

About The Handmade Knife Judging
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The following rules are in effect for the 2018 Oregon Knife Show Handmade Knife Competition.

The categories for the custom knife competition are : **ART KNIFE - BOWIE KNIFE - DAMASCUS - FIGHTING KNIFE - FOLDING KNIFE - HAND FORGED - HUNTER/UTILITY - MINIATURE - SCRIMSHAW - KUKRI -NEW MAKER**



- 1) Knives can be submitted and accepted only from table-holders at the 2018 OKCA Show. The exception is the New Maker category and the Kukri category which can be entered by any OKCA member. A “New Maker” is one who has never entered any competition, anywhere, ever.
- 2) The maker must personally submit the knife and identify himself as the maker of the submitted knife.
- 3) The Oregon Knife Collectors shall not be held liable in any way for the submitted knife after it has been turned over to the Oregon Knife Collectors Association.
- 4) If there is a question by the judges as to the class/division/category into which the knife is submitted for judging, that knife may be ineligible for that class/division/category. The judges, at their discretion, may change that knife to a more suitable category.
- 5) The submitted knife must have been made after April 15, 2017 and never previously received an award to be eligible for competition, .
- 6) Knives submitted will have their marks covered and will be numbered. Cover material will be provided if you do not have any. **You will be asked to cover your mark on your own knife. This must be done before you submit it for judging.**
- 7) Awards will be announced Friday afternoon about 5:00PM. Winners knives will be kept for display until 6:00PM. All other knives will be returned after judging is completed. The winners will also be announced at the Saturday Nite Awards Presentation.
- 8) The submitted knives must be 88% made by the knifemaker who submits the knife for judging. Disclosure of the other 12% must be noted.
- 9) Damascus knives can be placed in any category, except hand forged. Hand forged knives can be placed in any category, except Damascus. A knife can only be entered into one category.
- 10) There must be at least three knives, or submittals, in a category before that category will be eligible for an award.

11) A new category this year will be Scrimshaw. The artwork must be on a knife. It must be submitted by the scrimshander and be original artwork. The knife does not need to have been made by the scrimshander.

12) Knives for the **Custom Knife Competition** will be accepted in **Meeting Room #3** during the hours of **1:00PM to 2:00PM Friday - April 06, 2018**. The cut off time will be **2:00** sharp if you get the point.

Any violation of these rules will make the knife and the maker ineligible for awards. Any infraction identified after the awarding will result in forfeiture of the award. It will be the responsibility of the knifemaker to abide by these rules. The Show Chairman shall be the absolute decision maker on any conflicts or questions should it become necessary.

FAQ

Why do I have to cover my logo? (Answer) To keep the judging fair and not distract the judges and also to have somewhere to put the contest number. We realize that some makers have a very distinctive style, but this is the most equitable way we have found.

How many knives can I enter? (Answer) One per category.

Who are the judges? (Answer) We aren't telling. It's hard enough to get people to leave their table for an hour or so on Friday without making them justify their decisions. I will say that we have three judges: one local, one a maker and one a collector. They are all highly qualified, and we couldn't have the contest without them.

What time do I enter? (Answer) 1:00PM - 2:00PM on Friday, April 06, 2018.

What time do I get my knife back? (Answer) After the judging is completed, there will be an announcement. We ask that you pick them up as soon as possible. The only exception: If you win, then we will keep them long enough to take pictures and display them.

I'm undecided about which category to enter. (Answer) The judges can change the knife to another category if, in their opinion, it's better suited to a different category.

What about disclosure? (Answer) We are judging knives that were carried from concept through finished product by one person. We realize that this isn't always possible, but we also expect you to tell us what you did not do to the knife. We do not want a knife made by committee.

What about cheating? (Answer) We work on the honor system. If you cheat, your fellow makers will know; and you will know.

In the event of a question not answered, the Show Chairman will be the last word.