

EXHIBIT RULES AND REGULATIONS

(We reserve the right to accept or reject any entry.)

Food Preservation Products

- **ALL** entries must have been prepared by the exhibitor between September 2nd, 2025 and September 1st, 2026; Anything that has been entered in a previous Hickory American Legion Fair will be disqualified.
- **DO NOT** place your name on entries.
- EXHIBITS WILL BE RULED OUT WHEN NOT IN STANDARD CANNING JARS OF THE SPECIFIED SIZE (Quarts, Pints, and Half-Pint Jars). Use the ring with two-piece lid.
- Be sure jars are clean on outside!
- **All products must be processed according to recognized safe methods found in the current editions of the USDA *Complete Guide to Home Canning* or the *Ball Blue Book*.**
- All jars, except dried fruits and vegetables, must be labeled as to content, processing method (pressure canner or boiling water bath) and processing time. **ENTRIES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED IF NOT LABELED.**

Sample Label:

Contents:	Green Beans
Processing method:	Pressure Canner
Processing time:	25 minutes

CULINARY ARTS – Department C (Page 21)

- Enter 1/2 cake or bread **ONLY**.
- Place cakes on piece of very heavy cardboard which has been covered with foil or wax paper or use a substantial round paper plate.
- Punch a hole in the cardboard base or plate so an entry tag can be tied through it.
- Place all baked goods in a Clear Airtight Container. (Ziploc bags will be acceptable)
- Entries must be accompanied with a ticket(s) placed on each item(s).
- Entries must be brought in by **Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026 before 10:00am**, but must have been properly entered **before 5:00 pm Tuesday, September 1st, 2026.**
- Baked cake cannot be entered in two categories.

FLOWER SHOW - Department D (Page 22)

- All exhibits must have been grown by exhibitor.
- All entries for Department (D) must be **HAND-CARRIED** into exhibit.
- No hand truck or wheeled plants/flowers will be accepted.
- Cut flowers may be brought to exhibit before **10:00am Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026** but must have been properly entered **before 5:00 pm Tuesday, September 1st, 2026.**

IF AGE 15 OR YOUNGER, PLEASE USE THE JUNIOR ENTRY FORM, ON PAGE 29.