

**General Rules for the Middle Kingdom Arts and Sciences Faire
- Regional and Kingdom Level**

1. The Middle Kingdom Arts & Sciences Faire is open to everyone.
2. All entries must represent pre-seventeenth century culture.
3. In order to be eligible for participation, an entry:
 - Must have been completed (but not necessarily started) within the previous two years.
 - May not have been entered in any previous year's Regional or Kingdom-level Faire. An entry may have been entered in any other competition, show or display either in or outside the Middle Kingdom.
 - Must comply with the General Rules for the Faire as well as the particular category rules under which the entry is placed and any other rules for the specific A&S season declared by the KMOAS.
4. Participants and judges are required to register in advance for Regional and Kingdom Faires. Entrants not pre-registered for a Faire 7 days before the Faire may not be allowed to participate. Persons wishing to judge are asked to register at least 5 days before the fair.
 - The Judges Coordinator, RMOAS, Faire Coordinator, or KMOAS may choose to allow fill-in judges on the day of the Faire, at their discretion.
 - ***Entrants or judges who are "no-shows" - fail to give advance notice to the Judges Coordinator directly (by phone or email) that they will not be attending a Faire for which they registered, with the exception of immediate emergency situations - will be denied participation in subsequent Faires during that season.***
 - The judges will be tentatively assigned entries to judge 2 days before the Faire. There may be changes on the day of the Faire to those assignments.
5. Entrants may submit their Individual entry for critique and advancement to Kingdom Faire in any Regional Faire (i.e. Midlands, Constellation, Pentamere, North Oaken, South Oaken). Entrants may submit their Divisional for critique and advancement to Kingdom Finals in any Regional Faire. (i.e. Midlands, Constellation, Pentamere, North Oaken, South Oaken). Entrants must submit their Pentathlon in their home Region only.
6. Entrants are limited to no more than 5 entries in any one Faire (including Kingdom). A Divisional Entrant can only enter 2 additional individual entries (5 total) in that Faire. A Pentathlon Entrant can only enter their Pentathlon entries (5 total) in that Faire
7. Each entrant is allowed only to enter one Divisional in each Regional Faire consisting of no more than three entries. Divisional entries must be in one Division and must be in at least 2 different categories. The entries must be identified as part of Divisional entry when registered.

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8. Each entrant will be allowed only one Pentathlon entry consisting of no more than five entries. A Pentathlon must have entries in 5 different categories drawn from at least 4 separate Divisions. The entries must be identified as a Pentathlon entry when registered.
9. The entrant's name, an entry number, Division and Category must appear on a sheet of paper placed with the entry.
10. Face-to-face judging is the default judging method at Regional and Kingdom levels. Judging "No Face to Face" (no face-to-face, just item and any written supporting evidence is entered) or Judging "For comment only" must be registered at the time the entrant registers (any changes to this must be approved by RMOAS or KMOAS). If an entrant is unable to attend but wishes the item fully judged, the entrant should mark "No Face to Face". Judges will provide scores unless "For comment only" is selected by the entrant.
11. Each entry must be accompanied by Supporting Evidence.
 - It is strongly suggested that three expendable copies of written Supporting Evidence are included.
 - In the case of a verbal-only presentation of Supporting Evidence, the entrant is strongly advised to provide at least a typed outline or source list for judges to retain while filling out score sheets.
 - It is strongly recommended the entrant's name and a description or picture of the piece be on the written Supported Evidence.
 - It is strongly recommended that once an entry number has been assigned to an entry, the participant should record that entry number on all copies of the entry's Supporting Evidence.
12. The amount and style of Supporting Evidence provided are at the participant's discretion. Supporting Evidence includes all information given in writing, as well as verbally.
13. A participant must do their own research; however, the participant may have help in preparing the written Supporting Evidence, provided that such assistance is indicated on the written Supporting Evidence
14. Entries must be physically present the day of the Regional or Kingdom level Faire unless identified as "mail-in entry" in the criteria or registered as "No Face to Face." Performance and Demonstration entries must be live unless other arrangements have been approved by the Faire Coordinator or KMOAS in advance.
15. Entries for mail-in categories must be completed and postmarked (if physically mailed) or emailed to the Faire Coordinator by midnight 28 days prior to Faire being entered for consideration in the current Faire Season.

