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NACTA 2013 Dairy Judging Contest Rules

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Special Note:

Coaches will be responsible for transportation to contest host site. (Approximately 45 minutes from Lubbock)

Rules:

1. There will be a two year college division and a four year college division. Awards will be given separately by division.
2. Teams will consist of four (4) members who will judge and give reasons.
3. A school may enter one team, with all contestants eligible for individual awards. Team members must be declared prior to the contest.
4. Neither contestants nor coaches will be allowed access to the contest prior to the contest time on contest day.
5. The contest coordinator will supply placing cards. Use of notes during placing or reasons presentation will not be allowed. Contestants will start the contest with a clean note pad.
6. There will be no conferring between contestants and/or coaches during the contest (placing and reasons). If contestants are observed talking they may be eliminated from the competition.
7. Contestants cannot wear any clothing, belt buckles, or hats that identifies them personally or their team. Contestants will not be allowed to wear hats while placing classes.
8. The contest will consist of eight (8) placing classes consisting of cows and heifers. Classes may include official pedigrees and/or DHI individual cow pages for the live animals to be used when making placing decisions.
9. Contestants will be required to defend their placing with three sets of oral reasons.
10. Contestants will be allowed 15 minutes for placing classes. Oral reasons will be limited to two minutes.
11. Cattle will be shown at the halter, if possible. However, some classes may, of necessity, be shown loose.
12. If practical, official placing and cuts will be presented at the completion of oral reasons presentations.
13. All placings, cuts and reasons scores provided by the committee of official judges will be official.
14. Tie breakers:

- a. If a tie exists for individual or team overall awards, the contestant or team having the highest overall reasons score will be awarded the higher placing.
 - b. If a tie exists for an award in breed classes, the contestant or team having the highest reasons score in that category will be awarded the higher placing.
 - c. If a tie exists in reasons, the contestant or team having the highest overall placing scores will be awarded the higher placing.
- 15. The faculty contest coordinator's announcement of individual and team placing will be final.
- 16. Tabulation of the final scores and results will be copied and made available to each participation team at the end of the awards banquet.