

OHIO STATE FAIR 4-H POULTRY JUDGING CONTEST

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

Buckeye Sports Center

Registration – 8:30 a.m.

Contest Instructions – 9:30 a.m.

(Registration and Contest Instructions will be in the Buckeye Sports Center)

Entry Deadline without Penalty – Friday, July 6 Postmark

\$5.00 per Contestant

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

MARY NEVSKA, 4-H Volunteer, Morrow County, Superintendent

DR. MICHAEL CRESSMAN, OSU Department of Animal Sciences, Co-Superintendent

CRYSTAL OTT, 4-H Program Coordinator, OSU Extension, Scoring Superintendent

DR. LUCINDA MILLER, 4-H Livestock, Companion & Small Animal Extension Specialist, Coordinator

GENERAL RULES

1. All participants must be current 4-H members as of January 1, 2018.
2. Each SENIOR contestant must have passed his or her 14th birthday and not older than 18 years of age as of January 1, 2018. (Therefore, youth turning 19 on or before December 31, 2017 are too old to participate.)
3. Each JUNIOR contestant must be 8 years of age and in the 3rd grade, or 9 years old and older regardless of grade level, as of January 1, 2018, and younger than 14 years of age as of January 1, 2018. (Therefore, youth turning 14 on or before December 31, 2017 must participate in the Senior Contest.)
4. Contestants must not have participated in a national poultry 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. Members from one or more additional counties can make up a cross-county team.
 - c. Cross-county team members do not need to be from neighboring counties with adjacent borders.
 - d. One Extension professional from the county in which the team is registered must sign the registration form.
 - e. One Extension professional from the other county (counties) where the cross-county team member(s) is enrolled must provide enrollment documentation in the form of a letter

- written on county Extension letterhead. This letter must be attached to the team's entry form.
- f. Documentation will be confirmed upon receipt of registration.
10. Contestants are NOT permitted to wear any apparel (shirts, jackets, lab coats, 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.
 11. Contestants are not permitted to have cell phones or any other electronic devices in their possession during competition.
 12. Contestants are required to identify a minimum of one class of parts, two classes of ready-to-cook birds (broilers and turkeys), one class of broken-out eggs, one class of interior quality eggs, and one class of exterior quality eggs, and place and give oral reasons (required for seniors, optional for juniors) on the two classes of production hens.
 13. SENIORS are required to give one set of oral reasons which will be included in the scoring for team and individual awards.
 14. JUNIOR oral reasons will be an OPTIONAL contest and will not be counted in scoring for overall individual and team awards. However, awards will be provided for the optional oral reasons contest.
 15. Once SENIOR individuals have competed in the national contest they are no longer eligible to compete in the state contest.
 16. Past winners from the state contest held during the Ohio State Fair are eligible to participate and to earn awards.

AWARDS:

Senior

1. The five highest scoring county teams will receive awards provided by the **Ohio Poultry Association** and the **Ohio State Fair**.
2. The ten highest scoring individuals will receive medals and rosettes provided by the **Ohio State Fair**. Ties will be broken on the basis of total placing scores.
3. Awards for the top ten individuals in oral reasons will be provided by the **Ohio Poultry Association** and **Ohio State Fair**.
4. Awards for the top ten individuals in each of the following judging areas will be provided by the **Ohio Poultry Association**: Market Poultry, Market Eggs, and Live Birds.
5. The first place senior team will have the opportunity to represent Ohio in the national 4-H contest held in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, KY, November 2018. A dollar amount will be designated for the team for use for this contest. Any costs above the designated amount must be incurred by the team.
 - a. In the event that not enough team members are available to represent the first place winning team at the national contest, members from the second place team will be asked to complete the team to represent Ohio 4-H. If there are not enough members from the first and second place teams to constitute a state team, members from the third place team will be asked to make up the remaining openings for the state team. Members from the second place team will be asked to participate based on their overall scores, with the highest placing member asked first, and so on. The same procedure will be followed with the third place team. (with approval by the State 4-H Office, 4-H Livestock, Companion & Small Animal Specialist)

Junior

1. The five highest scoring county teams will receive awards provided by the **Ohio State Fair**.
2. The ten highest scoring individuals will receive medals and rosettes provided by the **Ohio State Fair**. Ties will be broken on the basis of total placing scores.
3. Awards for the top ten individuals in oral reasons (optional) will be provided by the **Ohio Poultry Association** and the **Ohio State Fair**.
4. Awards for the top ten individuals in each of the following judging areas will be provided by the **Ohio Poultry Association**: Market Poultry, Market Eggs, and Live Birds.

Additional team and individual awards are sponsored by the **Ohio Poultry Association**, the **Ohio Egg Marketing Program**, and the **Ohio Chicken and Turkey Marketing Program**.