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16. Substitutions of modern alternatives for products derived from endangered plant, animal, and insect species, materials that may be toxic or hazardous, or which are prohibitively expensive, will not be penalized.
17. If an entrant chooses to change the design of a period design because part of the image is identified in current time and culture as a hate symbol, then there is no penalty to the entrant. Examples are “hanging noose” or “swastika”.
18. Materials used in the creation of entries may be modern if they resemble period materials. An entrant may procure period materials, such as handwoven, naturally dyed cloth, from another source. An entrant is not required to produce their own period materials in order to make their entry.
19. Entries produced from kits are not eligible. The use of templates is permitted.
20. Entries should not be penalized for reasonable wear.
21. The entry’s Scope will be evaluated within the entry’s time period, culture, and item type. That is, the judge will not assume that the earlier S.C.A. Period works are automatically less complex in Scope while later S.C.A. period works are more complex in Scope. Judges will judge entries by the Criteria, but using standards and norms for the specific form presented in the entry. Example: narrow, band-type weaving should be judged using the standards and norms for that form and not using the standards for more complicated large-format loom styles.
22. A group submission may be entered in any category, one entrant must act as “spokesperson” for the entry. An individual may enter a group project for individual critique only if their work is clearly distinguishable.
23. Any entrant who has an entry that cannot be presented inside on a 3’ x 3’ table in 20 minutes or less should contact the Regional or KMOAS at least four weeks before that Faire to determine if there are suitable facilities for presenting the entry.
24. Any beverage, foodstuff, or herbal entry must contain an ingredients list if intended for tasting and/or ingestion (including skin absorption). Any beverage, foodstuff, or herbal entry must conform to the Prohibited and Restricted Herbs list if intended for tasting and/or ingestion (including skin absorption). Any herb used in an entry must be listed in the Supporting Evidence by its common English name and its Latin botanical name.
25. Brewing and Vinting judges and those tasting the entry must be age 21 years or older. Brewing and Vinting judges must be able to supply a state or federally issued photo identification which provides proof of age.

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26. If appropriate, an entry may be cross-entered in only one other category. A separate set of Supporting Evidence must be submitted for the cross-entry. Any entry that is entered as a suite of items may not be broken up into individual components to cross enter into other categories. The entry may be cross-entered as a suite into only one other category.
27. Entries will be judged using the criteria. Criteria are currently found on the Kingdom website in the Document Library: <https://library.midrealm.org/kmoas/asfaire/> until the new website is up. Judges will follow the Middle Kingdom Arts and Sciences Faire Judging Criteria when judging entries. If the judge or entrant disagrees with the criteria, they may submit their comments in writing to the Criteria Deputy to be used in future revisions of the Criteria, however the criteria, as written at the time of the Faire, will be used for the purposes of judging in the current Faire season.
28. Judges may use 0.5 but no other fractional increments in scoring.
29. Tally room uses the full rounding number cut off 2 digits behind the decimal point. Example: So 3.14 is a possible score in Scope and Skill. While 29.12 is possible overall average Score for an Entry. Both Pentathlon Entry(Average of 5 entries) and Division Entry (Average of 3 entries) also uses the full rounding number cut off 2 digits behind the decimal point.
30. An entry's score will be the average of the scores given to it by the judges in that category. Pentathlon Entry's total score will be the average of the entry scores of 5 entries. Division Entry's total score will be the average of the entry scores of 3 entries.
31. The Regional and Kingdom-level Faires will operate on the honor system. Any person who deliberately submits false information or claims works which have not been done by them (with the Supporting Evidence exception detail in rule #13), will have all entries disqualified and will be barred from participation the following year, as well.
32. If a judge suspects plagiarism, the judge is not to discuss this with the entrant. The judge must stop judging immediately and find the highest-ranking A&S officer at the Faire (RMOAS or KMOAS) or the Faire Coordinator and describe the issue. The entry's judging will be temporarily suspended from the Faire until a determination is made by RMOAS or KMOAS. If an entrant is shown to have committed plagiarism, the entrant and all of their entries are disqualified, and the entrant is barred from entry in the current and next year Midrealm A&S Regional and Kingdom Faires. Please see the Guideline on Plagiarism for additional details.

