

KENTUCKY SHEEP AND FIBER FESTIVAL

Handspun Skein Competition Rules and Entry Form

CONTEST RULES

1. Entry must be spun entirely by the entrant. May be wheel or spindle spun.
2. Skeins must weigh a minimum of 2 ounces.
3. Entry is to be put up as a 1.5 or 2-yard hank of yarn using a skein winder, niddy noddy, or other suitable method. Skein must also be tied in a minimum of 4 places using figure-8 ties.
4. Finished yarn must be clean and free of odors.
5. Each skein may be entered into only one class.
6. Entrants may enter a maximum of 2 entries per category.
7. Entrants may enter as many categories as they are eligible.

REGISTRATION

Please register handspun yarns at the Kentucky Sheep and Fiber Festival between 12:00pm and 4:00 pm on Friday in the Workshop Building or between 9am and 10:30am on Saturday at the Skein Competition Table in the Ag Building. **There is no entry fee.** Judging will take place after 11:00 am on Saturday and skeins will remain on display until 3:00 pm on Sunday and must be picked up by entrants between 3:00- 4:00pm (premiums will be given out at pick up). Skeins not picked up by 4:00 pm on Sunday will become property of the Kentucky Sheep and Fiber Festival. As previously stated, entries mailed to the festival with return postage will be returned to entrant with any premium or ribbon received.

If registrant cannot register at the Festival, skeins may be mailed ahead of time to:

Skein Competition
c/o Sarabeth Parido
6950 Mt. Sterling Rd
Winchester, KY 40391

Mailed entries must be received no later than the Monday before the Festival and **MUST** include entry forms, return postage (or note indicating the skeins(s) will be picked up at the Festival), and an email address for delivery confirmation.

The Festival assumes no liability in regard to skeins entered in the competition being lost, stolen or damaged. Our skein table is monitored by The Friendship Spinners and the building will be locked overnight with a security guard on the premises.

AWARDS & PREMIUMS

Each category will be awarded a ribbon and cash premium of \$7 for First Place, \$5 for Second Place, and \$3 for Third Place sponsored by The Friendship Spinners Spinning Guild. A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion ribbon will also be awarded to the top two skeins of the competition.

ENTRY FORM

All persons entering the competition must complete the attached entry form and a skein form for each skein. The forms must be filled out completely when registering or the skein will be disqualified. Skein form must be attached to the skein with a hole punched at the circle mark and tied with a string through the hole attaching it to the yarn. Skeins not labeled or labeled incorrectly will be disqualified. Please print neatly or skein may not be able to be properly judged.

Each entrant should fill out the entry form and then skein forms for each skein they are entering. To expedite the entry process, print as many of the skein forms as needed, additional forms will be available at the Skein Competition Table.

On your skein form:

1. Circle the Category you are entering.
2. The fiber content of skein with approximate percentages and breed of animal if known.
3. Information about preparation and spinning techniques used in the construction of the yarn. (For example: is the yarn hand-dyed, hand carded/combed, custom blended, spindle spun, etc.)
4. Intended purpose of the yarn.

Also, please fill out your contact information on the right hand portion, this will be folded over to ensure proper unbiased judging, but will be used to aid in returning the skeins to their owners.

CATEGORIES

1. **Single Ply** – Any weight. May be wheel or spindle spun.
2. **Two Ply Fine** – Skein must have a minimum of 15 wpi (wraps per inch).
3. **Two Ply Medium** - Skein must have a minimum of 9 wpi and a maximum of 14 wpi.
4. **Two Ply Bulky** – Skein must have a minimum of 4 wpi and a maximum of 8 wpi .
5. **Multi-Ply** – Any weight yarn.
6. **Novelty** – Any weight yarn. (Novelty yarns include a wide variety of yarns made with unusual features, structure or fiber composition such as slubs, inclusions, metallic or synthetic fibers, laddering and varying thickness introduced during production.)
7. **Novice** – Any weight yarn. Spinner must have been spinning for less than 1 year.
8. **Spindle Spun**- Any weight yarn, spun with any type of spindle: top whorl, bottom whorl, supported, kick spindle, etc.

JUDGING

Each entry will have a rubric attached to it with scoring and notes from the judge. This is meant to encourage each entrant in their spinning techniques and help give notes of areas they exceed in and can improve upon as they continue in their craft.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Skein #	Category:	Description of Skein: <i>Ex: Rust Orange, 2 ply with beads Pale Yellow Lace weight single</i>	Premium: <i>For Office Use</i>
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Category (circle): Single Ply Two Ply Fine Two Ply Med
Two Ply Bulky Multi Ply Novelty Novice Spindle

Fiber Content: _____

Prep/Spin Technique: _____

Intended Use: _____

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Skein # _____ **of** _____ **total**



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