

2016 OHIO STATE FAIR 4-H JUDGING TEAM CONTESTS

General Livestock Judging Contest

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL JUDGING TEAM CONTESTS:

1. All participants must be current 4-H members as of January 1, 2016.
2. Youth must represent their county of 4-H enrollment.
3. Contestants must not have participated in a national judging contest for the respective judging contest/species they wish to enter.
4. Contestants must not have participated in or enrolled in official postsecondary (university, college, junior college, or technical school) competitive judging events, including judging courses, for the respective contest/species they wish to enter.
5. A team must consist of a minimum of three and maximum of four members within the same age category.
6. When four members judge, the contestant with the lowest overall score will be designated as the alternate, however will still be eligible for individual awards.
7. If a county does not have enough members for a team, they may enter one or two individuals to compete for high individual.
8. Each SENIOR contestant **must** have passed his or her 14th birthday and **cannot** have passed his or her 19th birthday *by* January 1, 2016. (Therefore, youth turning 19 on or before December 31, 2015 are too old to participate.)
9. Each JUNIOR contestant **must** be 8 years of age *and* in the 3rd grade as of January 1, 2016, and **must not** have passed his or her 13th birthday *by* January 1, 2016. (Therefore, youth turning 14 on or before December 31, 2015 must participate in the Senior Contest.)

4-H GENERAL LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Friday, July 29 – Denny Hales Arena

Registration – 8:30 a.m.

Contest Instructions – 10:00 a.m.

(Registration and Contest Instructions will be in the Voinovich Livestock Center Show Arena)

Entry Deadline without Penalty – Friday, July 15 Postmark

\$5.00 per Contestant

Day-of-Contest Entry Fee - \$10.00 per Contestant

Awards Presentation – Following Contest Critiques

DR. KEEGAN GAY, Extension Specialist, 4-H Livestock Programs, OSU Extension, Superintendent

AMANDA FORQUER, 4-H Program Coordinator, OSU Extension, Scoring Superintendent

AMANDA WENNER, 4-H Volunteer, Scoring Co-Superintendent

RULES:

1. **The entry deadline for teams and individuals to pay without penalty is for entries to be postmarked by Friday, July 15.** Entry fees are \$5.00 per contestant (no refunds).
2. Day-of-contest entries will be accepted with a penalty fee. Day-of-contest entry fee is \$10.00 per contestant.
3. Each county may enter multiple teams; however, only one county team will be eligible for travel awards.
4. All teams, as well as individuals, are eligible for awards.

5. A county Extension professional must sign each team's registration form.
6. In both the Junior and Senior contests, cross-county teams are allowed to participate provided team members are from neighboring counties with one common border.
7. For cross-county teams:
 - a. Cross-county team members must represent their county of 4-H enrollment.
 - b. One Extension professional from the county in which the team is registered must sign the registration form.
 - c. One Extension professional from the other county where the cross-county team member(s) are enrolled must provide enrollment documentation in the form of a letter attached to the team's registration form. This letter must be written on county Extension letterhead.
 - d. Documentation will be confirmed upon receipt of registration.
8. Contestants are not permitted to wear any apparel (shirts, jackets, belt buckles, etc.) that distinguishes in any manner who they are or where they are from, i.e. individual's name, 4-H club, county, etc.
9. Contestants are not permitted to have cell phones or any other electronic devices in their possession during competition.
10. SENIORS are required to give four sets of oral reasons which will all be included in the scoring for both team and individual awards. There will be one set of reasons for each species (beef, sheep, swine and meat goats).
11. JUNIORS will be required to answer four sets of questions (5 questions per class and 5 points per question). There will be one set of questions per species (beef, sheep, swine and meat goats). Junior contestants will have the questions and will answer them while they are judging the class.
12. JUNIORS oral reasons will be an optional contest and will not be counted in scoring for individual and team awards. However, awards will be provided for the optional oral reasons contest.

AWARDS:

Senior

1. The five highest scoring county teams will receive awards provided by the **Ohio State Fair**.
2. The ten highest scoring individuals will receive awards provided by the **Ohio State Fair**.
3. Awards for the three highest scoring individuals in beef, swine, sheep, and meat goats will be provided by **The Ohio Cattlemen's Association, The Ohio Pork Producers Council, The Ohio Sheep Improvement Association, and Ohio State University Extension, 4-H Youth Development**.
4. Awards for the top ten individuals in oral reasons will be provided by the **Franklin County Farm Bureau**.
5. The three highest scoring teams will be invited to represent Ohio 4-H at up to five separate national or regional contests. A full listing of contests will be made available to winning coaches after the Ohio State Fair contest is completed. A dollar amount will be designated per team for use for contest(s) attended. Any costs above designated amount must be incurred by team. Available contests will include, but are not limited to, the North American International Livestock Exposition, Louisville, KY; the American Royal, Kansas City, MO; the National Western, Denver, CO; Ak-Sar-Ben, Omaha, NE; Keystone International, Harrisburg, PA; and the Stockman Contest, Auburn, IN.
 - a. The first place team can attend up to two contests. They will have the first and fourth choices from the available contest list.
 - b. The second place team can attend up to two contests. They will have the second and fifth choices from the available contest list.
 - c. The third place team can attend one contest. They will have the third choice from the available contest list.

- d. In the event that not enough team members are available to represent a winning county at a national or regional contest, members from multiple counties may combine to form a team to represent Ohio 4-H at a contest (with approval by the State 4-H Office, 4-H Livestock Specialist).

Junior

1. The five highest scoring county teams will receive awards provided by the **Ohio State Fair**.
2. The ten highest scoring individuals will receive awards provided by the **Ohio State Fair**.
3. Awards for the top ten individuals in oral reasons (optional) will be provided by the **Ohio State Fair**.
4. Awards for the three highest scoring individuals in beef, swine, sheep, and meat goats will be provided by **The Ohio Cattlemen's Association, The Ohio Pork Producers Council, The Ohio Sheep Improvement Association, and Ohio State University Extension, 4-H Youth Development**.