



# Maryland Association of Agricultural Fairs & Shows Judging School

## Fall Judging School

Saturday, November 9, 2024  
Maryland State Fairgrounds - Exhibition Hall  
2200 York Road, Timonium, MD 21093

You are invited to attend the Maryland Association of Agricultural Fairs and Shows (MAAFS) Judging School Fall Session. Participants should have some knowledge of the subject area they plan to register for, and are encouraged to bring items to be discussed in the class. Class offerings are on the registration form. Included are the current MAAFS Judging School guidelines, outlining the requirements for Judging School participants.

### Tentative Schedule:

<b>Registration</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Session I</b>	<b>Session II</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Session III</b>	<b>Session IV</b>
8:30–9:00 am	9:00–9:15 am	9:15–10:30 am	10:45–12:00 pm	12:00–12:30 pm	12:45–2:00 pm	2:15–3:30 pm

### Maryland Fairgrounds Information:

The Exhibition Hall is located next to the Horse Show Ring.

From Interstate 83

Take Exit 16A, Timonium Road, East toward Fairgrounds. Cross over the Light Rail tracks to the Fairgrounds entrance on the left. Continue on the Fairgrounds past the Horse Stables and Grandstand on your right and the Administration Building on your left. The Exhibition Hall is between the Administration Building and the Horse Show Ring.

From Interstate 83

Take Exit 17, Padonia Road, East to York Road, continue South on York Road to the Fairgrounds entrance on the right at the Light (North Gate). Continue past the 4-H/Home Arts Building on your right. The Exhibition Hall will be straight ahead and left of the Horse Show Ring.

### Registration:

#### **Deadline – October 26th**

Email contact information and session choices to [maafsjudgingschool@hotmail.com](mailto:maafsjudgingschool@hotmail.com) - please do not mail

### Registration Fee:

**Collected November 9<sup>th</sup>** - please do not mail registration fee

Payment by Cash/Check - \$30 Check made payable to “MAAFS”

### Morning Refreshments/Lunch:

Morning Refreshments/Lunch will be provided. If you have certain dietary restrictions, please bring your own food. Dietary restrictions cannot be accommodated.

We look forward to seeing you November 9<sup>th</sup>.

*Laura and Carrie*

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**Note: Please send one registration form per email**

**Note: Please include the participant's name in the email subject line  
(i.e. – J.Smith Judging School Registration Form)**

**Email Completed Registration Form to: [maafsjudgingschool@hotmail.com](mailto:maafsjudgingschool@hotmail.com)**

**No registration accepted after October 26th**

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please identify your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> choice for each session.** \*If not, you will be assigned a class if needed

*\*Class confirmations sent after registration ends and a few days prior to the Judging School*

*\*Instructors subject to change*

Session I 9:15-10:30am	Session II 10:45-12:00pm	Session III 12:45–2:00pm	Session IV 2:15-3:30pm
___ Baked Goods – Other Cakes & Rolled Cakes Instructor: Abby Glassberg	___ Baked Goods – Yeast Breads Instructor: Donna Hill	___ Baked Goods – <i>Quick Breads</i> Instructor: Donna Hill	___ Food Preservation Instructor: Abby Glassberg
___ Smocking Instructor: Maggie Bunch	___ Needlepoint Instructor: Deb Logsdon	___ Quilting Instructor: Maggie Bunch	___ Rugs Instructor: Kunni Biener
___ Hay Instructor: Les Vough	___ Farm Crops Instructor: Andrew Kness	___ Flower Arrangements Instructor: TBD	___ Crafts Instructor: Amy Andersen

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## Rules and Guidelines for Participants of MAAFS Judging School

### **Purpose**

To train and qualify indoor exhibit judges for local fairs and shows.

### **Objectives**

1. To provide training, using specific criteria, to perform critical analysis that will bring about uniformity and consistency in judging indoor exhibits.
2. To provide training and affirm competence for perspective judges consisting of an Association approved curriculum.
3. To develop a pool of qualified judges.

### **Levels of Judges**

Novice: In the process of completing program requirements in the prescribed curriculum.

Qualified: Having successfully completed judges' training and field experience.

Instructor: Qualified judge who has completed instructor training and conducted one or more judging school classes.

### **Steps to Attain Qualification**

1. Attend judges' training schools.
2. Complete three segments in the same subject area by different instructors. Example ~ 3 separate classes of crafts with different instructors.
3. Provide written permission to be placed on a judges list that is made public.
4. Judge at a minimum of 2 fairs or shows with another judge. (You should not judge alone)
5. Provide documentation to MAAFS Judging School of the dates judged.

*Until all five steps have been completed you will be considered a Novice judge.*

### **Steps to Retain Qualification**

During a two-year period:

1. Judge at a minimum of 2 fairs or shows and provide documentation to MAAFS Judging School.
2. Attend at least 1 class in the qualified subject matter at a MAAFS Judging School.

### **Recognition**

Participant will receive a subject area pin following the receipt of documentation. A form will be provided by Judging School coordinators.

### **Re-certification**

If you do not attend within a 2 year period, you must take 3 refresher classes in each category that you are qualified to judge in.

### **Responsibility**

1. Keep a notebook of handouts from each instructor as a future reference.
2. Keep a list of the classes you have taken.

### **Timeline for Judging School**

Spring~ before fairs and shows begin ~ Saturday

Fall ~ after fairs and shows are over ~ Saturday

### **Why you should not judge at your own fair**

It is recommended that you do not use your own judges, due to a conflict of interest.

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