

NIAGARA REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL FAIR (EXHIBITION)

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Each exhibitor must have a current Membership for the Niagara Regional Agricultural Society (NRAS). Membership fees: Senior (19 and older) **\$10.00***
and Junior (18 and under) **\$5.00**.
Membership fees are not refundable. Junior Exhibitor may exhibit in any class above their age but **cannot** exhibit in classes below their age.
2. By showing Membership card, each Senior Membership is allowed one (1) free admission **once** during the NRE and each Junior Membership is allowed one (1) free admission **each** day of the NRE.
3. The prize money cheques will be mailed late June and must be cashed before July 31th. In the event of an error in the cheque, a second cheque will be issued.
4. The sum of \$10.00 shall be retained from every Senior exhibitor obtaining the sum of \$10.00 or over in prize money to cover \$10 membership for the following year.
5. All individuals and organizations are to use the online entry (via the website: www.niagaraex.com) or ensure that the form is mailed to the office by **May 23, 2025** for your printed tags to be mailed to you. Organizations please make your entry in the name of your organization and use your permanent mailing address. If postal code does not appear on the entry form, prize money will not be mailed.
6. All exhibits must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor. Any person showing anything for competition not his/her own shall forfeit prize money.
7. It shall be the duty of the judges to only award such premiums as they consider the exhibit is entitled. They may withhold the prize from any exhibit improperly classed or not worthy of a prize.
8. All exhibits receiving a premium must have an entry tag attached and, unless otherwise exempted, must remain until the close of the show. Prize money will be forfeited if this rule is violated.
9. All exhibits shall be at risk of the exhibitor.
10. Exhibits may be picked up ***Sunday between 4:30 and 5:30 pm or Monday 10 am to noon by showing their Membership card. Exhibits not picked up will become property of NRAS.**
11. All protest must be made in writing, must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, and must be delivered to the Secretary on the day of cause of protest accompanied by \$1.00 which will be forfeited to the Society if the protest is not sustained.
12. Prizes will be awarded as shown in the Judge's Book and no alteration can be made. Exhibits not entered on the entry form cannot be awarded prize money.
13. Specific regulations applying to each class of exhibit are given under each show. Please refer to index.
14. Any exhibitor or attendant, who is guilty of creating a disturbance, whether by openly criticizing the judge or using obscene language to any judge or officer, shall therefore forfeit the right to any premium and may be suspended by the Society from exhibiting.
15. Prize list is subject to correction of typographical errors and/or omissions. In the case of a disagreement, the ruling of the committee chair shall be final.
16. In the event of rain or inclement weather so affecting the gate receipts as to leave the holding of the Fair a financial loss after the Government Rain Insurance has been taken into account, the Society reserves the right to pay all premiums, awards of purses at a rate on the dollar sufficient to make good the loss.
17. Section 19 (2) of the Agricultural Societies Act preventing certain performances, huckstering or trafficking in merchandise etc., within three hundred yards of the fairgrounds on the days of Exhibition shall be enforced.

18. If **not three exhibitors** in livestock classes, the Fair Board will only **pay half the prize money.**
19. Exhibitor Book correct at time of printing
20. While the Directors of the Society will take every possible precaution under the circumstances to secure the safety of life and property at the Exhibition, the Society declares that it is strictly understood that exhibitors and others attend at their own risk. Should any article be accidentally injured, burned, lost or stolen, the Directors will give all assistance in their power for recovery, but they will not recognize any claim for payment of the value or portion thereof, and the Society will not be responsible for anyone being injured in any way on the grounds.
21. Information in this booklet was accurate at the time of printing. Any last-minute changes, corrections or clarifications are at the discretion of the Niagara Regional Agricultural Society and take precedence. Please note not all sponsors have been confirmed.
22. **NOTICE:** Any information collected by the Niagara Regional Agricultural Society regarding members, exhibitors, commercial exhibitors, sponsors, directors and any other persons related directly to the business of the Niagara Regional Agricultural Society and the Niagara Regional Agricultural Fair will be solely used for the purposes of promotion of the Niagara Regional Agricultural Society and the Niagara Regional Agricultural Fair, and for the maintenance of their files and data base. Any member, exhibitor, commercial exhibitor, sponsor or director realizes that when they agree to take part in the Niagara Regional Agricultural Society and the Niagara Regional Agricultural Fair, that their names may be published for these reasons only. None of this information whatsoever will be sold or transferred to any outside party for any reason.

