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## Livestock Judging Contest Rules

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#### **Rules:**

This contest will consist of 12 general livestock classes (cattle, swine, sheep, and/or goats). The classes will include both breeding and market animals. Breeding classes may have EPD's with scenarios. Contestants will be required to defend their placing with 8 sets of oral reasons.

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 five (5) members representing the school in which they are currently enrolled. All 5 scores will count towards the team score.
3. A school may enter one team. Individuals may participate, but team members must be declared prior to the contest.
4. A committee of judges will place all classes and evaluate all oral reasons. A selection committee will select all classes for the contest and decide which classes require oral reasons. If the number of teams entered indicates that additional judges are necessary to expedite and make more efficient the evaluation of oral reasons, contest officials shall have the authority to appoint judges.
5. No member of any team or their coach will be allowed in the livestock arena to inspect livestock prior to the contest.
6. While the contest is in progress, the use of cell phones, pagers and any other electronic devices are prohibited. There will be no conferring between contestants or anyone else, except as directed by contest officials. Any violation of this rule will be punished by expulsion of the offender.
7. The contest coordinator will supply scantrons. Use of notes during reasons presentation will not be allowed.
8. Contestants cannot wear any clothing, belt buckles, or hats which identifies them personally or their team. Contestants will not be allowed to wear hats while placing or while giving oral reasons.
9. All placings, cuts and reasons scores provided by official judges will be final. All team and individual placings set by contest officials are final.

#### **Scoring:**

Scores will be based upon a possible score of 50 points for placing each class and 50 points for each set of reasons. Since there are 12 classes to be placed and 8 set of reasons to be given, there will be a possible total score of 1,000 points per contestant.

- A. Teams and individuals will be ranked in order of total score (placing and reasons) for the classes comprising each species or award category. The team or individual having the highest score will be declared the winner in each category of the contest.

- B. If there is a tie for overall team or individual awards, the contestant or team with the highest overall reasons will be awarded the higher placing.
- C. If a tie exists for an award within species/category classes the highest team or individual reasons score within that category will be awarded the higher placing.
- D. If a tie exists in reasons, the team or contestant with the highest overall placing scores will be awarded the higher placing.