

Handspinning Requirements for Entry in the Otero County Fair

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Skein Requirements

1. There is no limit on the number or type of skeins that each spinner may enter
2. All yarn entered must have been spun since the last Fair
3. An entry shall consist of one skein which shall be at least 25 yards in length, wound in a 2yard skein.

Judging Criteria as per Taos Wool Festival

Membership of the Southwest Spinner Handspun Judges has a Yarn Judge Certification Program based on a similar program of the Northwest Regional Spinners in order to standardize the way hand spun yarn is judged across the country. Judges will be evaluating hand spun yarn on Saturday morning. The judges will use the Danish system for scoring so 90 points and above receives a blue ribbon 80-89 is red 70-79 is white. Skeins are graded on presentation technique, quality of spinning fiber choice for type of yarn spun, and for finished project.

During judging the judges have the right to combine classes that have very few entries to divide overly full classes and to move skeins that would fare better in a more appropriate class. The judge's decisions are final.

Entry Guidelines

1. The skeins must be at least 25 yds. in length, wound in 2 yard skeins
2. Skeins must be tied in four places with figure eight ties using the same yarn being shown or yarn that is similar color. Ties should not contrast with skein
3. Skeins should be clean and finished
4. Provide as much information about-dyed, method of plying, etc. your yarn as possible. The more judges know the better chances at receiving a higher score, i.e. Raw fleece, commercial roving, hand
5. Classes and lots will be combined as needed by the judges

Divisions Youth – age 12 and under Beginners or novices, are spinners of any age, new to spinning or are just getting back to wheel or spindle

Advanced?

Classes

100 % Wool

Wool blends at least 60%

Other animal fibers

Novelty/Designer Art Yarns

Spindle spun yarn, must include a picture of yarn on spindle