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33. All entries that must be redone, such as performances and cooking should be created the same as faithfully as possible at Regional and Kingdom Faires unless the modification is noted at the end of the Supporting Evidence noting changes and reasoning. Entries may be modified between the Regional and Kingdom-level Faires, but this modification must be noted with a written paragraph at the end of the Supporting Evidence noting changes and reasoning. The original entry (or images of it) present at judging. Supporting Evidence may be enhanced between the Regional and Kingdom-level Faires to include new information or to incorporate comments and information from the Regional-level judges.
34. Any entrant at a Regional Faire may appeal to the Regional MOAS for a rejudging of a piece. At a Kingdom Faire, any entrant may appeal to the KMOAS for a rejudging. If rejudging is requested, the new scores are final.
35. All entrants and judges should review and update their contact information and judge's preferred categories in A&S Faire database on the website. The phone number provided should be a cell phone that is used during travel, as this is the number that will be used to try and contact you prior to removal from the day's activities. The email will be used to contact you with information and changes regarding the Faire. The judges preferred categories are part of how the Judges Coordinator, Faire Coordinator, RMOAS, and KMOAS select people to judge each entry.
36. All entrants will receive their written comments and scores at the end of the event at which they are judged. If there are questions or concerns regarding the face-to-face verbal comments, then please raise the issue RMOAS or KMOAS as soon as possible. If there are questions regarding written comments and scores, please let the Regional MOAS at the Regional Faires or the Kingdom MOAS at the Kingdom Faires know within one hour after the scores are handed out. After that day, the entrant would then need to email the Regional MOAS or Kingdom MOAS with a copy of all score sheets and their issue(s) or concern(s). All questions or concerns regarding what transpired at the Regional Faires should be sent in two weeks prior to the Kingdom Faire. All questions or concerns about the Kingdom Faire should be sent within one month of the Kingdom Faire.
37. If someone submits less than three entries at a Faire, they should strongly consider signing up to judge at that Faire. Judging assignments for people who are also entrants are balanced around your entry judging slot.

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38. Shadow Judges are people who are training to be judges. They submit scores and comments but these are not averaged into the scores of the entry and the entrant will not receive those scores or comments. If a person is wishing to judge as a shadow judge, they need to register as shadow judge in the system. The Judges Coordinator will decide when the person is ready to judge, rather than continue in training. The Judges Coordinator will assign the shadow judge to judge at least one entry before advancing them to full judge status. The Judges Educator will provide feedback to the shadow judge before they go on to judge on their own.
39. Entrants and judges should plan to arrive 1 and a half hours before judging starts (Judging normally starts at noon local time). If they will be late, they must notify the Judges Coordinator or RMOAS before 10:00 am local time or they may be removed from judging at the Faire.
40. Entrants and judges will need to sign in at the A&S Faire Entry Table. They will be provided with the time and place of the required "Entrants and Judges meeting" (it is usually 11:00 am local time). The entrant will get their entry numbers and where to place their entries. Entrants are encouraged to set up the display of their entries before the "Entrants and Judges meeting"
41. Entrants and Judges are should attend of "Entrants and Judges meeting." Shadow judges should attend, as well. The beginning will go over how to judge and rules of the Fair. Judges will get their assignments.
42. A "track" number is where the entries are located. The "hour" number (i.e. 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5) are the time slots for entrants to present their entries and the judges to judge the entry.
43. Immediately following the "Entrants and Judges meeting", if the judges have concerns about their judging assignments, they contact the Judges Coordinator. There is absolutely NO changing Judging Assignments without approval from the Judges Coordinator, Faire Coordinator, or RMOAS/KMOAS. Immediately following the "Entrants and Judges meeting", if an entrant has concerns regarding the judges assigned to their entry assignment, then they contact the RMOAS/KMOAS at the Regional/Kingdom Faire.
44. There will be 3 judges for each entry. If you are missing a judge, contact the Judges Coordinator or RMOAS/KMOAS.

