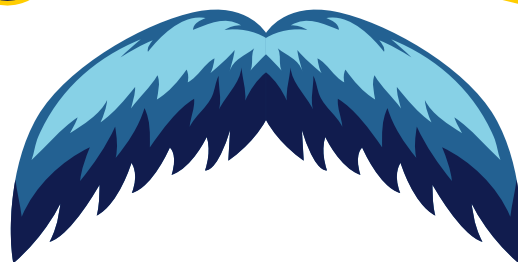


# 2024 Polar Grizz Rules



Each contestant is required to register online prior to the registration deadline. Failure to do so will result in not being admitted to the competition.

On the date of the event, contestants are required to check-in at the Registration Table. They will be provided a contestant number coordinating with their category at that time.

Formal judging will consist of 3 phases: initial judging, final judging and crowd favorite.

## **PHASE 1: INITIAL JUDGING**

All contestants in a given category will line up and be judged by number. Finalists will be selected to move on to final judging. Each category will complete phase one before final judging occurs.

## **PHASE 2: FINAL JUDGING**

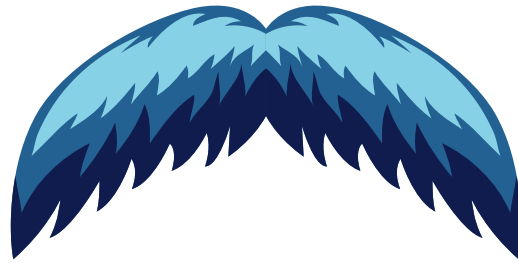
During final judging, the finalists will line up on stage and judges will evaluate each from a given category. At this point, judging will conclude for the category, and winners announced.

After final judging, the winning contestants will be announced on the main stage and awarded.

## **PHASE 3: CROWD FAVORITE**

From the category winners, the crowd will vote for their favorite champion. The winner will be awarded the overall Polar Grizz title.

# Judging Criteria & Definitions



Judging will be based on size, quality, color, style & presentation, durability, creativity, and individuality:

- **Size:** the overall length, width, girth and density (fullness) of the hair. Beards are measured from the bottom of the lip to the end of the longest follicle that hangs naturally (meaning not stretched). Moustaches must stop at the corner of the mouth. Moustaches growing below the corner of the mouth will be considered partial beard.
- **Quality:** the graduation, taper, angle and thickness of individual hair follicles; the precise grooming (fly away hairs), sheen and symmetry of the facial hair.
- **Color:** the natural color of the hair: multi-color blending, natural lightening or graying, vibrancy, consistency or variation.
- **Style & Presentation:** Does the facial hair fit the face? Does it compliment the person's overall style? These are considerations for the judges. How is the wearer of the facial hair's attitude, attention to the crowd, attire or overall look.
- **Durability:** In freestyled and 'fake' facial hair, this refers to the practical wear-ability and craftsmanship of the beard. Will the look fall apart three minutes after judging?
- **Creativity:** How much creativity or imagination went into the development of the freestyled or 'fake' facial hair. Styling aids, decorations and costumes are encouraged as part of the overall look.

All eligible members of the UAF community are welcome to participate in the competition regardless of gender identity or presentation. UAF is an AA/EO employer and educational institution and prohibits illegal discrimination against any individual:

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