

Teach youth the principles of

**All contestants, coaches, parents and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times. At no time will disrespectful behavior (be it toward contest officials, other contestants or coaches, or the general public) be tolerated. Failure to comply may result in immediate disqualification of any individuals, teams and/or family members of the violator.**

1. A team may have three (3) or four (4) members; when four (4) are entered, the three (3) highest overall scores will make up the team totals.
2. All contestants will report to the contest venue, where they will receive full instructions and be given placing cards. All contestants will remain with the assigned group throughout the contest. Reasons and official placings will be given after contest is complete and award given.
3. Hats are prohibited in the judging arena.
4. While the contest is in progress, there shall be no conferring between the contestants or between contestants and anyone else except as directed by the Contest Superintendents or their representatives.
5. Two (2) to four (4) livestock species/breed classes will be judged. Contestants will give oral reasons on one class. All classes will be judged as sound of limb, eye, wind, mouth and reproductive. Live animal judging will be done if at all possible but may be substituted with photos if necessary.
6. The animals and showmen will be designated by numbers 1-2-3-4 and numbered from left to right as viewed from the rear.
7. Animals will not be handled by the contestants, but time will be provided in classes for close inspection and to observe the animals in movement.
9. Five (5) minutes will be allowed for contestants to judge non-reason classes and seven (7) minutes will be given contestants during reasons classes to make their observations, take notes and fill out their placing cards.
10. Two (2) minutes will be allowed for each contestant to give oral reasons to the judge. Contestants are encouraged not to use notes while giving reasons. Contestant's placing card will not be offered to them upon entering the reasons room.

Contestants are expected to abide by these judging contest rules:

1. No talking during the contest.
  2. No printed material may be taken into the contest.
  3. Be quick and courteous in response to group leader directions.
  4. Stay with group until dismissed.
  5. Refrain from conduct that would distract fellow contestants.
- Standard 4-H show attire must be worn during the contest and at the awards presentation. No open toed shoes or sandals, crop-top shirts or shorts will be allowed. Shirts must be tucked in.

1. It shall be the duty of the Superintendents and the Livestock Contest Committee to see that all rules and regulations are carried out.
2. The Superintendents will take no part in rating the contestants.
3. They shall have charge of all records and shall have all ratings received, tabulated and totaled.
4. The Superintendents will be responsible for all cuts on official placings.

