



## ABFM 2026 Artisan Rules of Operation

**The Acton-Boxborough Farmers Market (ABFM) is pleased to uplift local artisans and bring the arts to the public. We recognize the role of the arts in community building and education, and seek to integrate the arts into the enactment of the ABFM mission. We hope you'll be interested in becoming part of the ABFM 2026 season.**

Each market day — Sundays from June 14 through October 11 — the ABFM has two 10'x10' stalls available to area Artisans. An Artisan may apply to participate for 2 dates during the season. (See the **ABFM 2026 Artisan Application** for fees). Artisans must submit an application form and declare on the application that all items are of their own creation. New applicants must include either a sample, a photograph or a website link of each type of artwork they propose to sell. All artwork must be pre-approved by the ABFM Artisan Coordinator before being offered for sale at the market. ABFM has a strong preference for abundant natural materials. For example, products cannot be made with endangered woods. Additionally, fragrances used in soaps, candles etc. have to be phthalate free. Because Artisan space is limited, admission to the market can be competitive. The ABFM reserves the right to prohibit any Artisan from selling at the market, or to prohibit the sale of any product at the market that does not adhere to the guidelines in this document.

**Please read the following ABFM 2026 Artisan Rules of Operation.**

- Artisans may arrive at the market to set up no earlier than 8:45am and must complete their setup by 9:50am. For safety reasons, the road will be barricaded at 9:40; neither setup nor breakdown may occur during market hours (10am–1pm).
- Artisans must staff their market stalls themselves (please contact the Artisan Coordinator in the event of a staffing emergency), and must remain until market closing, regardless of weather. **Please note: ABFM is an all-weather market. Artisans are expected to participate “rain or shine.” If you are unable to attend your reserved market day(s), you must contact the Artisan Coordinator at least 48 hours prior to market start.** Stall rental fees are non-refundable.
- Stall sharing will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the Artisan Coordinator for more information.
- Artisans are responsible for providing their own canopy with 25 lb. weight/leg, table(s), chairs, and signage for the 10'x10' space. There is no electricity available. Participants must clean up their stall area at the end of the market.
- No resale of products is allowed. All art products must be original creations of the Artisan. Limited edition prints must be signed by the artist and numbered. All work must be suitable for family audiences.
- Artwork will be displayed at the Artisan's own risk. The ABFM is not responsible for damage, loss, or theft.
- The ABFM Market Manager is responsible for all activities at the market and will enforce all rules and regulations. Artisans must comply with their requests or directives; disregard of market rules or regulations, or disrespectful conduct will result in review by the ABFM Board. Any disputed issue may be appealed in person to the Board; the decision of the Board will be final. If an Artisan has any problems, questions, or concerns during the market, they are encouraged to talk to the Market Manager. The ABFM reserves the right to revoke or deny market participation to any Artisan at any time.
- **Artisans must carry their own general liability insurance (in amounts not less than \$1,000,000 per person per incident and \$2,000,000 aggregate), and product liability insurance (in an amount not less than \$2,000,000). Please name ABFM, 19 Elm Street, Acton MA 01720 as BOTH additionally insured and certificate owner.**

### Questions?

Please contact the Artisan Coordinator (Jude) at:  
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