

HOMEMAKING DIVISION RULES

1. All general rules and regulations of the Jim Wells County Fair Association will apply.

2. No entry fee will be charged for placing exhibits in the fair; however, all youth entries must be a member of 4-H, FFA, FCCLA or an organized club and must sell one (1) fair membership. All adult (19-59) entries must be a member of the Jim Wells County Fair Association. The Senior Citizen division is open to any county resident 60 years of age or over.

Age Groups:

Group 1	PeeWee (age as of September 1 st) Kinder-2 nd Grade , 5-8 years of age
Group 2	Junior (age as of September 1 st) 9 or 3 rd Grade, 8-10 years
Group 3	Intermediate (age as of September 1 st) 11-13 years
Group 4	Senior (age as of September 1 st) 14-18 years
Group 5	Adult - 19-59 years
Group 6	Senior Citizen - 60 years or over

3. All entries **MUST** be the complete work of the exhibitor and completed within one (1) calendar year of the previous fair. All entries must be undamaged and clean. Unfinished entries will not be accepted.

4. Any entry which has been entered and judged previously in the Jim Wells County Fair, cannot be exhibited or judged again.

5. Participants may enter as many entries in any given division, but only one (1) per class

6. Entries that do not follow the Homemaking Division Rules will be disqualified. Disqualifications may occur during judging. Acceptance of an entry at check-in is not an acknowledgement that an entry meets all Homemaking Division Rules. The Superintendent of each department has the authority to reject unworthy exhibits or items not packaged according to division rules or reclassify any articles. No food item requiring refrigeration will be accepted.

7. All entries must be pre-registered to be eligible for judging. Registration of entries must have the exact description of each entry. All entry forms will be available from the Jim Wells County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office and must be returned by the 1st Friday of September-no later than 4:30 p.m. No late entries will be accepted. Entry forms must be complete; no entries can be filled out at the Extension office.

8. Entries to the Jim Wells County Fair will be taken to the Woman's Building on Monday, October 20, 2025 between 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. No late arrivals will be accepted. All index cards for entries must be completed and placed with entry before checking in with the department superintendent. Food items must have a copy of the recipe without participant's name included with the item. Pre-registration description must match with item turned in. No one (including superintendent and judge) is allowed to transfer or change title of entry or division or class after entry is checked in.

9. Judging will take place on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Only the judges, superintendents, appointed tabulators and Extension office staff will be allowed during judging. Superintendents will not be the final tabulators.

10. In each division a class will be established when there are at least three (3) similar pre-registered entries. If there are fewer than three (3) entries, the entry will be placed in the next closest appropriate category or placed in a miscellaneous category.

11. Entries will be judged and given ribbons according to scores received. Ribbons are awarded on the basis of Blue, 90-100; Red, 80-89; White, 70-79. Any score below 69 is rejected. There will be Class Champion Ribbons awarded in each Class when there are three (3) or more entries. A Blue Ribbon or Class Champion Ribbon is required for Division Champion Ribbon. The Jim Wells County Fair Association will award Division Champion Ribbons to Pee-Wee entries.

12. Only those entries receiving ribbons will remain on display until Saturday, October 25, 2025. Only a portion of the cakes and pies will be displayed and remaining must be redeemed from the Woman's Building after judging between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 21, 2025. Other items, which may be removed on Tuesday, are entries that did not receive ribbons, rejected items or disqualifications.

13. A Grand Champion Sweepstake Rosette and Plaque will be awarded to the individual with the greatest number of points in each

age group: Pee-Wee, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Adult, and Senior Citizen. Points will be tabulated from their judging results, Class Ribbons and Division Champions. Class Ribbons count for 5 points and Division Champion Ribbons count for 10 points. In case of a tie, the individual with the most ribbons will be the winner. All age division runner-ups will receive a Reserve Plaque and Reserve Champion Ribbon. The Sweepstakes Awards will be presented at the Parade-of-Champions on Saturday, October 25, 2025. The Grand Champion Sweepstakes Award may only be awarded to the same individual two (2) consecutive years in any age group.

14. Persons interested in buying items may contact the owner.

15. All entries to be picked up on Saturday, October 25, 2025. Between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. After Saturday, unclaimed items with the exception of food entries will be donated to local charitable organizations. The Homemaking Division will not be responsible for unclaimed items.

16. Any protest must be lodged immediately, with a \$250.00 deposit to the Homemaking Division Superintendent. The \$250.00 will be forfeited if protest is not upheld. Protest Committee will consist of Homemaking Division Superintendent, the entry's Division Superintendent and Fair Board President. Judges decision will be final