

KEYSTONE INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION
COLLEGIATE AND JUNIOR LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

8:00 AM Saturday, October 5, 2024

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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Collegiate – This contest is open to agricultural colleges in the United States and Canada offering a B.S. degree for the regular four-year course in agriculture.

Junior Contest – Open to state 4-H and FFA judging teams.

2. For entry information, contact Lois Rankin (lrankin@comcast.net), 77 South Ridge Rd., Spring Grove, PA 17362, no later than September 15, 2024

Entry Fee – \$150 per collegiate team; \$100 per junior team.

3. Each Collegiate Team shall consist of five members, although seven contestants from each college or university may judge and give oral reasons. The five high-scoring individuals from each institution will constitute the team score.

Each Junior Team shall consist of three members although four contestants from each team may judge and give oral reasons. The three high-scoring individuals from each team will constitute the team score.

Team members not officially participating in the contest may judge and give oral reasons at the discretion of the Contest Chair. The decision will be made at the coach's dinner on the evening prior based on the total number of teams entered. The entry fee will be \$10 for each participating alternate payable on the day of the contest. Unofficial participants will not be eligible for awards.

Team members should report to the Maclay Street Lobby of the Farm Show Complex and Expo Center before 7:45 AM on Saturday, October 5, 2024.

4. Eligibility:

Collegiate – Any agricultural college undergraduate student representing their institution who is in attendance as a regularly enrolled student in the institution, and who has taken no less than one year undergraduate work in that institution, who has never represented an institution in any intercollegiate livestock judging contest previous to the year in which the contest is held, who has never acted as an official judge of livestock at a fair or show, and who has at no time served in the capacity of teacher of livestock judging in an agricultural college or secondary school, may be entered as a member of a team to represent the college in which he or she is matriculated. Collegiate contestants must meet eligibility standards according to the National Livestock Coach's Association.

Junior – Each state is eligible to enter one 4-H Livestock Judging Team and/or one FFA Live- stock Judging Team. The team members may be selected in a manner determined by the State Extension Service or the FFA organization.

Contestants must be bona fide 4-H or FFA members and approved by their respective State Extension Service or FFA organization. Contestants must have conducted a livestock project – approved by the organization that they represent. Each contestant must have passed his or her 14th and not passed his or her 19th birthday (FFA-21st) on January 1 of the current year.

Contestants must not have participated in official post-secondary (university, college, junior college, or technical school) competitive events of a similar nature and in the same subject matter area. For example, a contestant who has competed in an official collegiate livestock judging contest is ineligible to compete.

Contestants must not have participated previously in the contest. However, junior contestants who competed once as a 4-H member are eligible to compete once as a FFA member and vice versa, provided all other eligibility requirements are met.

Contestants must not have participated in the national 4-H or FFA Livestock Judging Contests, however, contestants who have competed in the national 4-H contest may compete on a KILE FFA team and vice versa.

Contestants who have served as members of official seven-member Collegiate Teams or four-member Junior Teams are considered to have previously participated and are ineligible to compete a second time in that contest division. An individual may compete in the Junior contest and as a collegiate contestant, but not during the same year.

5. Classes – Twelve classes (four individuals per class) shall be judged: EITHER five classes of beef cattle, four classes of small ruminants, and three classes of swine OR five classes of beef cattle, four classes of swine, and three classes of small ruminants. The number of swine and small ruminants classes will be determined by the quality of available swine and small ruminants classes. Animals in each class shall be identified by numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4. Performance data and scenarios shall be provided for at least one class of each species.
6. Time – Twelve minutes will be allowed for contestants to place both reasons and non-reasons classes. A two-minute warning will be given. Contestants will not be permitted to handle classes of breeding cattle. If sheep are handled, the 10-second rule will apply.
7. While the contest is in progress, there will be no conferring between contestants or between contestant and anyone else, except as directed by the Chair or his representatives.
8. Card Placings – Contestants will turn in placing cards to their assigned group leader immediately at the conclusion of each class. Group leaders may not return cards to the contestants.
9. Oral Reasons – Collegiate contestants will give reasons on eight classes; EITHER three beef cattle classes, three small ruminants classes, and two swine classes OR three beef cattle classes, three swine classes, and two small ruminants classes. Junior contestants will give reasons on four classes: two beef classes, one small ruminants class, and one swine class. The contestants shall be notified at the time of placing whether or not reasons will be required in the ring when being judged. Reasons shall be given orally before the judge or judges, and for this purpose private rooms will be provided. Two minutes will be permitted for each set of reasons.
10. Junior contestants will be asked two sets of questions based on two non-reasons classes. Each set will have a maximum of 10 questions and will be worth 50 points (five points per question).

Contestants should be encouraged to take notes on the questions classes, and they will be allowed time to study these notes on the questions classes prior to (but not while answering) the questions. Questions will be read to all contestants at the conclusion of the placing session and just prior to the reasons.

11. Final junior contest standings shall be based on placings, oral reasons, and questions classes. Collegiate placings will be based on both placings and reasons scores. Fifty points shall constitute a perfect score in placing the animals; 50 points shall constitute a perfect score for oral reasons. In classes where no reasons are required, the placing only will be considered.
12. Group Leaders – An individual will be placed in charge of each group to act as supervisor of that contestant group, to observe the contestants, to see that the animals are properly shown, and to answer any questions not pertaining to the actual placing regarding the animals under consideration.
13. Official Judges – Official judge(s) will be provided for each livestock specie.
14. Awards – Final results of the contest will be made available and awards will be presented at a breakfast on the morning following the contest. The time and place will be announced by the Chair. The Exposition Executive Council and the Judging Contest Committee expresses sincere appreciation to all who have donated awards for presentation to the contestants.
15. Photograph– Photographs will be taken of all winners and will be made available to teams and/or contestants at cost.
16. No electronic devices (telephones, PDA's, etc.) may be in the possession of contestants at any time during the contest.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Penn State plans to host an asynchronous judging workout on Friday, 10/4/24 from 9 AM – 3 PM. Classes of swine, sheep, and cattle will be available for teams participating in Saturday's contest. Coaches will be provided with further details prior to the contest.

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