

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **ALL ENTRIES FOR COMPETITION MUST BE REGISTERED BY JUNE 22, 2017**
Entries can be registered online at www.westernshowcase.com or by mail and must be accompanied by a photo /description of the entry. The Creative Arts and Crafts Committee (hereinafter called 'The Committee') do not accept entries on Take-in day.
2. Entry fees for the Adult and Junior Competition are \$15 per entry and may be paid by:
 - credit card, if registering online. Confirmation receipt sent via email.
 - cheque, if mailed in advance, made out to Calgary Stampede
 - cash or cheque at Take-In
 - There is no entry fee for the Charity Section.

All entries must remain on display for the entire period of the Calgary Stampede.

3. Each competitor in the Adult and Junior Section is limited to **TWO** entries. The two entries must be in **SEPARATE** classes. All items must be completed within 12 months prior to Stampede 2017.
4. **TAKE-IN OF ENTRIES** before Stampede - Wednesday, June 28, 2017 (10:00am to 7:00pm) in Hall E of the BMO Centre. In order to avoid parking charges, present the parking lot coupon to the gate attendant located off of 12th Avenue SE at time of entry. The parking coupon is on the last page of the Competition Book and available online at westernshowcase.com.

Note: all other lots have a parking fee. The Committee cannot stamp tickets for a refund.

5. **PICK-UP OF ARTICLES** at end of Stampede - Tuesday, July 18, 2017 (10:00 am to 7:00 pm) in Hall E of the BMO Centre. In order to avoid parking charges, present the parking lot coupon to the gate attendant located off of 12th Avenue SE at time of entry. The parking coupon is on the last page of the Competition Book and available online at westernshowcase.com.

Entries will only be returned to the owner unless authorized in writing by

the owner and the claim ticket provided during Take-in is presented. All entries will be signed in and out. No entries can be removed until the Stampede is over. Any entries not picked up by 7:00 pm July 18, 2017 will be donated to our designated charity. The Committee is unable to accept or return entries by mail.

6. Insurance is the responsibility of the participant. Under no circumstance shall the Calgary Stampede, its Directors, officers, employees or volunteers be held responsible for loss, damage or for articles not picked up. Every precaution is taken by the Committee to protect all entries when handling and displaying. While in our possession, articles are monitored by security personnel provided by the Calgary Stampede.

7. DISPLAY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL ENTRIES

Label “front” and “top” of entries so they can be displayed correctly.

Please identify if your entry is a kit, a modification to a commercial pattern or an original design. All are acceptable; however the judges place extra credit to well-executed originality in colour or design.

All framed items will be displayed on pegboard walls. Therefore, they must be equipped for hanging as follows:

With picture wire for hanging

The wire will be attached to the screw eyes on wooden frames or proper d-rings on metal frames. Saw tooth hangers will not be accepted.

Finished size of picture including frame must not exceed 120” perimeter.

CAKES:

NO REAL CAKES WILL BE ACCEPTED. All items in the cake categories must be made as if using a real cake.

All colourings used must be edible. Decorations should be edible. Points will be deducted for store bought items, e.g.: plastic ornaments, paper leaves, dried or silk flowers, ribbon cake toppers, etc.

Wires on sugar flower sprays should not be inserted into the cake; use plastic picks.

CAKES (CONTINUED):

Maximum height of 30”.

BOARDS must be stable board and must have a ‘foot’ so they do not sit flush on the table. Maximum board width 16”x 16”.

Support pillars and stands for sprays, etc. are allowed. Unbalanced tiers or wobbly tiers will not be displayed.

Notes detailing construction of entry should be on a 3”x 5” card and accompany entry. Do not add your name on this card. Please note that this card will not be displayed but is intended to help the judges evaluate the cake.

Sculpted cakes must be able to be recreated with at least 50% real cake. If not 50% cake, then please enter as Sugar Art.

QUILTS:

All quilts must have a minimum 4” sleeve opening, securely sewn to the quilt (for display purposes). The sleeve should be secured at both the top and the bottom of the sleeve to ensure the quilt hangs properly. Any quilts that do not have sleeves **OR** quilts with pinned-on sleeves will not be accepted. Accessories do not need a sleeve.

Names of the piecer and the quilter (when another person quilts the work) must be stated on each entry.

- cover any quilt labels or signatures on the quilt, prior to submission.
- do not include stories or background information sheets on the quilt, as they cannot be shown to the judges-
- be aware that safety pins are used for display purposes.

FUNCTIONAL AND DECORATIVE HANDMADE ART:

Entries must:

- fit within a depth of 22”
- not weigh more than 20 lbs.

- not be taller than 5 feet.

Notes detailing construction and any other pertinent information (i.e., materials used) should be on a 3"x 5" card and accompany entry. Do not add your name on this card. Please note that this card will not be displayed but is intended to help the judges in evaluation.

8. The Committee and judges reserve the right to accept or reject entries based on condition, quality and suitability for exhibit. We further reserve the right to not display entries depending on space availability and display dimensions.

Specifically, the Committee will not accept any entry that:

- is not suitably equipped for display (e.g. framed items, quilts)
- requires electrical, mechanical or battery operated devices
- is deemed too fragile to be displayed
- is deemed too large to be displayed
- is dirty or damaged or wet (paint)
- falls beyond the 12 month competition criteria

9. The Committee and judges reserve the right to move entries to another class as appropriate. If this results in both of your entries being in the same class, you will be requested to remove one entry.

10. The Committee engages external individuals to judge the entries before they are displayed. These judges are acknowledged experts and/or professionals in the arts and crafts they are judging. The identity of the judges will remain confidential.

11. All decisions of the judges are final. An article is judged on its individual merit and will be ranked as the judges deem fit. A single entry in a class is not guaranteed a ribbon. Judges follow the rules of judging established by the Committee.

12. No information or signs will be displayed with the entry. While you can provide this information for the judges, the Committee is not able to include it as part of the display.

13. Anyone who deliberately tries to deceive the Committee in regard to ownership of an entered piece or anyone who purchases or “borrows” items to enter/exhibit as their own will forfeit all claims as participant for that year. Further, if a participant tries to deceive the Committee more than once, he or she will be banned from entering any future Creative Arts and Crafts competitions.

14. Participants in the Western Art Show will not be allowed to enter pieces for competition in the Creative Arts and Crafts competition. We welcome participants in the Scholarship Program to enter pieces in the Creative Arts and Crafts competition.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Personal and demographic information provided will not be used for the purposes other than those related to Calgary Stampede operated programs or business purposes. Your information will be handled with discretion and will not be sold, given away, or provided to parties outside the Calgary Stampede without your consent, unless the law requires that it be shared.

By entering, the participant agrees that pictures, images or representations of his/her entry may be used by the Calgary Stampede in promotional content created by the Calgary Stampede.

**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
PARTICIPATION!**