if you don't see it call (714) 708-1553, (714) 708-1718 or email the Entries Office at entries@ocfair.com.

What if I don't have a camera in order to submit a photo of my entry?

Come to the OC Fair's Help Days! One-on-one assistance will be provided in order to take photos of your entries and help you with filling out the online form. Photos are not required for all competitions

Does my photo have to be of the completed entry?

You can submit your entry form as early as possible and attach a photo of the finished product at any point before the Entry Deadline. The photo is not required in order to sign up for the competition, but is required in order to be fully submitted. If no photo is uploaded, the entry will be disqualified. Photos are not required for all competitions.

I entered my child under my name and birthdate. Do I need to change it?

Parents should enter children and young adults under the child's name and birthdate.

Call or email the Program Coordinator to update the entry accordingly. Otherwise, the child may be judged against adults due to the age provided. Every entry must be submitted under the name of the individual who prepared it. The exhibitor's name will be listed as it appears on the online entry form.

Why is my birthdate/age required?

The age helps Program Coordinators determine whether you are competing against people in the same age range as you.



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Getting Ready for the Show

What is a “Juried Competition”?

Due to the overwhelming popularity of some OC Fair competitions and the limited available space to display the entries, some shows are pre-juried. This is also referred to as First Round Judging. First Round Judging or pre-jurying, determines which entries will be accepted for entry delivery and possible display at the OC Fair.

You are automatically entered in Youth, Culinary, Jewelry and Floral when your online form and payment is submitted, you will not get an “accepted for show” verification, only a receipt.

I entered my item and now realize I will be out of town on delivery day, can I get a refund?

Sorry, we are unable to issue refunds. You may arrange for a friend or family member to deliver your entry for you. We do not accept early or late delivery of entries. NO EXCEPTIONS.

I received one (1) admission ticket to the Fair but I entered 4 items. Shouldn't I receive 4 tickets?

No. Each exhibitor receives one (1) OC Exhibitor Fair ticket per person regardless of the number of entries submitted.

Why didn't my 4-year-old who entered an item in a competition receive a Fair admission ticket?

Children 5 years of age and younger are always FREE to enter the OC Fair, therefore they do not need a ticket.

I entered into the Chocolate Chip Cookie Division of the baking competition, but now I changed my mind and would like to enter a brownie instead.

For Culinary Arts, you may contact the Program Coordinator for the show and they can help you change your entry. You can call ahead or make your changes on Entry Delivery Day.

For pre-juried competition, entries cannot be changed after the Entry Deadline.

During the Fair

Can I be present during judging?

Most judging is closed to the public. Some competitions in Livestock, Culinary and Garden & Floral are held live during the OC Fair. Check the Competition Guides for details on these competitions.

Can I be a judge?

Judges are strictly chosen based on experience in each individual competition they are judging. If you have professional qualifications for these positions, please e-mail the Exhibits Office at entries@ocfair.com for further instructions. You cannot be a judge and an exhibitor within the same department.

My display tag next to my entry is incorrect, what should I do?

Contact the Program Coordinator of your competition to update your display tag.

I do not like where my entry is displayed, can I have it moved?

The Program Coordinator takes great care to display entries based on available space, safety and security of entries and overall aesthetic design and layout of the show. The Program Coordinator has the final authority on where an entry is displayed and entries cannot be moved without his/her permission.

How do I know if I won?

Come to the OC Fair! An award or ribbon will be placed on the display card or next to the entry. If you cannot make it to the Fair, results for most competitions will be posted online around the second week of the OC Fair at ocfair.com/results. Results for Beer will be posted the first day of fair. Results for Culinary Art competitions that occur during the fair will be posted no later than a week after the entry delivery day. Due to the large number of entries submitted to the OC Fair we are unable to answer individual phone calls or emails for competition results.



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After the Competition

When can I pick up my ribbon?

You may pick up your ribbon on your Entry Pickup Date along with your entry. Bring your claim check or photo ID. No early or late pick up is allowed. Pickup days vary per competition. See the Competition Guide for specific details.

For Culinary Arts and Beer exhibitors, judging sheets and ribbons are passed out throughout fairtime in the OC Promenade. Stop by any time after the competition to pick up the results.

When will I get my award check?

Award checks will be made payable to the exhibitor whose name is indicated on the entry form and mailed within 30 business days after the close of the OC Fair.

How do I pick up my entry?

Please check your Competition Guide for the dates and times of Entry Pickup. Bring your claim check or photo ID to pick up your item. No early or late pick up is allowed. NO EXCEPTIONS.

I am not available on my Entry Pickup Date, what are my options?

You may have a friend or family member pick up your entry on your behalf. They must provide your claim check in order to pick up your entry. Any entries left after the Entry Pickup Date will be discarded.

What if I lose my claim check?

As the exhibitor, you can present a photo ID. If another person is picking up your exhibit for you, they must have the claim check.