*In October 2024, NRAS had to update their Constitution and By-laws to align with ONCA and OMAFRA; in the process Exhibitor Memberships (\$5) were changed to Senior Memberships (\$10) giving previous Exhibitors a vote at Annual and Special Member Meetings.

Junior Show General Rules and Regulations

Please read all rules – no exceptions will be made!

1. All Classes are open to boys and girls, 18 years of age and under unless otherwise stated.
2. Each exhibitor must be a member of the Society. Junior Membership fees, 18 years of age and under are \$5.00. Please do not **LOOSE** your membership, duplicates will cost \$5.00. Membership fees **ARE NOT** refundable.
3. Junior Memberships allow you to exhibit in the Junior and 4-H shows only. A Junior Membership includes **one admission per day to the Fair**.
4. All exhibits (**tagged**) are to be dropped off at Building B ***Thursday** of the Fair week between **5:30 – 7:30 pm**.
5. ALL individuals and organizations are to use the online entry (via the website: www.niagaraex.com) or ensure that the form is mailed by **MAY 23, 2025** for your tags to be mailed to you. Organizations please make your entry in the name of your organization and use your permanent mailing address. (If postal code does not appear on the entry form, prize money will not be mailed.)
6. All exhibits receiving a premium, unless exempted, must remain until the close of the show. Prize money will be forfeited if this rule is violated.
7. **All entries must have tags!**
8. All exhibits must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor. Any person showing anything for competition not his or her own shall forfeit prize money. All exhibits must have been made since the last Fair and not previously exhibited at this Fair.
9. All articles are exhibited at the owner's risk.
10. Exhibits not complying with this Prize List may be exhibited at the owner's risk and no prize money shall be awarded unless authorized by the Committee Chairperson.
11. Exhibitors will be allowed only **ONE (1)** entry in each section; i.e. Class 20 Section 5.
12. It shall be the duty of the judges to award such premiums as they consider the exhibit is entitled. They may withhold a prize from any exhibit improperly classed or not worthy of a prize.
13. No interference will be tolerated while judging is taking place or during the stated time of exhibit delivery.
14. After judging, the winner's tags will be opened.
15. The Prize List is subject to correction of typographical errors and/or omissions. In case of disagreement, the ruling of the Committee Chairperson shall be final.
16. Exhibits are to be removed from the building on **Sunday** between ***4:30 and 5:30 pm or Monday 10 am to noon**. Exhibits are **NOT** to be picked **BEFORE 4:30 p.m.** You must present your Junior Membership card when picking up your exhibits. Exhibits not claimed shall become property of the Niagara Regional Agricultural Society.
17. While the Directors will take every precaution under the circumstances to secure the safety of the life and property at the Exhibition, the Society declares that it is strictly understood that exhibitors and others attend the Exhibition at their own risk.
18. Prize money cheques not cashed by ***July 31th** of the current year are considered void.

19. All protests must be made in writing and must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal, and must be delivered to the secretary on the day of cause of protest accompanied by \$1.00, which will be forfeited to the Society should the protest not be sustained.
20. In the event of rain or inclement weather so affecting the Gate Receipts as to leave the holding of the Fair a financial loss, after the Government Rain Insurance has been taken into account, the Society reserves the right to pay all premiums, awards, or purses at a rate on the dollar sufficient to make good on the loss.
21. Please ensure that you are using the **CURRENT** Prize Book as items are added and changed yearly.
22. Please enter in your **OWN AGE GROUP**. You are **NOT** allowed to enter an age group below your age. However, you may enter an age group above you but remember you are then competing with older children.

CLASS 21 – CULINARY ARTS

1st ~ \$5.00, 2nd ~ \$4.00, 3rd ~ \$3.00, 4th ~ \$2.00

Ages to 9 years

1. Two (2) Muffins, Your Favorite Variety, must be named, not in paper cups
2. Three (3) Peanut Butter Cookie
3. Two (2) Brownies, iced – No Nuts – 1.6 in (4 cm) squares
4. One (1) Candy Kabob
5. One (1) Marshmallow Character – Need not be edible
6. Treat for a Bird, using suitable edible items
7. Three (3) Chocolate Chip Cookies
8. Two (2) Cupcakes decorated for a birthday, judged on decorations only
9. Three (3) Cookie Cutter Cookies for Spring, judged on decorations only
10. Nutritious School Lunch, menu included, packed in a suitable container
11. Figure made from Vegetables
12. One (1) Cookie decorated as your favorite cartoon character, must be named
13. A Decorated Bagel, all edible decorations, judged on decoration only
14. Gift basket for someone special, must have at least 3 baked items, judged on presentation only

