**TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

February 4, 2020

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District 8 County Extension Agents

**FROM:** Donald W. Kelm

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**SUBJECT:** 2020 DISTRICT 8 4-H TARLETON SPRING JUDGING CONTESTS

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| **Events:** | Range EvaluationRange & Pasture Grass Identification Wool Judging & EvaluationMohair Judging & Evaluation Entomology Identification Ag Product Identification Livestock Skillathon |
| **Event Date**: | Friday, April 3, 2020 |
| **Location**: | Tarleton State University Agricultural CenterAg Mechanics Building County Road 518Stephenville, TX 76401The GPS coordinates you can use are [32.237415, -98.201903.](https://goo.gl/maps/GKnfyxjCZBt) <https://goo.gl/maps/GKnfyxjCZBt> |
| **Entry Deadline:** | All entries will be completed on 4-H Connect at [https://texas.4honline.com/.](https://texas.4honline.com/) Opens: Monday, March 2, 2020Closes: Friday, March 20, 2020 |
| **County Approvals:** | County offices need to approve registrations on 4-H Connect by Monday, March 23, 2020. |
| **Entry Fee:** | $10 per member per event |

**Central District 8** | **4-H Youth Development**

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| **Late Entries:** | Late entries will be permitted with an additional:* $20 late fee per 4-H member up to 60 hours after the regular contest deadline.
* $50 late fee per 4-H member after 60 hours and up to the time of check- in on-site at an event
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| **Auxiliary Aids or****Special Accommodations:** | If you have any participants requiring auxiliary aids or special accommodations, please let us know at the time of entry. |

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## *Schedule*

*Registration opens at 7:30 am and will be open all day.*

*Registration will be at the Ag Mechanics Building at the Tarleton Agricultural Center.*

Tarleton State University Agricultural Center

Ag Mechanics Building County Road 518

Stephenville, TX 76401

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|  | **Check-in by:** | **Orientation/Contest Starts** |
| Livestock Skillathon | “Come-and-Go Format” See rules for details. | 8:00 am – 12:00 pm |
| Entomology Identification | 7:45 am | 8:00 am |
| Mohair Judging & Evaluation | 8:45 am | 9:00 am |
| Range & Pasture Grass Identification (Plant ID) | 8:45 am | 9:00 am |
| Range Evaluation | 9:45 am | 10:00 am |
| Wool Judging & Evaluation | 11:15 am | 11:30 pm |
| Awards Ceremony #1 | *Approximately 1:00 pm or immediately following completion of tabulation for Entomology, Mohair, Wool, Range Evaluation, Livestock Skillathon and Range & Pasture Grass**(Plant ID) contests.* |
| Ag Product Identification | 1:45 pm | 2:00 pm |
| Awards Ceremony #2 | *Approximately 3:30 pm or immediately following completion of tabulation for Ag Product**Identification.* |

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## *General Rules for all Tarleton-hosted contests*

### Rules and Guidelines

All District contests will be conducted by the rules printed in the District 8 General Rules and Guidelines and in the 2020 Texas 4-H Roundup Guide. If an inconsistency exists, the Texas 4-H Roundup Guide rules will always supersede District policies, rules, and guidelines. All contests listed in the Texas 4-H Roundup Guide will be included in District Contest, provided there are sufficient entries.

### Membership

Participants must be a bona fide 4-H member, currently enrolled in their respective county program.

### Age Divisions

There will be three (3) age divisions (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior) in all contests.

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| Age divisions are determined by a participant’s grade as of August 31, 2019 as follows: |
| **Age Division** | **Grades** |  |
| Junior | 3\*, 4, or 5 | *\*Must be at least 8 years old* |
| Intermediate | 6, 7, or 8 |  |
| Senior | 9, 10, 11, or 12\* | *\*Must not be older than 18 years old* |

Only Senior aged members may advance to the state qualifying competition at Texas 4-H Roundup in the qualifying contests.

### Participation/Entries

4-H members must be certified by the County Extension Agent to participate at any District 4-H event.

### Team per county

There is no limit to the number of teams a county may enter in the district contest.

### Members per team

These are team events; therefore, entrants are encouraged to be part of a team. Each team will have at least three (3) and no more than four (4) members. Individual entries will be allowed, only if there are not enough individuals in the county to make up a team.

*Note*: A County can only have a maximum of 2 individual entries per age division. If there are 3 individuals wanting to judge in the same age division, they must be considered a team entry.

All team members must be from the same county and within the same age division. Exception: Juniors may move up to the Intermediate age division when participating on a team that has true Intermediates (based upon grades listed above) on it. No one may move up to the Senior age division. No individual may move down to a younger age division.

### Multiple Entries at Tarleton Spring Judging Contests

4-H members may participate in multiple events. The schedule is built to allow youth to participate in multiple contests on the same day. Lunch will be on your own, so youth will need to be prepared if planning to compete in contests that are around lunch time.

