

### Ohio State Fair 4-H Livestock Judging Contest Instructions

#### Contents of packet received at registration:

- Contestant number (on a white, sticky nametag), which must be worn visibly on your shirt at all times.
- 8 class placing cards on 2 perforated sheets labeled with class numbers 1-8 and your contestant number.
- JUNIORS ONLY – 4 scantron sheets with your contestant number, a species, and color-coded.

#### Items you can have with you:

- Items in the packet you received at registration along with provided class scenarios and data
- Pencils – #2 pencils for scantron sheets (juniors) and taking notes
- Pens – Must be blue or black ink; can be used to mark placing cards and take notes
- Notebook/paper – Plain paper/blank notebook may be used for writing reasons and/or to keep track of your class placings
- Clipboard – Very helpful for filling out scantron sheets and placing cards

#### Items you cannot have with you:

- Study materials and resources
- Cell phones or any other electronic devices
- Apparel (shirts, jackets, belt buckles, etc.) that distinguishes in any manner who you are or where you are from (i.e. individuals name, 4-H club, county, etc.)

#### Contest instructions:

- JUNIORS – Place 8 classes, answer 4 sets of questions, and give 2 sets of optional oral reasons.
- SENIORS – Place 8 classes and give 4 sets of oral reasons.
- Do not start judging a class or continue on to another class until instructed by an official.
- No talking. Violators may be removed from the contest. If you have a question, ask your group leader. Avoid standing or sitting next to teammates during the contest.
- Cards must be turned into your group leader when time is called. Late cards will not be accepted. It is not the group leader's responsibility to make sure your card is filled out correctly. If it is not, then you will receive a zero for the class score.

#### Placing a class:

- You have 8 class placing cards on a perforated sheet. You may want to write which species corresponds with the class number on your card.
- Listen for and use the appropriate card for the class being judged. Turn in only ONE card at a time.
- The white label on each card is your contestant number. Be sure the number matches the number you are wearing.
- The two columns containing letters A through X are your placing options. Four animals in each pen will be numbered 1 through 4.
- Once you have placed the animals in order from top to bottom, clearly mark the placing with an X on your card. Make sure only ONE placing is marked. If multiple answers are marked, it will be scored as a zero. See an example at right.

*Choose your placing and mark with X*

Contestant Number

101 A

Class

1

Class Number

A	1234	M	3124
B	1243	N	3142
C	1324	O	3214
D	1342	P	3241
E	1423	Q	3412
F	1432	R	3421
G	2134	S	4123
H	2143	T	4132
I	2314	U	4213
J	2341	V	4231
K	2413	W	4312
L	2431	X	4321

- Turn Over -



**Using scantrons (JUNIORS):**

- Use a #2 PENCIL ONLY! Using a pen will result in a zero score.
- Fill in or darken ONE circle per line corresponding to each question.
- If you change your answer, be sure to fully erase your original choice. Not fully erasing your choice can lead to errors in scoring. Questions with multiple answers will be scored as incorrect.
- Use the correct scantron! Check the color on your scantron to make sure you are using the correct one for the class you are judging.
- You will answer the questions while you are judging the class.
- You will answer 10 questions on each scantron.
- For your answers:
  - Letter A corresponds to animal #1
  - Letter B corresponds to animal #2
  - Letter C corresponds to animal #3
  - Letter D corresponds to animal #4
- Turn in only ONE scantron at a time, along with your placing card, after you finish judging the class.

Correctly filled-in

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TEST RECORD

PART 1
PART 2
TOTAL

NAME  
SUBJECT  
DATE  
PERIOD

3000 - Swine

TO USE SUBJECTIVE  
MARKING POSITIONS ON THIS  
TEST FORM, A COMPLETE  
ERASURE OF AN INCORRECT  
ANSWER IS REQUIRED. IMPROPER  
POOR ERASURES COULD BE  
READ AS MARKS.

IMPORTANT  
USE NO. 2 PENCIL ONLY  
MAKE DARK MARKS

BECAUSE OF THE JUNIOR  
TEST FORM, A COMPLETE  
ERASURE OF AN INCORRECT  
ANSWER IS REQUIRED. IMPROPER  
POOR ERASURES COULD BE  
READ AS MARKS.

• Mark total possible subjective points  
• Only one mark per line on key  
• 103 points maximum

EXAMPLE OF  
STUDENT  
SCORES:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50										
A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E

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Contestant and Color-coded class (Blue = Beef, Orange = Swine, Green = Sheep, Pink = Goats)

Listen to hear which class will be a questions class

**Oral reasons (SENIORS and optional for JUNIORS):**

- There are NO reasons cards in the packet. Take notes while you are judging the class about the animals to remember when preparing for your oral reasons.
- Write down how you placed the class. You will NOT get your placing card back to prepare for oral reasons.
- Reasons officials will have a score sheet with your contestant number on it. They only know who you are by that number/letter combination. **Wear your number on your shirt throughout the contest.**

**DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION? ASK AN OFFICIAL OR GROUP LEADER.**