

2026 Spinzilla Official Rules

Spinzilla is a week-long celebration of spinning, competition, and community! From October 5-11, 2026, handspinners from around the world come together to challenge themselves, spin as many yards as they can, compete as individuals and teams, and take their spinning skills to the next level.

What is Spinzilla

Spinzilla is a chance to meet and share the excitement with spinners from near and far, challenge yourself to spin as many yards as you can in a week, compete individually or as part of a team, and push your skills to the next level.

This annual competition is a great time to set a goal, try something new, learn from others, and cheer on your teammates as you spin your way through the week. Exciting prizes will recognize spinners for their achievements and accomplishments. We all win by monstering-up our spinning skills and raising money for a good cause!

How to Sign Up

Join a team or “go rogue” as a team of one.

Team Captains will create a team of up to 20 members.

Team Captains sign up using the [Google Form HERE](#) or [linked on the Spinzilla website](#).

There is no fee for a Captain to create a team. Captains may reserve spots for team members by paying entry fees in advance and collecting registration fees from their team members.

Captains will receive an invoice for reserved spots from the TNNA and forward team member registration information to the Spinzilla organizers.

Deadline to Register at Team is **Saturday, September 12, 2026 at Noon**

Participants sign up on the Spinzilla website <https://tnna.org/pages/spinzilla>

Select a team or “Rogue Spinner” to spin as an individual with no team.

Spinners pay a \$20 entry fee to register.

Deadline to Register at Spin is **Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at Midnight Pacific Time**

Important Deadlines

Competition Dates:

Monday, October 5, 2026 at Noon to Sunday, October 11, 2026 at Noon

Competition Time is local to wherever the participant is located.

Spinner's Report of Competition Yards and Entry Information is due:

Sunday, October 18, 2026 at Noon local to Team Captain

Team Member's Yardage Report to their Team Captain

Rogue Spinners Report to the Spinzilla organizers directly

[Template Spinzilla Spinner's Yardage Report Table](#)

Captain's Report: Team Captain's submission of team yardage to Spinzilla Organizers is due:

Friday, October 23, at Noon Pacific Time

[Template Spinzilla Team Yardage Report Table](#)

Chat with fellow spinners:

Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/spinzilla>

Discord <https://discord.gg/TgCsHN6K5>

Ravelry <https://www.ravelry.com/groups/spinzilla>

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Ways to Win

Team Category

1. **Team that spins the most yards combined**

Individual Spinner Categories:

2. **Most yardage spun by a Rogue Spinner (no team)**
3. **Most yardage spun by a Novice Spinner (spinning a year or less).**
4. **Every spinner that submits any yardage tally is eligible to win a random prize drawing!**

Individual Tool Categories

5. **Most Yards Spun on a Spindle**

In order to qualify for the Most Yardage on a Spindle, then you may ONLY use spindles (i.e. drop spindle, supported spindles, etc. - no kick spindles).

6. **Most Yards Spun on a Treadle Wheel**

In order to qualify for the Most Yardage on a Spinning Wheel, you may spin on a wheel and/or a spindle, but you may NOT use an e-spinner. If you use both a spindle and a wheel, then you are qualified for the wheel category.

7. **Most Yards Spun on an eSpinner**

In order to qualify for the Most Yardage on an eSpinner, you may use an eSpinner, a wheel, and/or a drop spindle.

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HOW TO COUNT COMPETITION YARDAGE

Fundamental principle: **Length in Yards x Number of times the yarn produced that went through the orifice or wrapped onto the spindle.**

The length of each yarn is counted by the overall length with a credit for the plying.

Singles - A single yarn is counted as:

$$\text{Total Yards} = \text{Competition Yards}$$

If you spin a singles yarn, measure your total yardage and round up to the nearest yard

Plied Yarns - A plied yarn is calculated as:

$$(\text{Number of Plies} + \text{Plying Credit}) * \text{Total Yards} = \text{Competition Yards}$$

Plying Credit - Credit is given for plying with handspun spun during the competition, but not more than +2. Spinning each single ply counts for one time through orifice. The act of plying the singles together counts as a time through the orifice and is worth a +1 multiplier credit. A second plying, such as for cable plying two 2-ply yarns together counts as a second time through the orifice and an additional plying credit.

Plying with a commercial thread does not earn any plying credit.

Rewinding singles does not count as plying.

