



Threads of the Games Exhibition Entry Rules

Threads of the Games entry system will be open July 14, 2027 through September 17, 2027.

An Entrant is any person or quilt guild submitting a quilt for jurying into the exhibition. Entrants may submit as many quilts as they like. There is no limit to the number of accepted quilts from any one entrant. Each quilt entry must be accompanied by a non-refundable entry fee of \$15.00.

All quilts submitted to Threads of the Games must meet all of the following criteria:

- Must be a minimum of three layers (top, batting, backing) joined together with stitching.
- Must have a finished edge (binding or facing).
- Must be a quilt (no quilted items or clothing).

Challenges and Sizes

There are three ways for quilters to participate.

- **Small Quilt Challenge** - Open to any single quilter or pair of quilters. Create a quilt with a required size of **24 inches by 24 inches** square following the Exhibition Entry Rules.
- **Quilt Guild Sport Lottery** - Quilt guilds can enter a lottery to be assigned at random an Olympic or Paralympic sport to create a 65" X 85" quilt following the exhibition rules. **Lottery entry will be open September 1, 2026 through November 30, 2026.** Guilds will be informed of their randomly assigned sport **December 3, 2026.** Guild Lottery quilts must adhere to the same design requirements, restrictions and timelines. The goal is to have every Olympic and Paralympic sport represented.
- **Open Quilt Challenge** - Open to any single quilter or group of quilters. Create and enter a quilt of any size up to 85 inches by 85 inches (340" perimeter) following the Exhibition Entry Rules.

Additional Display Opportunities

Besides the Threads of the Games displays during the Olympic and Paralympic Games throughout July and August of 2028, all accepted quilts will be on display at Road to California in January of 2028 and Road to Virginia in June of 2028. Threads of the Games will seek additional quilt shows and textile museums for display of portions of the collection during February through May 2028. All accepted quilt makers will be notified of additional exhibition locations for their quilts. Quilts for additional displays will be selected at the discretion of Threads of the Games.

Display Requirements

All accepted quilts must have a 4" hanging sleeve attached to the back.

Two sided quilts may not be displayed showing both sides. Quilts that are multiple panels or unusually shaped must be mounted to black fabric, with a quilt sleeve attached to the black fabric. Any specialty hanging systems will be rejected from the exhibition. Embellishments are allowed, as long as they don't hinder the folding or rolling of the quilt for transport. No electrified embellishments, whether corded or battery operated.

Age and Condition

There is no completion date restriction. Older quilts that meet the exhibition criteria are eligible for entry.

All quilts must be in excellent condition. Incomplete, torn, smelly or soiled quilts will be refused exhibition.

Theme and Design Requirements

Thematic Alignment: All entries must visually relate to Summer Olympic or Paralympic sports, athletes, athleticism, global games, Olympic venues, Olympic history, or the spirit of competition.

NO Professional sports team representation. No NFL, MLB, NBA, WNBA, MLS, NHL or individual professional team logos. Sports from the [Official List of Olympic Sports](#) that are also played by professional teams must be portrayed as happening at the Olympic Games. (A baseball themed quilt can portray players from different countries, not different Major League Baseball teams.)

Country flags are allowed.

Portrayal of individual Olympic athletes is allowed.

Entries must be limited to the approved Threads of the Games exhibition themes. Quilts that do not clearly relate to these themes will be ineligible for exhibition and may be rejected by the jury or exhibition committee.

The committee reserves the right to decline any entry that is inconsistent with the exhibition's intended focus and objectives.

Restrictions

Trademark & Olympic Property Restrictions: To comply with international copyright laws, quilts must not feature protected intellectual property of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

- Prohibited Visuals: Use of the official five interlocking Olympic Rings, official event mascots, official LA28 logos, or the specific text phrasing "Olympic Games" or "Olympics" is strictly forbidden on the front or back of the quilt.
- The Olympic Rings can be portrayed as part of an athlete's uniform, as displayed at a venue or as part of a competition.
- The Olympic Rings **CANNOT** be recreated as the subject matter of a quilt, whether it is literal, artistic, or abstract.
- Allowed Alternatives: Quilters are encouraged to use universal athletic symbols, torches, wreaths, national flags, stylized geometric shapes, or abstract representations of motion and sport.
- To see a complete list of trademark restrictions [visit this webpage](#).

Permissions

It is the entrant's responsibility to obtain all necessary written copyright releases for work that is covered under the copyright laws of the United States. This includes using someone else's pattern, artwork, photography, or another quilt as your inspiration, even if the design has been altered. Fabric Panels are not considered Totally Original and the fabric designer must be named.

Electronic Tracking Devices (Apple AirTags / Tile Trackers)

Artists are permitted to include one (1) flat tracking device (such as an Apple AirTag or Tile tracker) within their quilt shipment to monitor transit logistics. If utilized, the device **must be securely sewn into a hidden pocket** on the reverse side of the quilt sleeve or integrated discreetly into the hanging sleeve construction. The tracking device must not create an unsightly bulge or interfere with the flat hanging and professional presentation of the quilt on the gallery walls. Threads of the Games and its logistics partners (including Road to California) accept no financial liability for the loss, battery depletion, or malfunction of personal tracking hardware during transit, storage, or the duration of the exhibition tour.

Photography

Three high-resolution images must be uploaded with each entry.

- Full View photo of the completed quilt showing all four corners.
- Detail photo showing quilting detail. Select a section that represents your best work.
- Entrant photo from the shoulders up. Group quilts should include a group picture of ALL the listed makers.

Threads of the Games juries quilts based on technique and adherence to show guidelines.

Failure to comply with the above requirements may result in your entry being rejected from the exhibition.

Entrants agree that the determination of the Threads of the Games jurors is final and there is no appeal process. Threads of the Games will not provide any reasoning why a specific quilt was rejected from the exhibition.

Timeline

September 1, 2026 - November 30, 2026 - Quilt Guild Lottery registration open.

December 3, 2026 - Quilt guilds informed of random sport.

July 14, 2027 - September 17, 2027 - Entry portal open

October 17, 2027 - Acceptance emails sent

November 17, 2027 - Shipping deadline to California

January 2028 - Collection on display at Road to California.

June 2028 - Collection on display at Road to Virginia..

July - August 2028 - Threads of the Games exhibitions open to the public throughout Southern California.

September 2028 - Remaining quilts returned to entrants.

Silent Auction

Entrants have the option to put their quilt up for silent auction during the Olympic and Paralympic games displays. Threads of the Games will partner with an online auction portal to conduct the auction. Quiltmakers will be allowed to set an opening bid and a buy it now price. Proceeds of the auction will be split 50/50, after auction service fees, with the quilt maker and a designated youth sports charity.

Quilt return

Quilts not sold via the silent auction will be returned to the maker at the entrant's expense. Entrants must complete the shipping information page provided in the acceptance package and provide a credit card number for shipping and handling charges. Quilts that are folded are assessed a \$10 handling fee, and quilts that are rolled are assessed a \$15 handling fee. Shipping will be processed via UPS or FedEx at the sole discretion of Threads of the Games. Shipping charges are UPS or FedEx standard charges for shipping.

Southern California quilters will have the option to pick up their quilt from locations to be determined.