Ages 10-18

15. Five (5) Pieces of Home-made Candy, any flavour on small plate
16. Three (3) Oatmeal Raisin Cookies
17. One (1) Jar of Freezer Jam, any variety
18. Three (3) Cookies, Your Favorite variety, must be named
19. Two (2) Fruit Explosion Muffins, not in paper cups
20. Two (2) cups of Savory Party Mix, must be named
21. Banana Cake, iced – 2.4 in (6 cm) square per serving
22. Two (2) Slices of Baked Loaf – No Nuts
23. Two (2) Cupcakes decorated for Summer, judged on decorations only
24. One (1) 250 ml Jar of Applesauce (any flavor)
25. One half (1/2) Loaf of Homemade White Bread
26. Two (2) Butter tarts
27. One (1) Decorated Novelty Cake for Spring using Styrofoam base – minimum 8 in (20.3 cm) base, no more than 2 tiers, decorations must be edible, judged on decoration only

OAAS Chocolate Chip Cookie Competition

Up to 15 years as of December 31, current year.

28. **NRE LEVEL**- Three (3) cookies displayed on a firm, disposable plate. Cookies to be no larger than 3 inches (6.75cm) and no smaller than 2 inches (5cm)

DISTRICT COMPETITION - winner from NRE competes. *Six (6) cookies to be no larger than 2.5" (6.5cm) and no smaller than 2" (5cm). **Prize money to be paid by the District.**

CLASS 22– NEEDLEWORK & MORE

All Articles MUST BE HOMEMADE! All Articles MUST BE CLEAN!

Must be MADE this year or NOT previously entered.

NEW RULE: Sewing projects must include a piece to the material used.

1st ~ \$5.00, 2nd ~ \$4.00, 3rd ~ \$3.00, 4th ~ \$2.00

Ages to 9 years

1. One (1) Seasonal Felt Project, sewing optional
2. One (1) Article for Christmas
3. One (1) Hold Anything Tote – showing sewing or needlework
4. One (1) sewn stuffed animal or doll
5. One (1) Article Knitted or Crocheted
6. One (1) Knitted Hat

Ages 10-18

7. One (1) Hold Anything Tote – showing sewing or needlework
8. One (1) Cross-stitch or Needlepoint Project
9. Any Article of clothing showing sewing or needlework
10. One (1) Pillow, sewn, needlework or hooking
11. Article of Clothing for Cat or Dog displaying needlework or sewing
12. One (1) Baby's Accessory i.e. bib, towel, diaper, blanket

CLASS 23 – FLOWERS

1st ~ \$5.00, 2nd ~ \$4.00, 3rd ~ \$3.00, 4th ~ \$2.00

Ages to 9 years

1. "Only the Lonely" – One (1) Seasonal Flower in a bud vase
2. "Let's Go Red" – arrangement of in a recyclable container
3. Bouquet of Wild Flowers & Grasses in a Unique Container
4. One (1) Houseplant, Any Variety
5. An Arrangement of Spring Flowers

Ages 10 to 18 years

6. Rainbow Vibes – arrangement of flowers encouraging Rainbow Colours
7. One (1) Houseplant, Any Variety

CLASS 24– CRAFTS

1st ~ \$5.00, 2nd ~ \$4.00, 3rd ~ \$3.00, 4th ~ \$2.00

Ages to 9 years

1. Decorated 4x6 in (10 x 15.2 cm) Picture Frame, must be freestanding
2. A Musical Instrument made of recycled items
3. One (1) Article made from craft foam
4. Animal made from pipe cleaners – must be named
5. Homemade Board Game, maximum 12 inch (30.48 cm) square
6. Creation made of Clay/Play dough
7. Homemade Christmas Tree Ornament
8. A 12 in (30.5 cm) square page of Scrapbooking
9. One (1) painted stone or garden decoration

Ages 10 to 18

10. Decorated 4x6 in (10 x 15.2 cm) Picture Frame, must be freestanding
11. Embellish your first initial (not computer generated), on cardboard or cardstock, no larger than 8 ½ by 11 in (21.6 x 28 cm), your choice of items used to decorate
12. Homemade Board Game, maximum 12 inch (30.48 cm) square
13. A 12 in (30.5 cm) square page of Scrapbooking
14. Duct Tape Purse or Tote Bag – must be made entirely of Duct Tape
15. Homemade Door Decoration for your Bedroom Door
16. Diamond Painting of your choice
17. Design your own dress – made entirely of duct tape and recycled materials

CLASS 25 – FRUITS & VEGETABLES - ALL AGES

1st ~ \$5.00, 2nd ~ \$4.00, 3rd ~ \$3.00, 4th ~ \$2.00

1. Asparagus – 1 small bunch
2. Table Beets (5)
3. Broccoli – 1 small head
4. Carrots – 1 small bunch
5. Cauliflower – 1 small head
6. Cucumbers (3)
7. Kohlrabi – 1 small bunch
8. Leeks – 1 small bunch
9. Lettuce – 1 small head
10. Peas – 1 small pint
11. Radishes – 1 small bunch
12. Rhubarb – 3 stalks
13. Strawberries – 1 small pint
14. Zucchini (3)
- 15.