### Academic Eligibility of Participants

According to the Texas Education Code, a 4-H member must be deemed “eligible” to compete in an event that takes place on a weekday or weekend. All 4-H youth, including youth in public, private, and/or home school must adhere to the following guidelines regarding extracurricular activities and academic eligibility:

* + Complete a “Declaration of Eligibility Form” OR
	+ Name of 4-H member must appear on a list of eligible students to participate in a specific extracurricular activity signed by the school principal or designee.

If a 4-H member is ineligible for a 4-H competitive event, the agent must notify the 4-H member, his/her parents, and the district office, by letter, of this situation. If the parent has any questions, he/she should be referred to the school administrator.

### Entry Fee

There is a $10 entry fee per member per contest. All entries must be submitted through 4-H Connect by the entry due date.

### Late Fees

Late entries will be permitted with an additional $20 late fee per 4-H member 60 hours after the regular contest deadline. $50 late fee per member after 60 hours and up to the time of the check-in on-site at the event.

### Awards

The top three (3) teams and the top five (5) individuals in each age division in each contest will receive awards.

### Auxiliary Aids/Special Accommodations

If 4-H members that are participating in District 4-H events require auxiliary aids or special accommodations, please notify the District Office at the same time that entry materials are due.

1. ***These are invitational only contests. These contests are invitational at Texas 4-H Roundup:***
* Ag Product ID *open to intermediates*
* Entomology *open to intermediates*
* Livestock Skill-a-thon *open to intermediates*
* Range Evaluation *open to intermediates*
* Range & Pasture Grass Identification *open to intermediates*
* Wool Judging – Only Senior (9th – 12th grades).
* Mohair Judging - Only Senior (9th – 12th grades).

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## *Mohair Judging & Evaluation*

### OBJECTIVE

The Mohair Contest tests a 4-H member’s knowledge and ability to determine the grade, rank, and categorize mohair. The contest provides an opportunity for youth to compete and develop skills that can be used on an angora ranching operation, within the mohair industry, or agricultural teaching field.

### CONTEST METHOD OF CONDUCT

1. The contest will be divided into two areas: fleece evaluation of grading rail and mohair placing and reason classes.
2. The contest will be conducted using a scan sheet or evaluation sheet that will be provided for contestants on the day of the contest. Mohair scan sheet, #528-6 will be used[. https://www.judgingcard.com/ScanSheets/samples/528-6-Mohair.pdf](https://www.judgingcard.com/ScanSheets/samples/528-6-Mohair.pdf)
3. While completing the competition, there will be no conferring between contestants or between a contestant and anyone else except as directed by contest officials.
4. Contestants may use an unmarked clipboard and blank scan sheet or evaluation sheet. Contestants may bring no books, notes, measuring devices or other reference material into the contest area. Contest officials reserve the right to check contestant’s clipboard and scan sheet to make sure they are blank. Violators are subject to contest dismissal.
5. Contestants should handle the fleeces with care and respect for fellow contestants. Fleeces should not be rough handled in any manner. Mohair locks should be pulled with care and only the minimum amount needed to complete reasons. Contestants will be warned for inappropriate mohair handling and contestants can lose their privilege to handle fleeces or take samples.
6. In the event of a team/individual tie, the tie breaker will be the team/individual with the highest rail score. If the rail score doesn’t break the tie, then it moves to overall reasons, then placings, and finally reasons score from hardest to easiest placing class.

### FLEECE EVALUATION OF GRADING RAIL

1. The sample rail may consist of 10-30 mohair samples for a total score of 100-300 points. The rail may be divided into two rails with approximately 1-2 minutes per fleece.
2. The grading rail consists of six quality grades that are worth 10 points each. If the contestants are one box off from the official grade than the contestant is awarded 5 points; except for kempy, which is an all or nothing grade.
3. Contestants must determine the quality grade of each sample. Each row in Table 1 contains a mohair quality grade. For this contest, grades are categories by super kid, kid, yearling, fine adult, adult, and kempy. It is important that contestants do not remove a sample from the box that it is in.

### PLACING CLASSES AND REASONS

1. Contestants will place four fleeces within a class based on weighting the following characteristics: Fineness and Uniformity (40%), Length (20%), Character (10%), Purity (10%), Condition and Yield (10%), Softness (5%), and Luster (5%). More detailed information is available within the Wool and Mohair Judging Manual (AS3-4.058).

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/Judging-Wool-and-Mohair.pdf>

1. Each placing class is worth 50 points.
2. There will be two to four classes.
3. Contestants will have 10-15 minutes per class.

### CONTEST RESOURCES

* Judging Wool & Mohair

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/Judging-Wool-and-Mohair.pdf>

* Texas 4-H Mohair Judging Contest General Rules & Information ***Updated rules coming soon!***

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/TX-State-4-H-Mohair-Rules-9.1.18.pdf>