

Rules for Middle Kingdom Arts and Science Faire Judges

1. A judge may not enter and judge the same category in the same district. A judge may enter in the category in one district and judge in another.
2. Since entries are to be as anonymous as possible, the judge should not reveal the identity of an entrant in any way. The judge should also not permit the knowledge of the identity of the entrant to color their judging.
3. Face-to-face judging is permitted only at the district level. The entrant and all judges must agree to face-to-face judging before any anonymity is removed.
4. All judges must follow the Middle Kingdom Arts and Sciences Faire Judging Criteria when judging entries. If the judge disagrees with the Criteria, they may submit their comments in writing to the Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences to be used in future revisions of the Criteria.
5. Judges must read the documentation with the entry carefully. The judges should also check the back of the entry ticket for possible documentation.
6. Judges must not rank the entries within a category. All entries are judged against the Criteria.
7. Judges are invited to confer with one another while evaluating an entry. Judges should not confer while scoring and writing critiques.
8. Judges may use 0.5 but no other fractions in scoring.
9. If an entry exhibits the aspects of two scores, for example between 2 and 4 points, the judge is encouraged to award the median score.
10. Judges must not deduct points for reasonable wear on an entry unless the wear is due to poor construction.
11. Judges will phrase all critiques in a positive manner and are strongly encouraged to write critiques under each section of the scoring sheet. Be sure to write legibly and read the critique carefully before turning in the score sheet.
12. All score sheets must include the judge's S.C.A. name, regular name, address, e-mail (if applicable) and telephone number (if desired). All information on the score sheet must be legible.
13. All completed score sheets will be turned into the official faire runner or left in a designated location.
14. Performance, Costume and Armor judges will have one half hour to complete judging each entry in their respective categories. The entries in these categories are scheduled by the District or Kingdom MOAS or their designate.
15. The judges will evaluate the entry's Scope within the entry's time period. That is, the judge will not assume that earlier S.C.A. period (600 - 1100 c.e.) works are automatically simple in Scope while later S.C.A. period (1400 - 1600 c.e.) works are automatically difficult in Scope.
16. Judges should register with the Judge's Coordinator and notify the Judge's Coordinator of any address changes.
17. Brewing and Vinting judges must be age 21 years and older. Brewing and Vinting judges must be able to supply a photo identification which provides proof of age.