Measuring Yardage - Yardage should be counted after plying. Measure yardage before washing. All yardage should be measured physically using a niddy-noddy, skein winder, or yardage counter, such as the [EEW Yardage Counter](#) [Spinzilla Sponsor]. No yardage counts by weight. Round up to the nearest yard if it is a partial yard.

Core Spun - Same rules apply above, but any commercial threads or yarns used as core that are not spun during the competition do not count. A core spun yarn using a commercial thread, is counted as 1 ply and does not receive any plying credit. A core spun yarn that also uses a hand-spun core that was spun during the competition, is counted as a 1-ply finished yarn and receives a +1 plying credit.

Examples

A single counts as its length: 150 yards of singles = 150 competition yards.

A 2-ply yarn is counted as: # of Yards x 3.

$$150 \text{ yard skein of 2 ply} = (2 \text{ plies} + 1 \text{ plying credit}) * 150 \text{ yds} = 450 \text{ competition yards.}$$

A 3-ply yarn, traditional or chain ply, is counted as: # of Yards x 4.

150 yard skein 3 ply = (3 plies + 1 plying credit) * 150 yds = 600 competition yards.

A 4-ply yarn, traditional or chain ply, is counted as: # of Yards x 4.

150 yards of traditional 4-ply = (4 plies + 1 plying credit) * 150 yds = 750 competition yds.

A cable-plied yarn is plied multiple times and the multiplier credit depends on the number of plies in the yarn combined: # of Yards x (# plies + 2).

150 yards of cable ply 4-ply = (4 plies + 2 plying credit) * 150 yds = 900 competition yds.

Core spun yarns are counted based on hand-spun components.

15 yards of single core spun, around a commercial core = 15 competition yards.

15 yards of single core spun, spun around single spun during competition = (1 original handspun single used as core + 1 credit for core spin) * 15 yds = 30 competition yards.

Pro Tips:

If you're comfortable plying, this is a good way to get extra credit since plying takes less time than spinning once you're used to doing it. However, while more plies may be worth more competition yards, it also reduces the overall yardage when measured by length.

You may use art yarns as a spinning pallet cleanser or for any In-Team challenges.

We recommend saving complicated yards for another time.

[Yardage Calculators](#)

If you need help calculating, please use our Yardage Calculator for a Skein or the Template Yardage Table to help figure out your yardage submission. Links are below that will allow you to *make a copy of each spreadsheet to your own account to edit and fill in with your data.*

[Spinzilla Competition Yardage Calculator for a Skein](#)

[Template Spinzilla Spinner's Report Yardage Table](#)

Need more help? Contact the Spinzilla Organizers and we will help you

spinzillaspin@gmail.com

Submitting Your Yardage Totals and Photos

Spinners Yardage Report to complete their contest entry should include the following:

- Each Skein's Ounces, Yardage, Number of Plies, and Ply Structure, Competition Yards
- Total Competition Yards
- Tools Used (Spindle, Treadle Wheel/ eSpinner)
- Years Experience (for Novice Category)

Team Member's Yardage Report is submitted to their Team Captain

Deadline for Team Members to submit yardage and other information to Team Captains is:

Sunday, October 18, 2026 at Noon local to Team Captain

Captain's Report: Deadline for Team Captains to Report Total Team Yardage is:

Friday, October 23, at Noon Pacific Time

If you are a Rogue Spinner, then submit your yardage to the Spizilla Organizers directly as your unofficial captain using the Rogue Spinner Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/FR1nZunSqa36vg9g6>

Deadline for Rogue Spinners is:

Sunday, October 18, 2026 at Noon Pacific Time

Yardage Verifications

If you are in the running for an award or prize, then you may have to verify your yardage for each skein, including measured yards, number of plies, ply structure, ounces, etc. Please show calculations on paper, spreadsheet, or use our Google Form, which will assist with calculations. Also, you will have to provide a photo of the yarn you spun during Spinzilla. Yardage math and multipliers are double checked at the team level and at the organization level. Keep your counts and information until after results and awards are posted! Thank you.

If you need any assistance with your math, consult your Team Captain or ask on one of the Spinzilla groups on Ravelry, Facebook, or Discord or contact us at spinzillaspin@gmail.com

We hope to have the 2026 Spinzilla Competition Results announced by early November, with notification of prizes by Sponsors shortly thereafter.

Charitable Contribution by TNNA

Proceeds of Spinzilla will be donated to Handweavers Guild of America.

Grant program - Teach it Forward - available to teachers who are trying to reach new weavers, spinners and dyers.

Scholarship program - for college students who are studying fiber arts.

