

Science Fair Handbook



SCIENCE FAIR

IMPORTANT DATES ENTRY AND RELEASE SCHEDULE

Online Entry Deadline:
By 10 pm, Wednesday, August 14

Deliver Competitive Entries:
Friday, August 16, Noon to 6 pm
Saturday, August 17, 10 am to 3 pm

Enter through Red Gate on 17th Street and follow signs to Columbia Hall.

Pick up entries:
Tuesday, Sept. 3, Noon to 7 pm
Wednesday, Sept. 4, 10 am to 2 pm

By submitting an entry into the Fair, exhibitors agree to abide by all rules, regulations and entry requirements of the Fair and of the department(s) to which they are submitting entries.

It is important that exhibitors read and be familiar with the General Rules as well as the Department Rules in this Handbook.

ONLINE REGISTRATION AND ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

ONLINE ENTRY OPENS MAY 18, 2019

Read the complete rules, division descriptions, and entry information in the Handbook **BEFORE** going to Online Registration.

Go to <https://oregonstream.fairmanager.com>

- Click **Register** or **Sign In** (for return visits).
- Register using your First and Last Name and create a password (write password down).
- Fill in requested information, including email address. Fill in age only if under 18. Click **Continue**.
- Select **Department** ex.: Science Fair
- Select a **Division** ex.: Youth 110
- Select a **Class** ex.: Experimental 1101
- Fill in all information for class(es) you are entering, including a brief **Description** if needed.
- When all your information is complete, click **Add Entry to Cart** and follow instructions to check out. (NOTE: If you think you may want to modify your entries, you may save your current session and check out at a later session.)
- Be sure to **Check Out before the closing date listed for your Department; entries are not submitted to the Fair office until the check-out process is complete.**)
- Fill in **"yes"** at the statement to agree to all the terms and conditions of entry as defined in this Handbook.
- Click **Submit**.
- Please print and bring a copy of your detailed online entry receipt **with your entries** when you bring them to the Fair.

Oregon State Fair Creative Living Office

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GENERAL RULES

1. Oregon State Fair (OSF) competitions are open to residents of Oregon only. Entries do not need to be entered or have won at a county fair to be eligible for any competition.
2. All entries must be the handiwork of the exhibitor and not been previously exhibited in a prior year at the Oregon State Fair.
3. Online entries must be submitted by the date indicated within each Department Handbook. Paper applications will not be accepted. Information must be accurate and complete. Walk-in entries may be accepted during intake days on a limited basis.
4. Entries must be delivered and removed only during the scheduled times. Any exception shall be at the discretion of OSF staff.
5. Entries will receive a claim check upon delivery. Exhibitor must present claim check or valid Oregon ID when picking up entries.
6. Some competitions require an entry fee. See specific departments for fee and processing information.
7. OSF staff or a judge may disqualify or transfer any exhibit which is not a true representation of the class in which it is entered or if rules are not followed.
8. Judging is closed to the public unless otherwise noted. Every reasonable effort is made to secure highly qualified judges with expertise in their field.
9. Entries by OSF staff, or judges are prohibited in the department in which they are working. They may enter other departments.
10. Ribbons and/or prizes will be awarded as warranted. All judges' results are final. Results cannot be provided over the phone but will be posted online when available. (www.oregonstatefair.org)
11. Protests may be submitted to the Creative Living office accompanied by a deposit of \$25 which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Protests must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal and submitted within 24 hours of the action.
12. Ribbons and scorecards (as available) are provided with return of entries after Fair. See specific departments for return days.
13. OSF is authorized to use any and all photographs, video and or digital images related to the entry for promotional purposes.
14. Exhibitors shall indemnify OSF from and against all claims for damage to persons or property caused by them or their exhibits.
15. OSF will take reasonable precautions to ensure safety of exhibits while on the fairgrounds, but will not be responsible for loss, damage, theft or injury of any kind to exhibits or exhibitors, unless the loss or damage is due to the negligence of OSF staff and volunteers.
16. Exhibitors found in violation of rules, or to be in practices unethical or adverse to OSF, shall be penalized by forfeiture of awards and/or privileges, and removed from the exhibit.
17. Items not picked up by final return days of each department are forfeited by exhibitor.

The Oregon State Fair reserves the final and absolute right to interpret any and all terms, conditions, rules and regulations contained in any and all parts of Department Handbooks and to settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incidental to the Oregon State Fair. OSF further reserves the right to determine unforeseen matters not covered by General or Competition Rules, and to withdraw award offerings in all Competitions should any emergency exist and circumstances demand.

DEPARTMENT RULES

1. No entry fee is required for this competition.
2. Each exhibitor is limited to a maximum of 2 entries per Department.
3. Displays, reports and findings must be on display boards or can be made with cardboard. They can be no longer than 36 inches in height, 48 inches in length. They must stand alone.
4. Entries may be disqualified by the judges if rules are not followed and all judges' decisions are final.
5. Project must be concluded within the last year.
6. Exhibitor's name on the entry must be the person who made the item. If the item is exhibited for another maker, the item will not be judged, but will be "for display only."
7. You cannot bring the materials of your experiment for the display or perform the experiment live. You will only be judged on your presentation board. You can however, mount things on your board in a type of 3D display, but remember that your board has to be able to stand by itself. **Size dimensions** are required on the entry form.
8. An experimental project starts with a hypothesis and uses the scientific method to answer the question, an engineering project develops or improves a machine or structure, a display project is a research project that does not involve experimentation, and a theoretical project is a project that is too large for actual experimentation or building.
9. **YOU MAY NOT MOUNT ANY FOOD OR ORGANIC MATERIALS!**
10. Items may not be removed from the Fairgrounds until the scheduled pick-up date(s). Items not picked up by September 5th will become property of the Oregon State Fair.

DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

310 Youth (Ages 12 and under)

- 3101 Experimental Project
- 3102 Engineering Project
- 3103 Display Project
- 3104 Theoretical Project

320 Teen (Ages 13- 17)

- 3201 Experimental Project
- 3202 Engineering Project
- 3203 Display Project
- 3204 Theoretical Project

330 General (18 and up)

- 3301 Experimental Project
- 3302 Engineering Project
- 3303 Display Project
- 3304 Theoretical Project

340 Team Project (2 or more partners)

- 3401 Experimental Project
- 3402 Engineering Project
- 3403 Display Project
- 3404 Theoretical Project