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45. The judges will read any written Supporting Evidence and look at your entry for approximately 20 minutes. During this time, the judges will probably not talk to the entrant. Then the entrant presents their entry and any verbal Supporting Evidence for about 10-15 minutes. Then the judges ask questions and give constructive criticism for about 5-10 minutes. The judges might ask the entrant to leave or they may excuse themselves at that time and they will use the next 20 minutes to write out comments and give scores.
46. The Judges must provide written comments or have written reminders of the criticisms that were given verbally on all sections of the score sheets including scope and skill. The judges must have written scores (unless the entry is comment only) on the Score Sheets.
47. The entrant will be given the written scores and comments (or have written reminders of the criticism that was given verbally) at a meeting/court following the judging of all entries for that particular Faire. The meeting/court is the first time you can pick up those score sheets. If you are not there, you can ask someone to pick them up or we will email copies of your score sheets with 3 days of the end of the Faire.
48. Entrants need to leave their entries up for at least ½ hour after the last judging is complete. (The usual time for putting away entries)
49. Judges are asked to stay within the Faire area for at least an hour after they turn in their last judging sheet to the Tally Room in case there are questions. If a judge must depart early, contact the Judges Coordinator/Faire Coordinator to provide contact information if questions arise.
50. If there are concerns about the judging, the JudgesCoordinator or the Minister of Arts and Science will talk to you or the group of judges. Most of the time they are just calibrating scoring or seeking to understand your thoughts or clarifying written comments or scores.
51. Every score sheet will be read by two individuals in the Tally Room for clarity and tact. The scores are averaged and entered into the A&S Faire system. Then the results are given to RMOAS/KMOAS.
52. The RMOAS/KMOAS is in charge of Faire.
53. The Individual entries in each Division at each Faire with the highest scores will be announced as the Champion in each of those Divisions. This excludes entries associated with Pentathlon Champion and the top two Divisional entries in the fair.
54. If the individual entry has a score of 24 or above, then they are eligible to compete in the Kingdom Faire. If the entrant is unable to attend, they can send the entry in as a "No Face to Face."

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55. At each Region Faire, There is a possibility of five Divisional Champions, one in each division, The top-scoring Divisional entry will be named the Divisional Champion of that Division in that Regional. All three entries must meet the minimum average score requirement of 24.
56. However, The top two Divisional entries (regardless of Division) advance to the Kingdom Faire. Divisional entries must have an average score of 24 or higher to go to Kingdom. If the entrant cannot attend, they may send their Divisional entry in as a “No Face to Face.” If there are Divisional entries that tie with the average score cut off 2 digits behind the decimal point, then all tying Divisional entries will advance to the Kingdom Faire. Example: If one Divisional entry has 26.553, another Divisional entry has 22.557, and a third has 22.556. All three Divisional entries will advance to Kingdom Faire.
57. A Divisional entry that did not qualify for the Kingdom Faire, may have its component entries converted to individual entries advancement to the Kingdom Faire, provided that those entries have an average score of 24 or higher.
58. The top-scoring Pentathlon from each Region will be named the Pentathlon Champion, and advance to the Kingdom Faire. All five entries must have an average score of 19 or better. Only Regional Pentathlon Champions will qualify to enter Kingdom Pentathlon. If Regional Pentathlon Champion cannot attend the Kingdom Pentathlon, they may send their pentathlon in with “No Face to Face.” If there is a tie between Pentathlon entries with the average score cut off 2 digits behind the decimal point, both the tying Pentathlons are Pentathlon Champions. Both Pentathlon Champions will advance to the Kingdom Faire. Example: One Pentathlon has 22.553 and the other Pentathlon has 22.557. Both will be Regional Champions and both will advance to Kingdom Faire.
59. If a Pentathlon entry that did not qualify for the Kingdom Faire, it may have its component entries changed to individual entries which can advance to the Kingdom Faire provided they meet the individual score requirement of 24.
60. The Kingdom Faire Registration will open 1 week after the final Regional Faire. ALL ENTRANTS WILL NEED TO REGISTER ALL ELIGIBLE ENTRIES again for the Kingdom Faire before the deadline (14 days before the Kingdom Faire).
61. At the Kingdom Faire, The top three individual entries in each Division will be announced as 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, provided that all entries meet the minimum average score requirement of 24
62. At the Kingdom Faire, the top-scoring Divisional entry in each Division will be announced as the Kingdom Divisional Champion for each Division, provided that all entries meet the minimum average score requirement of 24.

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63. At the Kingdom Faire, the Pentathlon entries will be announced in order of lowest score to highest score, with the highest score being announced as the Kingdom Pentathlon Champion, provided that all entries meet the minimum average score requirement of 19.

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