



2019 OFFICIAL RULES

Early Entries

1. The Creative Living Center will accept early entry items for competition only during the dates and times listed below. (Exception – home baked goods and perishable horticultural products). Items will **NOT** be accepted after 5:00 pm on Saturday, September 28th.
 - ✓ Wednesday, September 25th, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm;
 - ✓ Thursday, September 26th, 12 pm to 7:00 pm;
 - ✓ Friday, September 27th, 12 pm to 7:00 pm; and
 - ✓ Saturday, September 28th, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.
2. Baked goods and perishable horticultural products will be accepted on Thursday, October 3rd, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm **ONLY**.
3. Early entries may be brought to Creative Living Center by another person but must be entered in the name of the owner/exhibitor.
4. All exhibits must be the handiwork of the exhibitor (except for Antiques & Collectibles). Articles bought or borrowed will be disqualified.
5. ANY ITEM ENTERED IN A PREVIOUS YEAR'S FAIR IS NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRY INTO THE 2019 FAIR. THIS INCLUDES ALL CONTESTS, DIVISIONS AND CLASSES.
6. You may enter multiple items in a specified division but may only enter one (1) item in each class within the division unless otherwise noted on the individual contest rules.
7. Each entry receives an individual entry number and labeled with an entry tag. An entry tag stub for each entry shall be given to the exhibitor when entries are delivered. **TAG STUBS** must be retained by exhibitor until the close of the Fair and **MUST BE PRESENTED TO CLAIM ENTRIES**.
8. **NEW** - Recipes for items entered in the "Home Baking Contest" must be on the official 2019 Alabama National Fair recipe form. Entries without recipes on the official form shall be disqualified.
9. Exhibitors may register entries online at www.alnationalfair.org under the competition link. Instructions on how to enter your Creative Living Center entries are also available under this link. Deadline for online entries is Sunday, September 15, 2019. Please note that there is a small processing fee when registering online.
10. There is no charge for entering entries in the Creative Living Center. However, there is a small processing fee charged when registering online.

Live Contest

11. Competitor's registered for live contest(s) may purchase a competitor pass at the Creative Living Center during early entry drop off times (see rule 1 & 2) or during online registration. One pass is good for all Live Contest and is valid for use only by the purchaser. Each competitor's pass is \$15.00 and includes parking. Although the Competitor's Pass is accepted at all gates, competitor's must enter through the "competitor's gate" when bring in their contest items (see rule 44 – 48). If anyone is found violating the competitors pass, they will forfeit all premium monies and will not be allowed to participate in any event hosted by the Creative Living Center.
12. **Any recipe entered in a previous year's live cooking contest is not eligible to be used in the current years live cooking contest. A recipe may only be used once. **NEW - At the discretion of the CLC Director, a recipe that is closely similar to a past recipe may also be disqualified.****
13. Live contest exhibitors may only enter one (1) item in each contest division.
14. Recipes for items entered in any Live Cooking Contest must be on the official 2019 Alabama National Fair recipe form. Entries without recipes on the official form shall be disqualified.
15. **NEW -** For an entered item/recipe to be eligible for the ALAGA Syrup "Cook of the Year" Contest, a CLC Staff Member must verify proof of purchase of an ALAGA product and document verification on the ANF Recipe Form.
16. **NEW -** Some Live Cooking Contests require the use of specific products, proof of purchased of these products is required.
17. **NEW - Contestants may check-in / register for live contest no more that forty-five (45) minutes prior to the contest start time.**
18. **NEW - Check-in / registration for live cooking contest shall close ten (10) minutes prior to the start time of the contest. Any contestant not registered in accordance with this rule will not be allowed to participate in the contest.**
19. **Re-Heating:** Contestants have thirty (30) minutes in which to re-heat food items prior to the scheduled start time of the cooking contest (ovens will be pre-heated to 350 forty-five (45) minutes prior to the start time of the contest). A maximum of thirty (30) minutes is allowed for the reheating. Once re-heated, competitors must remove their dish to their assigned spot.
20. Preparation of food in the CLC kitchen is prohibited.
21. Contestants are responsible for removing all items from their assigned contest area. The CLC is not responsible for washing or cleaning any item belonging to a contestant. Contestants shall not use the CLC kitchen for the cleaning/washing of items.
22. Contestants are responsible for bringing all serving dishes/utensils or decorative items necessary for their entry/display area.
23. **The basic USDA rules of food safety must be followed. All meat, poultry, milk, eggs, and vegetable dishes must be kept cold (below 40 degrees F) or hot (above 160 degrees F). This means that ice chests or other insulated containers must be used when transporting or holding food. For information on food safety, contact your County Extension Agent.**

