

Southeastern Regional Livestock Judging Contest

4-H & FFA Division

Collegiate Division

Saturday, November 5, 2022

Location: Washington County Fairgrounds Abingdon, Virginia

NEW THIS CONTEST WILL ROTATE ANNUALLY.

Virginia – 2022

Kentucky – 2023

North Carolina – 2024

RULES AND REGULATIONS

ENTRY

Each state is invited to enter three 4-H and three FFA Livestock judging team of three members. A team may also enter an alternate. When the alternate judges, the three members with the highest total scores will make up the state total. The contestant with the lowest score is eligible for individual awards. The team members will be selected in a manner determined by the State 4-H or FFA Program Leader. **NO LATE OR INCOMPLETE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. (ACCEPTED ENTRIES ARE DEEMED SUBMITTED WHEN ALL REQUIRED ENTRY MATERIALS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE HAVING ALL COMPLETED INFORMATION)**

An entry fee of \$150.00 must be paid.

Each state that enters a team is responsible for medical/accident insurance for all members of their team while traveling to and from the Southeastern Regional and during the Contest and other events associated with the contest.

New in 2022 there will be a Collegiate Division.

CONTESTANTS AND ELIGIBILITY

1. Contestants must be bona fide 4-H or FFA members approved by the Program Leaders of their respective states.
2. Each contestant must have passed his or her 14th birthday and cannot have passed his or her 19th birthday by January 1st of the current year.

METHOD OF CONDUCT

(Any amendment to the “Method of Conduct” section sent to State Leaders and/or their delegated contacts by July 1, 2022, will be in effect for the 2022 contest.)

1. All contestants and coaches will report to the facility where they will receive final instructions regarding the remainder of the contest.
2. No contestant shall wear any clothing, pins, or badges that will in any way reveal his/ her identity or the state that he/she represents. The contest will be held inside so dress accordingly. No hats are to be worn during the contest.
3. All electronic communication devices of any kind are prohibited. Please advise your contestants to remove these devices prior to the start of the contest. If a contestant’s phone should ring, or if they are discovered using such electronic devices during the contest, the contestant and their team may be disqualified.
4. Contestants will be divided into groups for the contest and will remain with their assigned group throughout the contest and the delivery of oral reasons. While the contest is in progress, there will be no conferring between contestants or between a contestant and anyone else except as directed by the Superintendent or his/her representative. Offending contestants may be disqualified.
5. The contest will be comprised of a minimum of 10 classes of livestock.

Of these classes, beef, swine, sheep, and meat goats will be represented. Sheep Breeds for class consideration shall also include hair type sheep. All classes will be comprised of four animals, and the animals will be designated with numbers 1-2-3- 4. We will strive to have one breeding class from each species with performance data and a scenario included.
6. Reasons will be given on four classes (two beef, one swine, and one sheep). Questions will be asked on three classes. One swine (breeding or market); one sheep or meat goat (breeding or market); one beef (breeding or market) that will comprise the question classes. A beef breeding class with performance records will automatically be an oral reasons class.
7. Two minutes will be allowed to give oral reasons on each class.
8. Contestants will be allowed twelve (12) minutes to place each non-reasons class.
9. Contestants will be allowed fifteen (15) minutes on each reasons class, to make their observations, take notes, and fill-out their placing card.
10. Once time has been called and judging on a class has been completed, contestants must immediately turn in their cards to their Group Leader. Any contestant failing to turn in their card either by the time the Ring Clerk picks up the Group’s cards from the Group Leader or the group has rotated to the next class shall receive a zero as a placing score for that class.

11. Breeding cattle and steers will NOT be handled. All judging of non-reasons cattle classes will be done from a distance of 10-15 feet. Close inspection may be allowed. This will be determined after selection of the classes.

12. Breeding sheep and goats will not be handled since they will be judged loose in a pen. When handling market lambs and meat goat wethers, contestants will stand in line and will be allowed 15 seconds to handle each lamb or goat individually. Lambs and goats will not be rehandled at any time. 15.

SUPERINTENDENT

1. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to see that all rules and regulations of the contest are followed. He/she shall determine the answers to all questions which may arise in connection with the interpretation of the rules governing the contest.

2. The superintendent shall have assistant superintendents and helpers to assist with contest management.

3. The Superintendent will not serve as an official judge nor listen to oral reasons.

4. The Superintendent shall take charge of all records and shall have all scores tabulated and totaled.

5. All decisions by the Superintendent, Chair and/or Contest Management Committee shall be deemed final and shall not be further challenged.

CONTEST HELP

Any handlers, clerks, assistants and attendants, etc. shall be under the direction of the Superintendent. They shall carry out all assignments in an orderly manner; and no contest help shall confer with a contestant, contest committee or contest official Judges unless directed by the Superintendent.

