

NORTHCOAST KNITTING GUILD STANDING RULES

1. An auditing committee consisting of three (3) members is to be appointed by the President in April; their report is to be adopted at the June meeting. (Adopted September 14, 1992, revised May 12, 2003)

2. All funds of this organization shall be kept in a checking account in the name of NORTHCOAST KNITTING GUILD at Fifth Third Bank (Northeastern Ohio), 1404 East Ninth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44114, or at any branch office. Account Number 0037921508. The Treasurer, with the written consent of the Board, may close this account and open a checking account (i) at Fifth Third Bank with better terms, (ii) or at a different financial institution. (Revised September 10, 2013)

3. Procedures for Member Competition:
(Revised September 12, 2005 and September 10, 2007 added finishing to Submission Rule #1. Revised April 12, 2016 to update Submission Rules & Knitting Categories including adding New Guild Member category. Revised 2-12-2019 to update the Knitting Categories to add hats to #4.c., the Accessories category; add Toys and Service Projects as two separate categories; deleted toys from the "Other" category; and eliminated the restriction of overall and individual number of entries for #4.g., the Service Projects category.)

MEMBER COMPETITION RULES

Competition Submission Rules

1. All entries must be knitted and finished by the entrant. (Revised April 12, 2016)
2. There is no time limit as to when the piece was finished.
3. Bring your item in a bag, labeled with your name and the appropriate competition category (see below). If you use sewn-in name labels, cover your name.
4. Each member may enter a maximum of three (3) items in the Competition. No more than one (1) of those items may be entered in the same category. (Revised April 12, 2016) The Service Projects category is not subject to the maximum number of entries entered in the Competition and the maximum number of entries in a category. (Revised February 12, 2019)
5. If you are unable to attend but wish to submit items, someone else can bring in your entry.
6. If you want to submit an item for the contest, it has to be turned in by 7:00 PM on the day of the competition for it to be included. No exceptions, no late entries will be accepted. (Rule 6 adopted August 9, 2011, revised September 10, 2013)
7. Only NCKG members may vote.
IMPORTANT: Members may only enter an item once in the NCKG competition. A member may enter an item in the NCKG competition which has been entered in/received an award from another competition (such as a county fair).

Competition Knitting Categories

1. Beginner — Those who have knit two years or less.
2. New Guild Member – Those who have been a NCKG member for two years or less.
3. Design —The item must be the entrant's original knitted design and may be the entrant's published or non-published pattern. Modifications to existing patterns are not allowed. (Revised February 12, 2019, to clarify it must be the entrant's original knitted design).
4. Commercial Pattern — Divided into the following sub-categories: (Categories adopted August 9, 2011; updated April 12, 2016)
 - a. Sweaters & Vests (added Vests April 12, 2016)
 - b. Shawls
 - c. Accessories (including, but not limited to: hats, bags, scarves, gloves, mittens, cowls, purses) (Revised February 12, 2019 to add hats)
 - d. Socks & Slippers (added Slippers April 12, 2016)
 - e. Babies and Children
 - f. Toys - Knitted toy or purchased toy with hand knitted clothing and/or accessories. (Added February 12, 2019)
 - g. Service Projects - All service projects entered into this category must be donated. (Added February 12, 2019)
 - h. Other – Knitted home décor, and anything else that does not fit any other category. (Revised the Home Knitting category to Other and deleted Miscellaneous category April 12, 2016.)
5. "PEOPLE'S CHOICE" (adopted August 9, 2011) Category Note: If two (2) or fewer items are submitted in any given category, the items will be placed in an appropriate alternate category as deemed by the Competition organizer(s). (Revised April 12, 2016)

Competition Category Awards

In each of the categories, ribbons are awarded for First Place, Second Place, Third Place and Honorable Mention. At the discretion of the Competition Committee a prizewill be given to First Place winners. In addition, at the discretion of the Competition Committee a prize may be given to Second Place and Third Place winners. (Revised October 12, 2009, revised September 10, 2013)

Guidelines for Competition Balloting

Please take the time to gently inspect items, looking at them from all sides. Judge items on workmanship, suitability of yarn, suitability of color(s), and style.

4. NCKG will hold in-person monthly meetings when possible at locations and rates deemed appropriate by the board of directors. (revised January 17, 2022)
5. The Sunshine Chairman shall send get well, cheer, sympathy, etc. cards as appropriate to the members. In the event of a death of a member, or a spouse or child of a member, \$25.00 will be donated in her or his name to an appropriate cause. (Revised May 12, 2003 – this is not noted in the minutes for this meeting) (Revised October 8, 2013)

6. Show and Share is limited to two items per person. Additional items may be placed on a table for viewing. (Adopted July 10, 2006)
7. The Guild will allow fiber related vendors to attend one regular meeting per year to sell their wares. (Adopted March 12, 2007)
8. The Guild will pay honorariums to program presenters who are not Guild members. Amounts over \$150 must be approved by the Board of Directors. The board may also approve reasonable additional payments to cover mileage or other specific receipted expenses or considerations associated with a given program. For guild member presenters, a reasonable amount will be paid to cover receipted program expenses for photocopying, materials and similar expenses. Totals that exceed \$75.00 must be approved by the board. (Revised January 17, 2022)
9. Promotion Policy:
All guild members may promote their fiber-related commercial business on the guild's Facebook page. We ask that such promotions be limited to a reasonable number and suggest posting once a month.

All guild members may give a brief description of upcoming fiber related events during the guild meeting. If members want additional information about the event, please ask them to speak to you privately. This will be a regular agenda item following the usual business/committee reports.

The guild has a Sales/Destash/ISO page in its Ravelry group discussion board. You can find the page here: <https://www.ravelry.com/discuss/northcoast-knitting-guild/3813082/1-25>. Guild members may post information about their own sales or local sales/venues they plan to attend. Please feel free to share your information about Sales/Destash/ISO on this thread!

ISO="in search of"

Destash=a person selling off items from their own personal craft materials

The Service Project Competition which was held in July of each year was removed on February 12, 2019.