Fair's Responsibility

24. The Creative Living Center shall be open to the Public each day starting at the time the Fair Gates open until the Fair Gates close. For times, please visit www.alnationalfair.org.
25. While every reasonable precaution will be taken for safeguarding entries, it should be understood that the entries are entered in competition for prizes, and the owner assumes all responsibility for any accidents, loss, or damage that may occur.
26. Neither the Alabama National Fair and Agricultural Exposition, Inc., its officers, directors, employees or volunteers; the Kiwanis Club of Montgomery, its officers, directors, or members, or the Garrett Coliseum Redevelopment Corporation will be responsible for any accident, loss or damage.
27. **The Fair Management reserves the right to decline any entry or exhibit.**
28. Home Baking items and Decorated Cakes shall become the property of the Alabama National Fair. ANF will be responsible for the disposal of these items.
29. **Exhibits and/or entries may not be removed from the Creative Living Center during the duration of the Fair.**

Picking Up Exhibited Items

30. The Creative Living Center will be open to return entries to their owners only during the dates and times listed below.
 - Tuesday, October 15th, 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm; and
 - Wednesday, October 16th, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
31. **Exhibitors must present entry tag stubs to claim their entries.**
32. CLC staff shall be responsible for returning all entries on the above listed dates/times.
33. *****All items that are not picked up by 4:00 pm on Wednesday, October 16th will be discarded.*****

Judging

34. Judging days/times for Early Entry contest(s) will be prior to opening day of the Fair (closed judging).
35. Judging for all Live Contest(s) shall be at the time of the contest (open judging).
36. All contests are judged based on the criteria defined for each specific contest(s) (see each individual contest(s) for judging criteria).
37. Where only one entry is made in any one class, the entry will be judged on its own merits.
38. Special contest (Baker of the Year, ALAGA Cook of the Year & It's a Tradition) are subject to the criteria and rules defined for those specific contests. Assignment of "points" for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for each contest is defined in the rules of the specific contest.

39. **NEW** – Some early entry contests award a monetary prize for “Overall Division”. Overall division winners shall be determined by taking the first place winner in each “Class” and re-judging those entries to determine the “Overall Division Winners”.
40. **The Judges and Fair officials reserve the right to reclassify and/or disqualify any entry for no given reason.**
41. No awards/ribbons will be awarded for any article not mentioned or classified in the Exhibitor’s Information for each contest.
42. Monetary prizes shall be paid based on the scoring documented by the judges on the signed judge’s sheets. Monetary prizes shall not be paid based on ribbons that may be attached to exhibits. In case of a tie the winner will be determined by a random drawing.
43. During all live contest where, open judging is taking place, contestants must refrain from interacting with judges/officials.
44. **THE DECISIONS MADE BY THE CLC JUDGES ARE FINAL.**

New - Creative Living Center Location & Parking - New

45. **New** - The Creative Living Center is located in the building directly behind the Garrett Coliseum.
46. **New** - Due to the Fair’s new “Clear Bag Policy”, competitors will not be allowed to bring food items or any other contest supplies into the Fair through any public ticket gate. Competitors must have a “competitor’s pass” and must enter through the “Competitors Gate”. For more information on the “Clear Bag Policy”, please go to www.alnationalfair.org.
47. **New** - Competitors arriving at the Fair to participate in a “Live Contest” should park in the South Parking Lot and enter the fairgrounds through the “Competitor’s Gate” which is located to the left of the South Ticket Gate. Exhibitors should then follow the sidewalk/ramp down to the CLC building.
48. **New** - The “Competitor’s Gate” will only be open and allow a competitor to enter starting one (1) hour prior to a scheduled live contest. This gate will close at the scheduled start time of the live contest.
49. **New** - Only competitors who have a “Competitors Pass” (wristband) will be allowed entry through the Competitor’s Gate. All other persons must enter through a Public Ticket Gate.
50. **New** - Competitors may exit using any exit gate.

