

KENTUCKY NATURAL FIBER CENTER
Handspun Skein Contest Rules and Entry Form

1. Entry must be spun by the entrant within the last 12 months.
2. Skeins must weigh a minimum of 2 ounces.
3. Entry is to be put up as a 2-yard hank of yarn using a skein winder, niddy noddy, or other suitable method. Skein must also be tied in a minimum of 3 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 chose.
8. Each skein should be sealed in its own ziplock bag.

REGISTRATION

Skeins should be mailed to:

KNFC Skein Competition
Kentucky Sheep and Goat Development Office
c/o Sarabeth Parido
6950 Mt. Sterling Rd
Winchester, KY 40391

Mailed entries must be received no later than Monday, September 7th and **MUST** include entry form, check or money order (made to Kentucky Sheep and Goat Development Office), and an email address for delivery confirmation.

Skeins will be judged and photographed on Saturday September 12.

KNFC assumes no liability in regard to skeins entered in the competition being lost, stolen or damaged.

ENTRY FEE

Entry fee for each skein is \$5.00 which includes return postage.

ENTRY FORM

All persons entering the contest must complete the attached entry form. In addition, each skein must be accompanied by a handwritten index card to identify each skein. The entry form (index card) must be filled out completely when registering or the skein

will be disqualified. Entry form must be attached to the skein with a hole punched in the card and tied with a string through the hole attaching it to the yarn. Skeins not labeled or labeled incorrectly will be disqualified. **On the card, you must legibly print:**

1. The category number (see categories below).
2. The fiber content of skein with approximate percentages.
3. If the skein is wool, state the breed of sheep if known.
4. Information about techniques used in the construction of the yarn.
For example: is the yarn hand-dyed, hand carded/combed, custom blended, spun on a spindle/wheel etc.
5. Intended purpose of the yarn.

Please only print your name and address on the back bottom portion of the card.

The purpose of stating the use of the yarn is to help in judging, and for that judging to help the spinner improve. For example: if the skein looks and feels like rug yarn and the original intended purpose was to knit a lacy scarf, it was not a very successful yarn and the feedback needs to address it as such.

CATEGORIES

1. **Single Ply** – Any weight. May be wheel or spindle spun.
2. **Two Ply Fine** – Skein must be a minimum of 1900 yards per pound. May be wheel or spindle spun.
3. **Two Ply Medium** - Skein must be between 900-1900 yards per pound. May be wheel or spindle spun.
4. **Two Ply Bulky** – Skein must be less than 900 yards per pound. May be wheel or spindle spun.
5. **Multi-Ply** – Any weight yarn. May be wheel or spindle spun.
6. **Novelty** – Any weight yarn. May be wheel or spindle spun.
7. **Novice**- Any weight yarn spun by a new spinner (2 years or less) or young spinner (under 16yo).
8. ***Special Category*- KNFC Fleece Sale Handspun**- any weight yarn spun from fleece purchased from the Kentucky Natural Fiber Center Fleece Contest held in June. Ribbons will be awarded for both the spinner and producer of the fleece.

The purpose of including the yards per pound definition is to help the spinner identify the well-defined industry standards and targets each category it represents.

Ribbons will be awarded to First, Second and Third place in each category and will be announced during our live stream on Saturday afternoon. Ribbons will be attached to the skeins when mailed back to the spinner.

