

## HOME ECONOMICS 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, FCCLA or an organized club and must sell one fair membership. All adult (19-59) entries must be a member of the Jim Wells County Fair Association. The senior citizens division is open to any county resident 60 or over, free.

### Age Groups are:

<b>Group 1</b>	Pre 4-H (age as of September 1 <sup>st</sup> ) - 6-8 years
<b>Group 2</b>	Sub-Youth (age as of September 1 <sup>st</sup> ) - 9 years or 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade-10 years
<b>Group 3</b>	Youth (age as of September 1 <sup>st</sup> ) - 11-13 years
<b>Group 4</b>	Young Adult (age as of September 1 <sup>st</sup> ) - 14-18 years
<b>Group 5</b>	Adult - 19-59 years
<b>Group 6</b>	Senior Citizen - 60 or over

3. All articles must be the complete work of the exhibitor and completed since the last fair in October of 2010. All articles must be undamaged and clean. Unfinished articles will not be accepted. The superintendent of each department has the authority to reject unworthy exhibits or items not packaged according to division rules or reclassify any articles. Any item in clothing, textiles, crafts, scrapbook and yearbook must be in separate disposable plastic bags. Food items must be in zip lock bags.

4. Any article, 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. Example: Division cakes; class 1 Angel Food.

6. All articles must be pre-registered to be eligible for judging. All entry blanks will be available at the Extension agent's office and must be returned by Friday, September 9, 2011, by 5:00 p.m. to the same office. No late entries will be accepted.

7. All entries in the Home Economics Division are to be entered with the department superintendent on Monday between 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., no later. Judging will be done on Tuesday, October 18, 2011, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

8. 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 70 is rejected. There will be Class Ribbons awarded in each Class when there are three (3) or more items. A blue ribbon or class champion ribbon is required for Division Champion. The Jim Wells County Fair Association will award division Champion ribbons to Pre 4-H.

9. Only those entries receiving ribbons will remain on display until Saturday. A portion of the cakes and pies will be displayed and remaining must be redeemed from the department superintendent between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 18. Other items, which may be removed on Tuesday, are entries that did not receive ribbons and rejected items.

10. In each division a class will be established when there are at least three (3) similar pre-registered entries. Example: If three jars of pickled peppers are entered, they will be judged as a class and not as miscellaneous.

11. A Sweepstake Rosette and Plaque will be awarded to the individual with the greatest number of points in each age group: Sub-Youth, Youth, Young Adult, Adult and Senior Citizen. Points will be tabulated from their Class Ribbons and Division Champion Ribbons. Class ribbons will count for 5 points and division champion ribbons will count 10 points. In case of a tie, the individual with the most total 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 22, 2011. Pre 4-H sweepstake winners will receive ribbons and plaques from the Jim Wells County Fair Association. Grand Champion Sweepstakes Award may only be awarded to the same individual two consecutive years in any age group.

12. All exhibitors in the Home Economics Division are responsible for the safety of their items.

13. Any pre-registered items brought to the Home Economics Building after the time deadline will be penalized 5 points.

14. Attention clothing, scrapbook and yearbook entries. Please check entry form. You must state how items are to be judged.

15. All items must be picked up on Saturday, October 22, between 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

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

17. No food items requiring refrigeration will be accepted.

18. Any protest must be lodged immediately, with a \$100.00 deposit to the Home Economic Building superintendent. The \$100.00 will be forfeited if protest is not upheld. Protest Committee will consist of Building Superintendent, Division Superintendent and Fair Board President. Judges decision will be final.