

## 2021 OHIO STATE FAIR 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

*Thursday, July 29 – Denny Hales Arena*

Registration – 8:30 am and Contest Instructions – 10:00 am in Voinovich Livestock Center  
Show Arena

Awards Presentation – Following Contest Critiques in Voinovich

**Entry Deadline – Friday, July 16 Postmark and \$10.00 per Contestant. Teams that register will be mailed limited parking admission for the Ohio State Fair.**

**\*Pre-Registration REQUIRED\***

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Note: Rule changes and/or additions are underlined.

### GENERAL RULES:

1. All participants must be current 4-H members as of January 1, 2021.
2. All participants MUST wear a mask at all times covering both their nose and mouth.
3. Each SENIOR contestant must have passed his or her 14th birthday and cannot have passed his or her 19th birthday by January 1, 2021. (Therefore, youth turning 19 on or before December 31, 2020 are too old to participate.)
4. Each JUNIOR contestant must either be 8 years of age and in the 3rd grade or 9 years of age in any grade as of January 1, 2021, and must not have passed his or her 13th birthday by January 1, 2021. (Therefore, youth turning 14 on or before December 31, 2020 must participate in the Senior Contest.)
5. Contestants must not have participated in the national 4-H judging contest (i.e., North American International Livestock Exposition) for the respective judging contest/species they wish to enter.
6. 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.
7. 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.
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. Cross-county team members must be from neighboring counties with adjacent borders.
  - c. One Extension professional from the county in which the team is registered must sign the registration form.
  - d. One Extension professional from the other county where the cross-county team member(s) is/are 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.

- e. Documentation will be confirmed upon receipt of registration.
9. **Entries for teams and individuals to pay must be postmarked by Friday, July 16.** Entry fees are \$10.00 per contestant (no refunds). Limited parking admission will be mailed for the Ohio State Fair. Pre-Registration required.
10. A county Extension professional must sign each team's registration form.

### **CONTEST STRUCTURE, RULES AND AWARDS:**

11. **The contest will be comprised of two divisions: Juniors and Seniors. Contestants will mark their placings on scantrons.**
  - a. SENIORS will place up to eight classes (approximately two from each species) 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 eight classes (approximately two from each species) and will answer four sets of questions which will all be included in the scoring for both team and individual awards. There will be one set of questions for each species (beef, sheep, swine, and goats). Juniors will fill-out a scantron with their answers to the questions while the contestants are judging the class.
  - c. **An optional oral reasons contest will be available for JUNIOR contestants.** Juniors will give two sets of oral reasons. These scores will not be included in the scoring for team and individual awards, but separate awards will be provided to the top contestants.
12. The contest will be judged in two rounds, with an attempt to arrange four classes - one class of each species - per round. Contest organizers will announce which classes will be questions classes and oral reasons classes the day of the contest.
  - a. If there are market lamb and/or market goat classes, and the disposition of the animals allows, they may be presented in holding stands to be handled.
  - b. Performance data, expected progeny differences (EPDs) and/or scenarios may be provided for breeding classes. Genetic information such as Scrapie susceptibility, TH status, etc. may be included, if appropriate for the class.
13. 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 or FFA chapter, county, etc.). Contestants are expected to wear appropriate apparel for the contest (at a minimum, jeans and collared shirts). Shorts, t-shirts and hats are strongly discouraged.
14. Contestants are not permitted to have cell phones or any other electronic devices in their possession. If found with a cell phone or other electronic devices during the contest, the contestant will be disqualified. Contestants may carry only plain paper/blank notebooks and pencils or pens into the contest. **Contestants should bring a clipboard for filling out the scantron.**
15. Only officials, contest staff (group leaders, animal handlers, etc.) 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. Coaches not involved assisting with the contest will be given the opportunity to briefly view the classes during the change-over of classes.
16. While the contest is in progress (including during lunch), 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

17. The ten highest scoring county teams will receive awards provided by the **Ohio State Fair, The Ohio Cattlemen's Association (OCA), The Ohio Pork Council (OPC), and The Ohio Sheep Improvement Association (OSIA)**.
18. The ten highest scoring individuals will receive awards provided by the **Ohio State Fair and Saddle and Sirloin Club - OSU**.
19. Awards for the highest scoring individuals in beef, swine, sheep, and goats will be provided by the **Ohio State Fair, OCA, OPC, and OSIA**.
20. Awards will be presented for the top ten individuals in oral reasons provided by the **Ohio State Fair**.
21. The three highest scoring teams may be invited to represent Ohio 4-H at national or regional contests. This is dependent on university policy for youth team travel. At this time, no travel is permitted.

A full listing of contests will be made available to winning coaches after the contest is completed. A dollar amount may be designated per team for use for contest(s) attended but is not guaranteed. Any costs above the designated amount must be incurred by the team.

Available contests may include, but are not limited to:

- a. The American Royal, Kansas City, MO (usually held the last week in October)
- b. The National Western Roundup, Denver, CO (usually held the 1st Friday in January)
- c. The Keystone International Stockman's & Livestock Judging Contest, Harrisburg, PA (usually held the 1st weekend in October)
- d. The Southeastern Regional Livestock Judging & Skillathon Contest, Raleigh, NC (usually held the 1st weekend in November)

*Note: The Stockman Livestock Judging Contest in Frankfort, IN is an open contest for any 4-H livestock judging team in Ohio, regardless of placing at the state fair contest. It is usually held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in October. Pre-registration is required. No money will be provided to teams attending this contest, but it is a good practice opportunity for Ohio 4-H judging teams.*

### Selection Process:

- a. The first place team can attend one contest. They will have the first choice from the available contest list and must make their selection one week following the contest.
- b. The second place team can attend one contest. They will have the second choice from the available contest list and must make their selection one week after the first place team chooses.
- c. The third place team may attend one contest. They will have the third choice from the available contest list and must make their selection one week after the second place team chooses.
- d. The team that represents Ohio at the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, KY will be through a selection process. Members may be selected to the team from any county regardless of their team's performance at the Ohio State Fair. For an individual to be eligible for the team, they must participate in the current year's Ohio State Fair Livestock Judging Contest and declare their interest to be a member of the team. The team will be selected based upon their performance at the Ohio State Fair Livestock Judging Contest and during practices held in the late summer and fall. Participation in practices/exercises is a required to compete on the state team. Practices may be held in person or virtually. Please note: Once a contestant participates at the NAILE, they are no longer permitted to participate in any state or national 4-H livestock judging competitions.

*Junior Awards*

22. The ten highest scoring county teams will receive awards provided by the **Ohio State Fair, OCA, OPC, and OSIA.**
23. The ten highest scoring individuals will receive awards provided by the **Ohio State Fair and Saddle and Sirloin Club - OSU.**
24. Awards for the highest scoring individuals in beef, swine, sheep, and goats will be provided by the **Ohio State Fair, OCA, OPC, and OSIA.**
25. Awards will be presented for the top ten individuals in optional oral reasons provided by the **Ohio State Fair.**