

JUDGING CONTESTS

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

General Rules and Regulations govern all the judging contests held at this Show; and in addition, each contest will be governed by the special rules under that contest. Refer to these special rules for eligibility of contestants, time of contest and awards. The special rules govern in case of a conflict with the general rules.

1. **Entry of Teams.** Entry applications for each Judging Contest must be obtained from and filed with the General Office of the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show by the entry deadline for each respective contest. This application for entry must be signed officially by the coach, certifying that the team is eligible for entry in the contest and that each team member is eligible under the rules of the contest.

2. **Superintendent.** It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to see that all rules and regulations governing each contest are duly carried out.

3. **Judges.** It will be the duty of the judges to examine the classes of livestock, to place the animals in each class, and to determine the essential reasons for each placing without any assistance or consultation. Except for close observation, the judge shall make his placings of the animals at the same time the students are at work in the arena. The judges will make known their placings to the Superintendent but otherwise will keep their ratings secret until all contestants have finished giving oral reasons.

After all classes have been judged by the contestants and placed by the judges, the judges will hear and grade oral reasons on the classes on which reasons are required.

Each contestant's placing card will be scored against the official placings and cuts.

ENTRIES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNLESS REQUIRED FEES ACCOMPANY ENTRY.

4. **Procedure of the Contests.** No one will be allowed in the arena during the contest other than the Superintendent, his clerks and assistants, the attendants holding the animals, judges, and the contestants taking part in that particular contest. Coaches and alternates must not come in contact with the contestants during the contest.

While a contest is in progress, there shall be no conferring between contestants or between a contestant and anyone else, except as directed by the Superintendent or a designated representative. No contestant shall wear any uniform, school colors, or school hat, nor signify in any way to the judges personal identity or identity of the school represented.

NO CONTESTANT OR COACH WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE SHOW GROUNDS THE DAY PRIOR TO THE JUDGING CONTEST (with the exception of 4-H and FFA groups exhibiting animals in the Junior Division).

Contestants in each Judging Contest will meet with the Superintendent of their contest promptly at the scheduled time and location of their respective contest (see SCHEDULE OF JUDGING CONTESTS, Page 207) at which time they will receive full instructions concerning the program to be followed and the manner in which the contest will be conducted.

The contestants in each contest will be divided into groups by the Superintendent and a leader will be appointed for each group.

Animals within a class will be designated by numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Contest classes will be selected from those livestock breeds having an economic impact on their respective industry.

Any contestant violating any of the rules and regulations applying to their contest will be barred from competition.

5. **Passes.** Season passes which will admit the coach and team members onto the show grounds will be mailed to the coaches of the Intercollegiate Judging Contests in January. Please take care of these season passes and bring them to the show. Replacement passes must be purchased at a charge of \$20 each in the Accounting Office in Cattle Barn 4. 4-H and FFA Judging Contest coaches will receive letters of admittance for their groups.

SCHEDULE OF JUDGING CONTESTS

Saturday, January 16

1:00 p.m. – 4-H and FFA Goat Judging Contest – Swine Arena

Sunday, January 17

7:30 a.m. – Southwest Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest and Texas Open Junior Dairy Cattle Judging Contest for 4-H and FFA – Cattle Arena

Saturday, January 23

9:30 a.m. – District IV 4-H Range and Pasture Plant Identification Contest – Cactus Room, Amon G. Carter Jr. Exhibits Building.

12:30 p.m. – FFA and 4-H Range and Pasture Plant Identification Contest – Cactus Room, Amon G. Carter Jr. Exhibits Building.

Friday, February 5

7:30 a.m. – Junior and Senior Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contests – Will Rogers Coliseum

Saturday, February 6

6:00 a.m. – Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest – Columbia Meat Packing Company, Dallas, Texas

8:30 a.m. – Open Senior TQHYA, 4-H and FFA Horse Judging Contest – Will Rogers Coliseum

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, January 16

6:00 p.m. – Reception and dinner for coaches of Dairy Cattle Judging Teams sponsored by Oak Farms – French Room, Moncrief Building.

Sunday, January 17

5:30 p.m. – Awards Dinner for Intercollegiate, 4-H and FFA Dairy Cattle Judging team members and coaches co-sponsored by Dairy Farmers of America and Texas Animal Nutrition Council – Stagecoach Room – Round Up Inn.

Thursday, February 4

6:00 p.m. – Reception and dinner for coaches of Livestock Judging teams for Junior and Senior Colleges co-sponsored by Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show and Justin Boot Company – Cactus Room, Amon G. Carter Jr. Exhibits Building.

Friday, February 5

9:30 a.m. – Coffee break for all contestants and officials of Junior and Senior Livestock Judging Contests – Will Rogers Coliseum.

Saturday, February 6

7:00 a.m. – Awards Breakfast for contestants and coaches of Junior and Senior Livestock Judging Contests sponsored by JBS Five Rivers Cattle Feeding LLC – Stagecoach Room, Round Up Inn.

Sunday, February 7

7:30 a.m. – Awards Breakfast for Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest sponsored by Standard Meat - Cargill – Stagecoach Room, Round Up Inn.

TEXAS OPEN JUNIOR DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING CONTEST FOR 4-H and FFA MEMBERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2010 – 7:30 A.M.