Only Juniors

CLASS 26 – HONEY ALL AGES

1st ~ \$5.00, 2nd ~ \$4.00, 3rd ~ \$3.00, 4th ~ \$2.00

1. One Small Jar, Liquid
2. One Small Jar, Cream

CLASS 27 –PHOTOGRAPHY ALL AGES

All entries **MUST** be printed on photo paper – mounted on black or white Bristol board and not to exceed 6x8 in (15.2 x 20.3 cm). Print is to be no smaller than 4x6 in (10 x 15.2 cm).

NEW RULE: ALL Photos will have no faces of people or children at all! If they do, they will be disqualified and not shown. The reason for this rule is that we cannot control someone taking pictures of that displayed photo and posting. We need to protect everyone's right to privacy.

1st ~ \$5.00, 2nd ~ \$4.00, 3rd ~ \$3.00, 4th ~ \$2.00

1. One (1) Animal Close Up
2. Manmade Structure
3. On the Farm
4. My Day at the Fair
5. Local Rural Scene, Black & White
6. Wild Weather
7. Six (6) Pictures with a Similar Theme/Subject (mounted on black or white Bristol board), no bigger than 25x15 in (63.5 x 38 cm). Judged on arrangement and quality of pictures.
8. Waterfalls, outdoor scene of lakes, rivers, etc
9. Flower, Close Up
10. Insect, Close Up
11. Family Trip
12. Oldest Place or Thing you know
13. Perspective Photo
14. A sunset photo
15. Black and white photo with a splash of colour
16. Spring Themed Photo
17. Sea/Ocean Life
18. The Night Sky

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CLASS 28 – WOOD & METAL WORK

Must be **MADE** this year **OR NOT** previously entered.

All projects must be worthy of a prize (Judge's decision).

1st ~ \$5.00, 2nd ~ \$4.00, 3rd ~ \$3.00, 4th ~ \$2.00

Ages to 9 years

1. Any Project Made from Small Sticks
2. Bird House or Feeder
3. Other Small Project
4. Cub Car, Ready for Racing
5. **CHAMPION RIBBON**

Ages 10 to 18 years

6. Wood Burning Project (Open Class)
7. Any Other Small Wood Project
8. Metal Sculpture, Maximum 2 feet (60.96 cm)
9. Wood Carving – small object or animal
10. **CHAMPION RIBBON**

Juniors
Only

CLASS 29 – EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

Must be **MADE** this school year **OR NOT** previously entered.

1st ~ \$5.00, 2nd ~ \$4.00, 3rd ~ \$3.00, 4th ~ \$2.00

Ages to 9 years

1. Science Experiment or Demonstration
2. Any Other School Project, must have been assigned and assessed
3. Illustrated Report, "Seen on the Farm"
4. **CHAMPION RIBBON**

Ages 10 to 18 years

5. Science Experiment or Demonstration
6. Any Other School Project, must have been assigned and assessed
7. Illustrated Report, "Seen on the Farm"
8. **CHAMPION RIBBON**

Juniors
Only

CLASS 30 – MODELS

Must be **MADE** this year **OR NOT** previously entered.

1st ~ \$5.00, 2nd ~ \$4.00, 3rd ~ \$3.00, 4th ~ \$2.00

No model can be claimed unless proper identification is shown!

Exhibit tags, WITH AGE, must be tied to model with string.

Every effort must be made to enter and place exhibits in proper class.

All Stock models will represent a vehicle exactly as it would be on a Production Line.

All Modified models will be stock models with changes such as larger engine, fuel injection, chrome air cleaners, wide tires, etc.

