

VIRTUAL SKILLATHON RULES

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GENERAL INFORMATION

A Skillathon is an event to test knowledge of specific subject matter using the experiential learning model of exploring, reflecting, and applying that knowledge. Skillathons are created from materials directly or modified from Learning Laboratory Kits, information provided in the Ohio 4-H Animal Resource Books, and other resources, along with input from industry experts.

Each Skillathon is comprised of four educational and challenging stations. Certain species Skillathons offer different age-appropriate stations, such as junior, intermediate, and senior. Youth complete each station through an online quiz. In each quiz, youth attempt to perform the tasks they are given. Online tech support is available for those who need assistance with the online program.

RULES

1. All Skillathons are open to any Ohio 4-H member, age 8 and in the 3rd grade or age 9 and in any grade to age 18 as of January 1, 2022, and any Ohio FFA member. Therefore, 4-H and FFA members turning 19 on or before December 31, 2021, are too old to participate in the Skillathons. Youth are not required to be exhibitors at the Ohio State Fair to participate.

2. There are 10 age classes – 8/9-year-olds through 18-year-olds. A parent/guardian, or responsible adult, **MUST** verify the youth's age at the time of Skillathon registration. If it is determined at the completion of the Skillathon that an exhibitor was entered in the wrong age class, the exhibitor will be disqualified from the competition and not eligible for placings or awards. **Parents/guardians:** Verify with your county Extension professional your child's correct 4-H age, as this is the basis for age classification.

3. Virtual Skillathon participation **does not qualify a youth participant for outstanding market exhibitor awards** at the Ohio State Fair. This is a separate event, and you must compete in person at the Ohio State Fair to qualify for OME awards. Youth who participate in the Virtual Ohio Youth Skillathons **are still eligible to participate** at the in-person Ohio State Fair Skillathons, even within the same species.

Goat, Sheep, Swine, and Beef Participants

4. Specifically for Goat, Sheep, Swine, and Beef **virtual** Skillathon participants (Outstanding Breeding Exhibitor [OBE]-eligible Skillathons). For the possibility of achieving the maximum potential score for **Outstanding Breeding Exhibitor**, youth must participate in the virtual skillathon.

5. Once a youth begins a quiz on the Skillathon, s/he **CANNOT** leave or start over. If s/he leaves, s/he forfeits any further participation in that respective species Skillathon.

6. Skillathon participants are not permitted to use study materials or electronic devices (including but not limited to cell phones) during the Skillathon Testing time.

7. Skillathons will be delivered through ScarletCanvas, a university-approved distance learning site. You must **have access to a mobile device or computer with ability to access the internet.**

- Even though the Skillathons are online, each Skillathon **must be taken by the youth only** without assistance from anyone, including family and friends.

8. There will be 4 stations in each Skillathon that will make up 4 separate, timed modules. Each station will have a time limit (typically 5 minutes per station).

- If your child requires any testing accommodations, please contact us in advance at 4hanimalscience@osu.edu and we will work with you to make accommodation arrangements using a Winning 4-H Plan.

9. The four station categories for each species will be posted around June 15 at www.go.osu.edu/osfskillathons on the respective species' Skillathon page. Any specific rules for an individual species will be outlined on the testing site.

Possible Skillathon Station Topics may include Quality Assurance; Breed I.D.; Nutrition; Animal Identification; Genetics; Meat Cut I.D.; Selection & Evaluation; Systems – Reproductive, Digestive, Nervous, Vascular, Skeletal, etc.; Animal Welfare and Handling – Housing, Environment, Health Care, etc.; Breeding; Diseases and/or Parasites

10. Ties for overall Skillathon awards and age class placings will be broken by the following procedure:

- 1st: Skillathon Station No. 2 score;
- 2nd: Skillathon Station No. 3 score;
- 3rd: Skillathon Station No. 4 score;
- 4th: Within age group Skillathon Station No. 1;
- 5th: Total score of common Skillathon Stations;
- 6th: Scoring segments within stations (same order – Station 2, 3, 4, and 1); and
- 7th: An additional test may be administered.

11. Photographing or video recording of stations is strictly forbidden and may result in the disqualification of associated youth participants.

12. Results will be posted for each age category, age division, and overall, after the Skillathon is completed.

13. Complaints must be submitted in the form of an email by August 31 to the State 4-H Office at 4HAnimalScience@osu.edu.

SKILLATHON DATES & SUPERINTENDENTS

TECH SUPPORT AVAILBLE FROM 9A-5P

Cavy

Wednesday, July 6, 8:00am – 8:00pm
Joseph Colucci

Dog

Wednesday, July 6, 8:00am – 8:00pm
Sonja Hyer

Poultry

Wednesday, July 6, 8:00am – 8:00pm
Becky Barker & Sara Lucha

Rabbits

Wednesday, July 6, 8:00am – 8:00pm
Vicki Bogan & Travis West

Goat

Thursday, July 7, 8:00am – 8:00pm
Dawn Wallace & James Maynard

Horse

Thursday, July 7, 8:00am – 8:00pm
Debbie Manring & Janessa Hill

Sheep

Thursday, July 7, 8:00am – 8:00pm
Jeanne Osborne, Tracy Dendinger, & Jacci Smith

Alpaca / Llama

Thursday, July 7, 8:00am – 8:00pm
Deb Bergmann

Dairy Cattle

Friday, July 8, 8:00am – 8:00pm
Maurice Eastridge & Sherry Smith

Swine

Friday, July 8, 8:00am – 8:00pm
Andrea Rees, Kevin Kremer, & Kelly Morgan

Beef

Friday, July 8, 8:00am – 8:00pm
Steve Boyles & Garth Ruff