

**AHCL**  
**State Cultural Arts**  
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1. Judges shall examine each item individually and thoroughly. The judges shall come to an agreement without undue influence from any one judge or any member.

2. Suggested emphasis for judging:

- 50% workmanship and quality
- 50% made of the following criteria:
  - Appearance and neatness
  - Originality
  - Complexity and difficulty

a. For the art categories:

- Eye appeal
- Skill
- Uniqueness

b. For general crafts:

- Construction and materials
- Difficulty/complexity
- Neatness
- Finishing

c. For stitching categories:

- Workmanship/Quality
- Appearance
- Originality

3. Using the above criteria, the judges shall award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category. Honorable Mention awards shall be given to items that the judges feel should be recognized for one or more areas of emphasis.

4. **Single entries in a category:** If a category has only one entry, that item will be considered a first-place winner and will require no attention from the judges.