BOATS & PLANES

1. Plastic Model or Kit, Boat or Ship
2. Small Scale Model or Plastic Model Airplane – Non Flying

CARS & TRUCKS

3. Plastic Model, Stock – Under Age 9
4. Plastic Model, Stock – Age 10 and Up
5. Plastic Model, Modified – Under Age of 9
6. Plastic Model, Modified – Age 10 and Up
7. Plastic Roadster or Coupe
8. Model Car made from Scratch, **NO KITS**, and Material used should be Wood, Plasticine, Cardboard, etc.
9. Competition Coupe
10. Dragster – Age 9 and Under
11. Dragster – Age 10 and Up

LEGO

12. Any Animal Lego Kit
13. Any Lego Kit – any structure castle, house, store, etc.
14. Any Vehicle Lego Kit
15. Lego – your creation, no kit, open class
16. Lego or Kynex Model
17. **CHAMPION RIBBON**-Exhibit of model vehicle, 9 & Under
18. **CHAMPION RIBBON**-Exhibit of model vehicle, 10 & Over

Juniors
Only

CLASS 31 – CREATIVE ART

Absolutely **NO COPIES** or “**PAINT BY NUMBERS**” please. All flat work **MUST** be mounted or framed on black or white Bristol board or framed and securely wired for hanging and dry enough to handle.

1st ~ \$5.00, 2nd ~ \$4.00, 3rd ~ \$3.00, 4th ~ \$2.00

Ages to 9 years

1. Design on Flat Surface, Colour
2. Sculpture, any Medium (must be strong enough to be handled and judged)
3. Original 3-D Animal, any Medium
4. Portrait of a Cartoon Character
5. Animal Picture, Wild
6. Design on a flat surface, black and white
7. Print Using Potatoes, Cookie Cutters, Wood, etc.
8. Mixed Media Picture, Minimum of Three (3) Mediums, i.e. Crayon, Paints, Pastels, Chalk, etc.
9. Seed Picture of an Animal or Bird
10. Painted Picture, Open Class
11. Rural Scene, Colour
12. Paper Mache Animal
13. Sample of a Crayon Rubbing
14. Drawing of Pokemon Character
15. Water Colour, any Subject
16. Colour Marker Drawing of a Fair Ride
17. Still life, black and white

Ages to 10 to 18 years

18. Design on Flat Surface, Black and White
19. Design on Flat Surface, Colour
20. Anime Character Sculpture using Clay – labeled with character’s name and accompanied by a photo of that character
21. Still Life, Black & White
22. Portrait of a Anime Character – labeled with character’s name and accompanied by a photo of that character
23. Animal Picture, Wild
24. Mixed Media Picture, Minimum of Three (3) Mediums, i.e. Crayon, Paints, Pastels, Chalk, etc.
25. Painted Picture, Open Class
26. Rural Scene, Colour
27. Abstract Geometric Design
28. Water Colour, any Subject
29. Oil Pastels, any Subject

30. Perspective Assignment, any Subject
31. Reproduction of a Famous Artist's Picture – any Medium
32. City Scene, Black and White
33. Collage of your Favorite Singer or Movie Star in the shape of a heart, maximum 2' area
34. Abstract Geometric Design
35. Water Colour, any Subject
36. Pencil Work, Portrait, or Human Figure
37. Acrylic, any Subject
38. Pen and Ink, any Subject, may be colour ink
39. Picture with Accompanying Photo, any Medium

NEW CLASS! DIGITAL AGE

1st - \$5.00, 2nd - \$4.00, 3rd - \$3.00, 4th - \$2.00

Ages 10 – 18 years

40. Design a CD Cover – no larger than a CD Cover
41. Design a Digital Calendar for 2025
42. Film you own Commercial – no longer than 15 seconds, must be submitted on USB Drive

SPECIAL YOUTH POSTER CONTEST THEME: "PROMOTING YOUR FAIR"

Name and date of the fair must be clearly shown on poster.

Size: Minimum – 8.7 x 11 in (22 x 28 cm) Maximum – 11 x 17.3 in (28 x 44 cm)

Entry to be centered on CARDSTOCK or BRISTOL BOARD backing with 5.5 cm borders

Name of fair, district, contact person, owner of poster and complete mailing address must be clearly labeled on the back of each entry.

43. CLASS "A" -Entries for Youth up to and including Grade 4
44. CLASS "B" - Entries include youth Grade 5 to Grade 8 inclusive
45. CLASS "C"- Entries include youth, Grade 9 to Grade 12 Inclusive

Limit of ONE entry per DISTRICT

Judging Criteria:

50 points	Overall Appearance
35 points	Creativity and Design
15 Points	Criteria

Only Juniors

NRE Competition: 1st ~ \$5.00, 2nd ~ \$4.00, 3rd ~ \$3.00, 4th ~ \$2.00

District Competition: First Prize Winners from NRE competes. Prize money to be paid by the District.

