

2019 Alberta 55 plus Winter Games – Cold Lake
DESCRIPTION OF CRAFTS CATEGORIES

(Participants may enter one article (or set) in each event/category)

The top TWO articles (or sets) in each event/category will be forwarded to the Provincial Winter Games from each zone competition. *Please ensure that all guidelines, size limitations, and materials specifications are adhered to for each event/category. Failure to do so may result in disqualification of the entry. Please note: only 4 entries per participant can advance to the Provincial Games in Culture, which includes Creative writing and Crafts.*

1. Hand Knitted Article (Clothing)
 - infants wear, children's and adult clothing, gloves, socks, slippers, shawl, hat, sleeveless vest (single item, or two- or three-piece layette or set)
2. Hand Knit Article (Large, Flat, Yarn or Cotton – Minimum size: 24 inches)
 - afghan, tablecloth, bedspread
3. Crocheted Article (Small, Flat, Yarn or Cotton– maximum size: 56 inches)
 - crib blankets, small afghans, tablecloths, dollies
4. Crocheted Article (Clothing or doll clothes)
 - e.g. infants', children's and adult clothing, gloves, socks, slippers, shawl, hat, sleeveless vest (single item, or two- or three-piece layette or set); doll clothes, may be lightly starched)
5. Crocheted Article (Non-clothing)
 - e.g. doily, runner, (may be lightly starched)
6. Counted Cross Stitch
 - patterns with colour stamped backgrounds may not be used; the portion of the image that is the pattern must contain at least 75% full cross-stitching (i.e. max. of 25% half cross-stitch allowed)
 - cross stitch pictures or wall hangings must be framed, wired for hanging, and no larger than 36 inches x 36 inches (including frame). (*The hanging wire must be placed across the back of the frame and fastened on each side with a small "eye screw"; wire ends should be finished with masking tape so that the frayed ends of the wire do not injure those hanging the picture.*)
7. Miscellaneous Needlework
 - Includes Petit Point, Needlepoint, Ethnic Needlework and Embroidery
 - Ethnic Needlework includes Ukrainian, Japanese Bunka, and Brazilian Embroidery
 - any item embroidered with thread or ribbon, excluding Counted Cross-Stitch (patterns with colour-stamped backgrounds may not be used)
 - Note: colored, stamped backgrounds may be used for needlepoint.
 - embroidery pictures or wall hangings must be framed, wired for hanging. (The hanging wire must be placed across the back of the frame and fastened on each side with a small "eye screw"; wire ends should be finished with masking tape so that the frayed ends of the wire do not injure those hanging the picture.)
8. Quilted Holiday Crafts – smaller quilted crafts of all types related to all major holidays such as Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving
9. Hand Quilt (Individual)
 - no smaller than 40 inches x 40 inches (crib size) and no larger than 104 inches x 104 inches (measurements are for total quilt, including border)
10. Machine Quilt - Applique Design (Individual)
 - no larger than 40 inches x 40 inches (measurements are for total quilt, including border)
11. Machine Quilt – Patchwork Design (Individual)
 - no smaller than 40" X 40" and no larger than 104" X 104", including border.

12. Longarm or Commercial Quilted (Individual)
 - Self done or professionally finished.
 - no smaller than 40"x40" and no larger than 104"x104" including border.
13. Quilted Small Articles (Hand or Machine Quilting)
 - e.g. clothing, wall hangings, runners
14. Holiday Crafts – all types of crafts related to all major holidays such as Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving (excluding quilted holiday crafts)
15. Soft Toys and Dolls (may be unsuitable for children)
 - must be handmade with needlecraft material or fur(knitted, sewn, crocheted, soft sculpture). Dolls must be fully dressed with handmade clothing.
 - hard or removable articles may be attached (e.g. eyes, buttons). (Entries with attached hard items will not be suitable for children.)
16. Scrapbooking or Card Making
 - scrapbooking to consist of one mounted presentation (12 inches by 12 inches) with a maximum of 2 pages face to face
 - card-making – may include more than one design up to 4 cards mounted in a 12 inch by 12 inch presentation (computer designs may be used)

Re: Woodworking Category (#17)