[More Info on HGA - <https://www.handweavers.org/member-programs>]

Prizes for Spinzilla are generously donated and fulfilled directly by our sponsors. While we make every effort to coordinate prize distribution, Spinzilla cannot guarantee the availability, delivery, or fulfillment of sponsor-provided prizes.

Winners are responsible for responding to the sponsor and providing any information needed to arrange delivery. If you experience any issues, please contact your Team Captain, who can help coordinate with the Spinzilla organizers if needed.

The “2026 Spinzilla Spinning Competition” is sponsored by The National Needlearts Association (TNNA and the Sponsor). This contest is governed by these official rules (“Official Rules”). By participating in the contest, each Entrant agrees to abide by these Official Rules and Submission Guidelines, including all eligibility requirements and understands that the results of the contest, as determined by Sponsor and its agents, are final in all respects. The contest is subject to all federal, state and local laws and regulations and is void where prohibited.

Contest Eligibility Requirements. This contest is open only to individuals who are 18 years of age or older as of the date of entry and who sign up submitting an entry using the Google Form or website registration. This is a contest of skill, as outlined above. The contest is subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Void where prohibited.

Agreement to Rules. By participating, the Entrant agrees to be fully and unconditionally bound by these Official Rules, and represents and warrants that the Entrant meets the eligibility requirements. In addition, the Entrant agrees to accept the decisions of TNNA as final and binding as it relates to the contest.

Time Period for Entries to the Contest. Entries will be accepted according to the deadlines listed above.

How to Enter. The contest must be entered by completing and submitting an entry using the online form via the link listed above or through the Entrant's Team Captain. The entry must fulfill all contest requirements and submission guidelines, as further specified above, to be eligible to win a prize. Entries that are incomplete or do not adhere to the rules or specifications may be disqualified at the sole discretion of TNNA. Entrants may enter only once. If any Entrant uses fraudulent methods or otherwise attempts to circumvent the rules, all of that Entrant's submissions may be removed from eligibility at the sole discretion of TNNA.

Prizes. The winner of any contest category (collectively as the "Winner") will receive the designated prize for such category. The specifics of the prize shall be solely determined by TNNA. No cash or other prize substitution shall be permitted except at TNNA's discretion. The prize is nontransferable. Any and all prize related expenses, including without limitation any and all shipping, federal, state, and/or local taxes, fees, tariffs, or other charges shall be the sole responsibility of the Winner. No substitution of the prize or transfer/assignment of the prize to others or request for the cash equivalent by any Winner is permitted. Acceptance of prize constitutes permission for TNNA to use the Winner's name, likeness, and entry for purposes of advertising and trade without further compensation, unless prohibited by law.

Odds. The odds of winning depend on the number of eligible entries received and the proficiency and skill demonstrated in such entry.

Winner Selection and Notification. Finalists will be evaluated and selected by the Spinzilla committee of the TNNA using the qualifications outlined above for each category. The Winner will be notified by email and/or telephone within fourteen (14) days following selection of the Winner. TNNA shall have no liability for the Winner's failure to receive notices due to spam, junk e-mail or other security settings or for the Winner's provision of incorrect or otherwise non-functioning contact information. If the Winner cannot be contacted, is ineligible, fails to claim the prize within fourteen (14) days from the time award notification was sent, or fails to timely return a completed and executed declaration and release as required, the prize may be forfeited and an alternate Winner selected. Receipt by the Winner of the prize offered in this contest is conditioned upon compliance with any and all federal, state, and local laws and regulations. ANY VIOLATION OF THESE OFFICIAL RULES BY THE WINNER (AS DETERMINED IN TNNA'S SOLE DISCRETION) WILL RESULT IN THE WINNER'S DISQUALIFICATION AS THE WINNER OF THE CONTEST, AND ALL PRIVILEGES AS THE WINNER WILL BE IMMEDIATELY TERMINATED.

