

DEPARTMENT 2127

CHRISTMAS TREES EXHIBIT

GENERAL INFORMATION

Chairperson: Jack Jackson & Chris Pryor

Judge: Eric Swanson

Contact Information: Jack Jackson (978) 502-7394

This competition is sanctioned by the Essex County Tree Farmers and the Massachusetts Christmas Tree Association for the promotion of high quality, locally grown, natural Christmas Trees.

IMPORTANT DATES

Entry Form Due: Bring with Trees

Entry Receiving: Thursday, October 1st, 2026
(12:00-6:00pm)

Entry Pick Up: Tuesday, October 13th, 2026 (All Day)

Entry Fee: (*online only*) \$3.00 per exhibitor

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Trees are to be 6 to 8 feet high from the bottom of the handle to the tip of the leader. Trees will be supported on a base to be furnished by the Fair.
2. Trees will be judged on the following:

FEATURE	POINTS	DESCRIPTION
Color	15	Normal for species
Taper	10	Spruce & fir 40-70%, Pine 40-90%
Density	20	Medium density scores higher
Naturalness	10	Not perfectly smooth outside surface
Defects	20	Straightness of stem, pest injury, holes, mechanical injury
Foliage	15	Fresh, clean, uniform
Handle	10	Well trimmed – 1” per foot of height
Cleanliness	10	No grass, leaves, etc.
Merchantability	10	How saleable is it

3. Trees must be exhibited in the name of the landowner or the grower. All trees must be plantation grown in Massachusetts. Trees must be adequately tagged with the name and address of the exhibitor and class to be entered. If the exhibitor wishes to take the tree after the Fair, they should so state on the tag. Trees will be on exhibit from **Friday, October 2nd, 2026** at 1:00 pm until **Monday, October 12th, 2026** at 8:00 pm.
4. Exhibitors may enter any or all classes but submit only one entry in each class.
5. After judging on Friday, October 2nd, 2026, trees will be identified with the exhibitor’s name and address.
6. All trees must be submitted to the Topsfield Fair Christmas Tree Contest Committee between **12:00 - 6:00pm Thursday, October 1st, 2026**.
7. Please bring entry form to the Fair with trees.

DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

ENTRY AND AWARDS

Awards:

BEST OF SHOW \$50.00, ENGRAVED BOWL

FIRST \$50.00

SECOND \$40.00

THIRD \$30.00

FOURTH \$25.00

CLASS A

LOT

1. Douglas Fir
2. All Other Fir
3. Blue Spruce
4. All Other Spruce
5. Scotch Pine
6. All Other Pine

OFFICIAL RULES

Topsfield Fair General Rules & Information