## **GENERAL COMPETITION RULES**

(Note: there are no photography district competitions)

## Rules

- 1. Competition is open to all exhibitors of member societies of the OAAS.
- 2. All work on the entry must be completed by the exhibitor entering the competition.
- 3. By entering an OAAS competition, the exhibitor agrees to allow their name and exhibit to be part of any promotional activities related to the competition.
- 4. Post the District/Provincial Competition Rules in your fair prize book or provide the OAAS competition website location.

## **District Competition**

- 5. Each local fair is entitled to send one entry into each category of the District Competition. In the case where the fair is unable to send the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner to the district meeting, then the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner will be eligible to enter.
- 6. Judging at the District Competitions is the responsibility of each OAAS District. Prize money to be paid by the district.
- 7. All district entries must be registered on the relevant OAAS Championship Entry Form, and returned to the OAAS Convention Administrator, by December 1st.

## **Provincial Competition**

- 1. Each district is entitled to send one entry into each category of the Provincial Competition. In the case where the district is unable to send the 1st place winner to the convention, then the 2nd place winner is eligible to enter.
- Judges who officiate the Competition at the Annual Convention will be appointed by the OAAS.
- 3. All entries must be received for judging by the Competition Committee in the designated area by 5pm on the Thursday afternoon of the Annual Convention of the OAAS. Please retain the ticket issued, to claim the entry when the viewing rooms close.
- 4. A number is assigned to each entry. Entries are only identified by this number during the judging process.
- 5. Please remove all tags, ribbons, or any other fair/exhibition identification from the entries.
- 6. No persons other than the judges and designated officials will be permitted to enter the designated judging room until after the judging and winners have been announced.
- 7. Any exhibitor or any person acting on behalf of the exhibitor who violates any of the Rules and Regulations or who interferes with the judges or the judging process, shall be disqualified and the entry will be removed from the competition.
- 8. No entry may be removed from the display area until the official closing of the viewing room and designated time of pick up.
- 9. The OAAS shall not be held liable for any loss occasioned by fire, theft, accident or the negligence of other exhibitors, officials or otherwise.
- 10. Any protests must be made to the Competition Committee of the OAAS in writing within 5 working days after the last day of the convention.
- 11. All entries will be judged using the OAAS Judging Standards. Copies of the OAAS Judging Standards can be purchased from the OAAS store at https://oaasfairs.org/agricultural-society-info/store.

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