

## SECTION H - CHRISTMAS TREES

### Instructions:

1. All trees must arrive Saturday, **August 17, 2024**, time 11AM to 3PM. Trees will be judged the same day.
2. All trees must be plantation grown and must be from 5' to 8' in height from the bottom of the handle to the tip of the leader.
3. All trees must be sheared.
4. All growers who enter the National contest "shall be 'Members in Good Standing' of the NCTA and their respective affiliated chartered Association **at the time of affiliated/state contest** to be eligible to enter the NCTA contest." NCTA membership must be active prior to the state contest to maintain eligibility for the National contest. It is no longer permissible to compete in the National contest by joining NCTA right before the National contest.
5. Stands will be provided. You do not have to return at close of the fair for your tree. Fair personnel and section superintendent will dispose of the exhibit.
6. Exhibitors are limited to one (1) entry per class.
7. The Fair is not responsible for lost or damaged items.
8. Classes for competition:

- H1 Douglas Fir
- H2 Fraser Fir
- H3 Canaan Fir
- H4 Concolor Fir
- H5 Other Fir
- H6 Blue Spruce
- H7 Other Spruce
- H8 White Pine
- H9 Other Pine
  
- H10 Grand Champion (DO NOT ENTER)
- H11 Reserve Grand Champion (DO NOT ENTER)



### 7. Premiums Offered

\$125	Grand Champion
\$115	Reserve Grand Champion
\$100	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
\$90	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
\$80	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
\$70	4 <sup>th</sup> Place

8. First time exhibitors will receive 50% bonus on one entry.
9. Trees will be individually scored and ranked within the classes using the following guidelines:

<p>Foliage Condition in regards to insect and disease</p> <p>26 to 50 - Light, no damage 1 to 25 - Medium 0 - Heavy</p> <p>Foliage Density</p> <p>26 to 50 - Medium to Heavy 0 to 25 - Light</p> <p>Foliage Freshness</p> <p>1 to 25 - Fresh 0 - Dry</p> <p>Handle</p> <p>16 to 25 - Not less than 6" 1 to 15 - or more than 1 3/4 " for each foot of tree (USD Grades (4/1/73) 0 - No Handle</p>	<p>Taper</p> <p>26 to 50 – for 40%- 90% 1 to 25 – for 90% plus 0 - for 0% - 40%</p> <p>Top</p> <p>26 to 50 - Right length 1 to 25 - Needleness 1 to 25 - Too long 1 to 25 - Too short 0 - Multi-top</p> <p>Merchantability</p> <p>26 to 50 - Good 11 to 25 - Average 0 to 10 - Low</p> <p>26 to 50 - 4 faces US premium 11 to 25 - 3 faces US premium 1 to 10 - 2 adjacent faces US grade or better</p>
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