- **Articles must be approximately 95% wood.**
 - **Completed project size must not be larger than 15 inches x 30 inches x15 inches.**
 - **Metal, leather or fabric may be used for hinges, catches, handles, trim or lining.**
17. Woodworking (Unfinished or Finished, Machined, including Scrollwork)
 - includes wood lathe projects (projects constructed with use of wood lathe and chisels), scrollwork projects, and any projects constructed with the use of basic tools, or portable and stationary power tools (excluding full size, i.e. functional furniture). Submissions may be left in a natural wood state or finished with varnish, paint, shellac, oils, stains.
 18. Decorative & Native Arts – includes bark work, carving animal antlers, moose hair tufting, quill work, and beadwork *on any object except jewelry*. Also includes decorative painting on small objects, other than canvas, e.g. rocks, jars, spoons, etc.
 19. Mixed Media (Crafts)
 - this category is intended to include crafts utilizing more than one medium, e.g. wooden tray with hand-painted or basket woven top.
 - **Fibre Art** – each piece must be an original design – No patterns or kits are allowed. Each piece is prepared for hanging (loops or bars – with instructions if required). Each piece should not exceed 30 inches in width or 48 inches in length. Weaving, quilting and silk painting are most common or a mixed technique of these and other stitching work.
 - Jewelry includes beads, silversmith, leather, wood, rock, feathers, or glass distinguishable as a piece of jewelry. This could be as a set of earrings, necklace, bracelet, rings, pendant, broche but not necessarily as a set, meaning earrings and necklace to match. The setting for the piece of jewelry could be homemade or purchased as a setting for completion. Rope or string can be used to complete the jewelry, such as on a necklace. Gems or pearls not allowed.
 - Entries must not be larger than 36 inches square, including frame, if applicable. **Fibre Art is an exception, see above.** Framed articles must include a wire for hanging placed across the back

- of the frame and fastened on each side with a small “eye screw; wire ends must be finished with masking tape so that the frayed ends of the wire do not injure those hanging the picture.
- Suitability of crafts for this category will be decided at the zone level, but judges at the Provincial Games will have the authority to move entry to a more appropriate category if required.

20. Miscellaneous Crafts

- this category to include crafts not covered in any other category (*e.g. ceramics, pottery*), OR “emerging” or “fad” crafts e.g. crafts made from recycled materials. Suitability of crafts for this category will be decided at the zone level. Entries must not be larger than 36 inches square, including frame, if applicable. Framed articles must include a wire for hanging placed across the back of the frame and fastened on each side with a small “eye screw”; wire ends must be finished with masking tape so that the frayed ends of the wire do not injure those hanging the picture.
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RULES AND "PLAYOFF" INFORMATION

Please read carefully as rules and information may have changed since previous Games.

1. Prior to competing at any playoff level, all participants must obtain current membership (2018 &/or 2019) in Alberta 55 plus. Entries may be submitted to the Crafts competition in the Zone that the member resides in only.
2. **Items must have been completed since Sept, 2016 not previously entered in the Alberta 55 plus zones/Provincial Games, and must be the entrant's own work.** Any person whose full-time work was formerly or is currently involved in the production of item being submitted is **NOT** eligible to participate in that category. Paid instructors in any included craft are **NOT** eligible to participate in the same category.
3. All entries must adhere to the guidelines and specifications for each category regarding size limitations, materials/medium, finishing, framing, etc., or the article will be moved to the correct category or disqualified. Specifications will be checked at the zone level competition, but, if necessary, entries will be moved to another category, or disqualified, at the provincial competition.
4. Entries will be judged according to function, design and craftsmanship, or composition and technique.
5. Judging standards for handicrafts set by Alberta Agriculture, and modified for use by the Alberta 55 plus Games will apply in all categories. Judging Score Sheets based on these standards will be used at the Provincial Crafts competition and wherever possible, at the Zone competitions.
6. At Zone playoffs, each participant may submit one article (or set) in each of the 20 categories. Each competitor must complete one entry form listing all articles being submitted. **Please note that each cultural (this includes Creative Writing and Crafts) participant is entitled to only have 4 articles advance to these Games.**
7. In each Zone **the top two articles in all categories will advance to the Alberta 55 plus Provincial Winter Games.** (Maximum of 40 articles per zone). A handicraft tag must be securely attached to each entry.
8. Articles **MUST** be properly packaged to ensure safe transportation to and from the Alberta 55 plus Provincial Winter Games. Failure to properly package the entry may result in disqualification from the Zone level competition.
9. Zone Contacts will forward qualifying entries with handicraft tags securely attached, copies of participant entry forms, and the zone inventory list to the provincial competition in Cold Lake by **February 22, 2019.**
10. At the Alberta 55 plus Provincial Winter Games – Cold lake, craft articles may be picked up from the display after 10:00 am on the final day of the Games – March 3, 2019 by individuals with the proper claim tag, or arrangements will be made to return items to the zone through the Zone Contact for Crafts (or his/her designate). There will be no exceptions to this rule.
11. At the Provincial Games, gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the top three entries in each category. The decision of the judges is final.

12. **Procedures for Medal Presentations:** Crafts medals will be returned to appropriate Zones following the 2019 Alberta 55 plus Provincial Winter Games, for presentation in the Zone. Cultural Medal Presentations will not be staged at the Provincial Winter Games. Medal winners will be notified of their success by each Zone.
13. Every precaution will be taken in handling and displaying articles. Insurance is the responsibility of the participant. It is understood that in no case shall the Alberta 55 plus Provincial Winter Games, its organizers, directors or employees be held responsible for any loss or damage.
14. Crafts competitors are welcome to make their own arrangements to attend the Games (at their own expense), however, they are not eligible to attend the Games as registered Cultural participants.