SUPERINTENDENTS

Dr. Ellen Jordan, Dallas, Texas

Tommy Webb, Cleburne, Texas

**ENTRY FEE (per team) Entry fee must accompany entry\$ 60.00
(includes lunch for contestants)**

ENTRY DEADLINE DECEMBER 1, 2009

This contest will be governed by the General Rules and Regulations of the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show, the Livestock Judging Contests, and the following special rules. Entry applications may be obtained by contacting the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show, PO Box 150, Fort Worth, Texas 76101-0150, 817-877-2400, or on our website fwssr.com. All 4-H and FFA organizations in Texas are invited to enter one (1) Senior Division Dairy Judging team and one (1) Junior Division Dairy Judging team.

Each 4-H club and FFA chapter team entering must furnish at least one (1) adult leader per team to assist with the contest as needed. Leaders and contestants should report to the Superintendent by 7:15 a.m. for assignment.

All teams are invited to attend the Awards Dinner co-sponsored by **Dairy Farmers of**

America and Texas Animal Nutrition Council in the Stagecoach Room of the Round Up Inn at 5:30 p.m., Sunday, January 17.

SPECIAL RULES

1. CONTESTANTS AND ELIGIBILITY:

- a. Contestants must be bona fide 4-H or FFA members enrolled in public or private schools in Texas. All members from a team must be from the same county or club if entered by a County Extension Agent, or from the same school if entered by an Agricultural Science Teacher. If a contestant has been the high overall individual within a division they are not eligible for further high individual awards in that division; however, they may still compete on a team.
- b. To be eligible for the Junior Division, contestants must be entered as a member of a Junior Team, be nine (9) years old or in the third grade but not have reached their fifteenth (15th) birthday, on January 1, 2010.
- c. To be eligible for the Senior Division, contestants must be entered as a member of a Senior Team, in the ninth grade or have passed their fourteenth (14th) birthday but not older than nineteen (19) years old, on January 1, 2010.
- d. Any contestant violating any rule will be disqualified from the contest.
- e. If the eligibility of any student is protested, such protest must be made in writing at the arena side the day of the contest before the contest begins. The protest must be accompanied by a check in the amount of \$25, which will be returned if the protest is sustained. If the protest is not sustained, the \$25 protest fee shall be forfeited.

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2. TEAMS:

- a. A team shall consist of a minimum of three (3) members and a maximum of four (4) members. Individuals will not be allowed to judge.
- b. Contestant names and birthdates will be submitted the morning of the contest.
- c. Team scores will be determined by the combined scores of the three (3) highest scoring individual team members. The contestant with the lowest score will be designated as alternate, but will be eligible to receive individual awards.

3. CONTEST:

- a. Ten (10) classes of dairy cattle will be placed.
 - 1) There will be two (2) sets of oral reasons given by Senior Division Contestants.
 - 2) Junior Division Contestants will give one (1) set of oral reasons.
 - 3) Fifty (50) points will constitute a perfect score for placings and fifty (50) points a perfect score for reasons.
- b. While the contest is in progress there will be no communication among the contestants, or between a contestant and anyone else except the squad leader.
- c. Contestants will be allowed fifteen (15) minutes to make their observations, record their placings and take notes that will assist them in remembering the class when they appear before the judge to give oral reasons.
- d. Contestants will be notified two (2) minutes before time is up in each class.
- e. No handling of the animals will be permitted by the contestants.
- f. The contestants will not be permitted to use their notes when giving oral reasons before the judge. Contestants will be allowed two (2) minutes to present their oral reasons.

4. INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM RANKING:

- a. The final rank for each contestant in each breed will be determined by totaling their grades on placings and reasons for that breed. The individual rank for all breeds shall be determined by adding their grades for each of the breeds judged.
- b. The team ranking for each breed will be determined by totaling the grades on placings and reasons for each of the three (3) highest team members in each breed. Likewise, the team ranking for all breeds shall be determined by combining the grades of the three (3) highest team members.
- c. In the case of a tie, the individual or team making the highest score in reasons for the breed concerned will be awarded the prize in question. If a tie still remains, the person or team ranking highest for all reasons will be awarded the prize in question. In case of a tie on the overall reasons score, the tie will be broken based on the individual's or team's overall score. Individuals tied in both reasons and placing scores will be ranked using their respective overall team placing.

TEAM AWARDS

The team making the best average in judging each of the following breeds in the Junior and Senior Divisions will receive a permanent plaque donated by the following sponsors.

SENIOR DIVISION

BROWN SWISS CATTLETexas Brown Swiss Association, Cumby, Texas
GUERNSEY CATTLELavon Farms, Dallas, Texas
HOLSTEIN CATTLETexas Holstein Association, Bellevue, Texas
JERSEY CATTLETexas Jersey Cattle Club, Winnsboro, Texas
OVERALL CONTESTCOBA/Select Sires, Tyler, Texas
REASONSCrouch Supply Company, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas

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Rosettes through 3rd Place will be awarded in each of the six (6) categories of the Junior and Senior Divisions.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

A permanent plaque will be presented to the high individual in the Junior and Senior Divisions for: a) each breed; b) overall; and c) reasons, donated by the following sponsors.

SENIOR DIVISION

BROWN SWISS CATTLETexas Brown Swiss Association, Cumby, Texas
GUERNSEY CATTLETexas Guernsey Association, Plano, Texas
HOLSTEIN CATTLETexas Holstein Association, Bellevue, Texas
JERSEY CATTLETexas Jersey Cattle Club, Winnsboro, Texas
OVERALL CONTESTCOBA/Select Sires, Tyler, Texas
REASONSCrouch Supply Company, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas

The Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show will award a \$500 scholarship to the Overall Contest Winner in the Senior Division.

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