Rights Granted by Entrant. By entering this content (e.g., photo, video, text, etc.), the Entrant understands, agrees, and grants to TNNA, anyone acting on behalf of TNNA, and TNNA's licensees, successors, and assigns, the limited right, where permitted by law, to print, publish, broadcast, distribute, and use in any media now known or hereafter developed, in and throughout the World, without limitation, the Entrant's entry, name, portrait, picture, voice,

likeness, image, statements about the contest, and biographical information for news, publicity, information, trade, advertising, public relations, and promotional purposes related to the Spinzilla Spinning Competition, including the right to edit, composite, scan, duplicate or alter the entry design as necessary for reproduction, without any further compensation, notice, review, or consent. The Entrant will be credited in all uses of the design. The Entrant shall retain all other rights related to the entry design. No additional compensation will be provided for these limited rights. By entering this contest, the Entrant represents and warrants that his/her/their entry is their original work, does not incorporate or include any material that would require the consent of any third party, and does not violate any copyright, trademark, publicity right, privacy right, or any other any third party's proprietary or intellectual property rights. If any entry infringes upon the intellectual property right of another, the Entrant will be disqualified at the sole discretion of TNNA. If the content of any entry is claimed to constitute an infringement of any proprietary or intellectual proprietary rights of any third party, the Entrant shall, at their sole expense, defend or settle against any such claims. The Entrant shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless TNNA from and against any suit, proceeding, claims, liability, loss, damage, costs or expense, which TNNA may incur, suffer, or be required to pay arising out of such infringement or suspected infringement of any third party's right.

Terms & Conditions. TNNA reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend this contest should a virus, bug, non-authorized human intervention, fraud, or other cause beyond TNNA's control corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, or proper conduct of the contest. In such a case, TNNA may select the Winner from all eligible entries received prior to and/or after (if appropriate) the action taken by TNNA. TNNA reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual who tampers or attempts to tamper with the entry process or the operation of the contest or website or violates these Terms & Conditions. TNNA has the right, in its sole discretion, to maintain the integrity of the contest, to void any entry for any reason, including, but not limited to: multiple entries from the same user from different IP addresses; multiple entries from the same computer in excess of that allowed by contest rules; or the use of bots, macros, scripts, or other technical means for entering. Any attempt by an Entrant to deliberately damage any website or undermine the legitimate operation of the contest may be a violation of criminal and civil laws. Should such an attempt be made, TNNA reserves the right to report illegal activity to law enforcement and seek damages to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Limitation of Liability. By entering, the Entrant agrees to release and hold harmless TNNA and its subsidiaries, affiliates, advertising and promotion agencies, partners, representatives, agents, successors, assigns, employees, officers, and directors from any liability, illness, injury, death, loss, litigation, claim, or damage that may occur, directly or indirectly, whether caused by negligence or not, from: (i) such Entrant's participation in the contest and/or his/her/their

acceptance, possession, use, or misuse of any prize or any portion thereof; (ii) technical failures of any kind, including but not limited to the malfunction of any computer, cable, network, hardware, or software, or other mechanical equipment; (iii) the unavailability or inaccessibility of any transmissions, telephone, or Internet service; (iv) unauthorized human intervention in any part of the entry process or the contest promotion; (v) electronic or human error in the administration of the promotion or contest or the processing of entries.

Disputes. THIS CONTEST IS GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF OHIO WITHOUT RESPECT TO CONFLICT OF LAW DOCTRINES. As a condition of participating in this contest, the Entrant agrees that any and all disputes that cannot be resolved between the parties, and causes of action arising out of or connected with this contest, shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, exclusively before a court located in THE STATES OF OHIO having jurisdiction. Further, in any such dispute, under no circumstances shall a participant be permitted to obtain awards for, and hereby waives all rights to, punitive, incidental, or consequential damages, including reasonable attorney's fees, other than participant's actual out-of-pocket expenses (i.e. costs associated with entering this contest). The Entrant further waives all rights to have damages multiplied or increased.

Privacy Policy. Information submitted with an entry is subject to the Privacy Policy stated on the TNNA website.

Winners List. To obtain a copy of the Winner's name or a copy of these Official Rules, mail your request along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: National NeedleArts Association, attn: Spinzilla Committee, P.O. Box 31542, Philadelphia, PA 19128. Requests must be received no later than November 30, 2026 at 5:00 pm PT.

Sponsor. The sponsor of the contest is The National NeedleArts Association, P.O. Box 31542, Philadelphia, PA 19128. Any Questions may also be sent to hello@tnna.org

Facebook/Instagram/Media. The promotional contest is hosted by TNNA and is in no way sponsored, endorsed, administered by, or associated with any individual participating yarn shops, businesses, organizations, guilds, Facebook, Instagram, or other internet or media company. Any questions, comments or complaints regarding the promotion should be directed to The National NeedleArts Association.

Submission. By submitting your contest entry and any images, the Entrant represents that he/she/they affirmatively reviewed, accepted, and agreed to all of the Official Rules.

By participating in the contest, the Entrant accepts and agrees to these Official Rules.

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