

**TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY WOODCARVERS**  
**2026 JUDGING RULES**

1. Novice – have less than two (2) years of carving experience. Intermediate – HAVE BEEN CARVING FOR MORE THAN TWO (2) YEARS. Open – have received a Best of show at ANY Woodcarving Show or is an instructor.
2. Registration of carving for judging will ONLY be accepted Friday starting at 4 PM to 5PM January 23, 2026, and Saturday January 24, starting at 7AM to 9AM. NO CARVING WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS TIME FRAME.
3. Carvers are RESPONSIBLE to select THE PROPER category and Division for their entries. They may be reclassified at the Competition Chair's and/or Judges' discretion. ONCE JUDGING START NO ENTRIES WILL BE RECLASSIFIED.
4. Entry forms for the judging competition will be available in the entryway at the Shrine Club. FORMS MUST BE FILLED OUT PRIOR TO CHECKING IN AT THE JUDGING TABLE.
5. Items to be judged must be made by the carver NOT MORE THAN TWO (2) YEARS PRIOR to this show. Competition Chair may remove a carving from competition if is found not to be in accordance with show rules.
6. COMPETITION DISPLAY OF CARVINGS – A. Multiple pieces MUST BE CONTAINED ON A SINGLE BASE. B. PORTRAITS, WOODBURNING, RELIEF, ETC WILL BE LAID FLAT ON THE TABLE UNLESS THE CARVER BRINGS A DISPLAY STAND. C. CANES INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE.
7. Any name, initials or signature on the carving MUST BE COVERED.
8. No more than two (2) entries in a category.
9. Mentored/instructor assisted must be entered in the appropriate Instructor Assigned Category (600-606). This includes working with an instructor outside of a class setting. **Instructor assisted carvings are NOT ELIGIBLE FOR BEST OF DIVISION OR BEST OF SHOW.**
10. All entries in the competition MUST BE LEFT ON THE JUDGING TABLES FOR THE DURATION OF THE SHOW. You will need your claim ticket to pick up you're carving at the end of the show – DON'T LOSE IT!
11. NO 3D OR LASER ENTRIES ALLOWED.

**NUMBER OF CARVINGS PER CLASS – CATEGORY NUMBER – AGE OF  
CARVING(S)**

- 1) You may enter **NO MORE THAN TWO (2) CARVINGS** in any category (e.g., 100, 500 etc.)
- 2) Mentored/instructor assisted carvings must be entered into the appropriate **Instructor Assisted Category (#600)**. This would include instructor assistance outside of a class. **Category (#2100) Woodturning & Category (#600) Instructor Assisted are NOT eligible for BEST OF DIVISION or BEST OF SHOW.** For assistance in determining the proper category number, use the Show Categories form provided in the RGVWC Show/Rally Booklet or online at our website <http://www.rgvwoodcarvers.org> to find the Category Number for your carving.
- 3) Entered carving(s) must have been carved **NO MORE than Two (2) YEARS** prior to the show. **Note: Show personnel have the right to REMOVE a CARVING which does not adhere to show rules. REMEMBER TO COVER YOUR Name/signature or initials and bring your own display stands.** This will allow the judges to make decision without bias.

ENTRY DIVISION BASED CRITERIA BELOW:

**ENTRY DIVISIONS**

<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>ENTRY TAG COLOR</b>	<b>CARVER QUALIFICATION</b>
NOVICE	YELLOW	Two years or less carving, less than 2 Blue Ribbons at any carving shows. May compete in any Division but not in multiple
INTERMEDIATE	RED	More than two years carving, not received Best of Show at any woodcarving show
OPEN	BLUE	Carver has earned Best of Show and/or is or has been a woodcarving instructor or professional carver

There is a \$5.00 Donation for each carving entered. Only one (1) name can be on each entry form. If this is a multiple carver entry, choose one name to represent the group.