

Judging Criteria

All official judges must have at least 10 years of smithing experience

Judging Guidelines:

- 1.) Judging must be based upon the competitors entire set that he or she has presented. This means that if they do not match or fit together, they cannot be given points for completing the item set.
- 2.) Not matter how ugly the competitors tongs are, if they smithed the entire set and received full points for that set...you must award full point to the smith for the tongs as well. The tongs received the same score as the set no matter the condition of the tongs.
- 3.) **IF YOU DO NOT FINISH AN ENTIRE SET YOU CANNOT RECEIVE A HIGHER PLACING THAN A COMPETITOR THAT DID FINISH AN ENTIRE SET. EXAMPLE: COMPETITOR 1 ONLY DID HALF THE REQUIRED SET AND RECEIVED MAX POINTS FOR WHAT THEY SMITHED, AND COMPETITOR 2 SMITHED A FULL SET BUT DUE TO FIT AND FINISH DID NOT RECEIVE MAX POINTS..DUE TO COMPETITOR 2 COMPLETING THE ENTIRE SET THEY PLACE HIGHER THAN COMPETITOR 1 WHO DID NOT FINISH THEIR SET BUT TECHNICALLY SCORED MORE POINTS. BUT DUE TO THEM DOING LESS WORK THEY WILL NOT PLACE.**
- 4.) Scoring: You either get the point or you don't

-Scoring will be judged based on the following:

- Fit and Finish +1/0
- Form and Function +1/0
- Artistic Design +1/0
- Finished Set +1/0
- Tongs (= the ending sum of scores from the previous criteria)