DETERMINATION OF RATINGS

1. Fifty (50) points shall constitute a perfect mark for placing classes and 50 points a perfect mark on oral reasons.

2. Highest total score overall wins.

a. If there is a tie then the highest total reasons score breaks the tie.

b. If still tied then the lower placings in reasons classes wins.

c. If still tied then the highest total questions score wins.

3. Highest reasons score wins.

a. If there is a tie then the lower placings classes wins.

b. If there is still a tie the highest total overall score wins

4. Highest score within the species wins.
 - a. If there is a tie then the highest total reasons score within the specie wins.
 - b. If still tied then the highest total reason score overall wins.
 - c. If still tied then the highest total score overall wins.
5. Team alternates are eligible for individual awards.

JUDGES

1. A committee of judges shall place all classes and listen to oral reasons. If the number of teams entered indicates that additional judges are necessary to expedite the process of listening to oral reasons, the Superintendent shall have the authority to appoint such judges.
2. The judges shall place the classes while the contestants are working in the area. The judges shall mark their placings on placing cards, indicate the cuts to be made and file that card with the referee judge.
3. Contestants will NOT be offered their placing card as they appear before an official judge to give their oral reasons. When a contestant has finished giving oral reasons on a class, the judge will place the official reasons score on a master sheet that will be used for tabulation.

**CONTESTANTS AND TEAMS WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE
CONTEST FOR INFRACTIONS OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

ENTRY MATERIALS due by October 21st

Collegiate Division

A team shall consist of five members representing the University in which they are regularly enrolled. A college/university may enter one team. Alternates, not entered as part of the team, may be entered and judge as individuals. A maximum of 10 individuals from the same college/university may judge in this contest. Entries will be paid in the amount of \$150 per team at _____. Money received from entry fees will be used to help defray contest expenses.

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ELIGIBILITY OF CONTESTANTS

1. An evaluation, selection and/or livestock judging team contestant must be a bona fide undergraduate, enrolled in a recognized institution offering a well-rounded curriculum in Animal Sciences with a full degree in Agriculture.

2. At the time of, or immediately preceding the contest in question, each contestant must have been enrolled in enough college credit hours to represent 75% of an average semester, trimester, quarter

or term credit load necessary to graduate in 8 semesters, 12 quarters or the equivalent thereof; e.g., enrolled in 12 semester-hour credits when an average semester load is 16 hours for a 128-hour degree, 13 quarter-hour credits when an average quarter load is 17 hours for a 204-hour degree, etc.

3. Each contestant must have a cumulative minimum grade point average of C (2.0 on a 4-point system), or its equivalent, for all college courses taken prior to the time he or she competes in a contest. No contestant is eligible to compete in a contest if he or she has been ruled ineligible by his or her coach and/or institution. This rule applies for both social and scholastic probation.

4. Each contestant must establish his or her institutional residency by having been enrolled in the institution he or she represents for at least one semester, trimester, quarter or term before competing in a Senior Contest.

5. Contest eligibility of a student is considered to be for one calendar year; that is, from January 1 to December 31 of any given year. However, interruptions in an undergraduate course of study for military service, hardship, failure of the institution to continuously "field" a team or other reasons beyond control of the student shall not make a student ineligible for further contest participation if all other contest requirements have been fulfilled. However, in no case shall a student compete in a Senior College Contest more than once for either individual or team awards. A letter should be requested from the eligibility committee by the coach declaring the student eligible.

The National Meat Animal Evaluation Contest and the Twin Falls Evaluation Contest are exempt from this rule in that students may compete in these two contests after having been on a senior college livestock team the previous year.

6. Community College and/or Junior College students are eligible for participation in Senior College contests, provided they have fulfilled all the requirements in Rules 1-6, and

a. as "Junior College" Contestants have abided by the rules as set forth by the National Junior College Coaches' Association concerning contest eligibility, and

b. a Junior or Community College student will be limited to a maximum of one year (12 months) of continuous eligibility as a “Junior College” Contestant in order to maintain eligibility for Senior College competition.

7. Two-year students in a certificate program or those enrolled as special students are eligible for participation in Senior College Contests provided they have fulfilled all the requirements in Rules 1-6, and

a. students competing in Senior Contests as two-year students will be ineligible for later competition as four-year students.

8. Students serving as an alternate in Senior College Contests shall not be eligible for further contest participation (in a future year) in an intercollegiate livestock evaluation or selection contest. An alternate is defined as “any student taken to any Senior Contest”.

9. No contestant is eligible to compete if he or she has, at any time, served as an official instructor at any agricultural college, a regular extension agent, a regular vocational agriculture teacher, an official representative of a breed association or paid as a livestock judge in any show.

10. Each collegiate livestock coach and his institution will be responsible for submitting the eligibility form of the students representing their institution.

11. All eligibility cases not covered by the regular rules shall be submitted to the contest Superintendent, for disposition at least 15 days prior to the contest in question.