

2017 OHIO STATE FAIR 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Friday, July 28 – Denny Hales Arena

Registration – 8:30 a.m.

Contest Instructions – 10:00 a.m.

(Registration and Contest Instructions will be in the Voinovich Livestock Center Show Arena)

Entry Deadline without Penalty – Friday, July 14 Postmark and \$5.00 per Contestant

Day-of-Contest Entry Fee - \$10.00 per Contestant

Awards Presentation – Following Contest Critiques

DUSTIN HOMAN, 4-H Professional, OSU Extension, Superintendent

AMANDA FORQUER, 4-H Program Coordinator, OSU Extension, Scoring Superintendent

AMANDA WENNER, 4-H Volunteer, Scoring Co-Superintendent

Note: Rule changes and/or additions are underlined

GENERAL RULES:

1. All participants must be current 4-H members as of January 1, 2017.
2. Each SENIOR contestant must have passed his or her 14th birthday and cannot have passed his or her 19th birthday by January 1, 2017. (Therefore, youth turning 19 on or before December 31, 2016 are too old to participate.)
3. Each JUNIOR contestant must be 8 years of age and in the 3rd grade as of January 1, 2017, and must not have passed his or her 13th birthday by January 1, 2017. (Therefore, youth turning 14 on or before December 31, 2016 must participate in the Senior Contest.)
4. Contestants must not have participated in a national judging contest for the respective judging contest/species they wish to enter.
5. Contestants must not have participated in or enrolled in official postsecondary (university, college, junior college, or technical school) competitive judging events, including judging courses, for the respective contest/species they wish to enter.
6. Youth must represent their county of 4-H enrollment. A team must consist of a minimum of three and maximum of four members within the same age category.
 - a. When four members judge, the contestant with the lowest overall score will be designated as the alternate, however will still be eligible for individual awards.
 - b. If a county does not have enough members for a team, they may enter one or two individuals to compete for high individual.
7. A county Extension professional must sign each team's registration form.
8. Junior and senior teams, as well as all individuals, are eligible for awards. Each county may enter multiple teams; however, only one county team will be eligible for travel awards.
9. In both the Junior and Senior contests, cross-county teams are allowed to participate if one county does not have enough members to complete a team. For cross-county teams:
 - a. Members must represent their county of 4-H enrollment.
 - b. One Extension professional from the county in which the team is registered must sign the registration form.
 - c. One Extension professional from the other county where the cross-county team member(s) is enrolled must provide enrollment documentation in the form of a letter attached to the team's registration form. This letter must be written on county Extension letterhead.
 - d. Documentation will be confirmed upon receipt of registration.
10. **Entries for teams and individuals to pay without penalty must be postmarked by Friday, July 14.** Entry fees are \$5.00 per contestant (no refunds). Day-of-contest entries will be accepted with a penalty fee. Day-of-contest entry fee is \$10.00 per contestant.

CONTEST STRUCTURE, RULES AND AWARDS:

1. **The contest will be comprised of three divisions: Juniors, Seniors, and Non-Reasons (any age).**
 - a. SENIORS will place up to ten classes, and are required to give four sets of oral reasons, which will all be included in the scoring for both team and individual awards. There will be one set of reasons for each species (beef, sheep, swine, and goats).
 - b. JUNIORS will place up to ten classes, and are required to give four sets of oral reasons, which will all be included in the scoring for both team and individual awards. There will be one set of reasons for each species (beef, sheep, swine, and goats).
 - c. NON-REASONS (ANY AGE) contestants will place up to ten classes, and are required to answer two sets of questions. Non-reason contestants will have and answer the questions while they are judging the class. Non-reasons contestants will only be considered for individual awards.
2. Contestants are not permitted to wear any apparel (shirts, jackets, belt buckles, etc.) that distinguishes in any manner who they are or where they are from (i.e. individual's name, 4-H club, county, etc.).
3. Contestants are not permitted to have cell phones or any other electronic devices in their possession. Contestants may carry only plain paper and pencils or pens into the contest.
4. Only officials and contestants of the contest will be allowed on the floor of the arena. All others are required to have permission from the Superintendent to enter the contest arena.
5. While the contest is in progress, there shall be no conferring between contestants or between contestants and anyone else, except as directed by the contest leaders. Any violation of this rule will be cause for immediate expulsion of offenders from the contest.

Senior Awards

1. The five highest scoring county teams will receive awards provided by the **Ohio State Fair**.
2. The ten highest scoring individuals will receive awards provided by the **Ohio State Fair**.
3. Awards for the highest scoring individuals in beef, swine, sheep, and goats will be provided by **The Ohio Cattlemen's Association, The Ohio Pork Producers Council, The Ohio Sheep Improvement Association, and Ohio State University (OSU) Extension, 4-H Youth Development**.
4. Awards will be presented for the top ten individuals in oral reasons.
5. The three highest scoring teams will be invited to represent Ohio 4-H at national or regional contests. A full listing of contests will be made available to winning coaches after the contest is completed. A dollar amount will be designated per team for use for contest(s) attended. Any costs above designated amount must be incurred by the team. Available contests will include, but are not limited to: the North American International Livestock Exposition, Louisville, KY; the American Royal, Kansas City, MO; and the National Western, Denver, CO.
 - a. The first place team can attend one contest. They will have the first choice from the available contest list.
 - b. The second place team can attend one contest. They will have the second choice from the available contest list.
 - c. The third place team can attend one contest. They will have the third choice from the available contest list.
 - d. In the event that not enough team members are available to represent a winning county at a national or regional contest, members from multiple counties may combine to form a team to represent Ohio 4-H at a contest (with approval by the State 4-H Office).

Junior Awards

1. The five highest scoring county teams will receive awards provided by the **Ohio State Fair**.
2. The ten highest scoring individuals will receive awards provided by the **Ohio State Fair**.
3. Awards will be presented for the top ten individuals in oral reasons.
4. Awards for the highest scoring individuals in beef, swine, sheep, and goats will be provided by **The Ohio Cattlemen's Association, The Ohio Pork Producers Council, The Ohio Sheep Improvement Association, and OSU Extension, 4-H Youth Development.**

Non-Reasons Awards

1. The ten highest scoring individuals will receive awards provided by the **Ohio State Fair**.
2. Awards for the highest scoring individuals in beef, swine, sheep, and goats will be provided by **The Ohio Cattlemen's Association, The Ohio Pork Producers Council, The Ohio Sheep Improvement Association, and OSU Extension, 4-H Youth Development.**