

Hand Spinning Requirements for Entry in the Otero County Fair

Hank Requirements

1. There is no limit on the number or type of hanks that each spinner may enter.
2. All Yarn entered must have been spun since the last Otero County Fair
3. Each entry shall consist of one hank which shall be no less than 25 yards in length and no more than 50 yards in a two yard hank.

Judging Criteria

The Judges will use the Danish system for scoring: 90 points and above receives a blue ribbon, 80-89 is read, 70-79 is white.

- Hanks are graded on:
1. Presentation
 2. Consistency
 3. Workmanship
 4. Best use of Spinning Fiber
 5. Appearance

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 hanks must be no less than 25 yards and no more than 100 yards.
2. The Hanks must be tied in four places with figure eight ties using the same yarn being shown or yarn that is similar in color. The ties should not contrast with the hank.
3. Hanks should be clean and finished.
4. Provide as much information about methods of dyeing, plying, etc. as possible. The more judges know, the better chance at receiving higher score, i.e. Raw fleece, commercial roving hand carded or combed.
5. Classes can be combined as needed by the judge's discretion.

- Divisions:
1. Youth
 2. Adult
 3. Senior Center/Organizations

Classes:

1. 100% Wool
2. Wool Blends (at least 60% wool)
3. Other fibers
 - 3a Animal
 - 3b Plant
 - 3c Synthetic
4. Novelty/Designer Art Yarns
5. Spindle spun yarn Must include a picture of yarn on Spindle.