2024 OHIO STATE FAIR 4-H POULTRY JUDGING CONTEST

Saturday, July 13– Animal Sciences Building

Registration – 8:00 am and Contest Instructions – 9:00 am

(Registration and Contest Instructions will be in the Animal Sciences Foyer)

Entry Deadline without Penalty – Monday, July 1st Postmark
$5.00 per Contestant
Pre-Registration REQUIRED

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GENERAL RULES:

1. All participants must be current 4-H members as of January 1, 2024.
2. Each SENIOR contestant must have passed his or her 14th birthday and not older than 18 years of age as of January 1, 2024. (Therefore, youth turning 19 on or before December 31, 2023 are too old to participate.)
3. Each JUNIOR contestant must be 8 years of age and in the 3rd grade or 9 years of age in any grade as of January 1, 2024 and must not have passed his or her 13th birthday by January 1, 2024. (Therefore, youth turning 14 on or before December 31, 2023 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. Past winners from the OSF state contest are eligible to participate and to earn awards.
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. 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.
8. 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 do not need to 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 without penalty must be postmarked by Monday, July 1st.** Entry fees are $5.00 per contestant (no refunds). **Pre-registration required.**
10. A county Extension professional must sign each team's registration form.

CONTEST STRUCTURE, RULES AND AWARDS:

11. **Contestants will mark their placings on scantrons and should bring a clipboard for filling out the scantron.** Study resources can be found at: https://national4hpoultry.ca.uky.edu/poultry-judging-manual
12. **SENIOR** contestants will identify a minimum of one class of broiler parts and judge three classes of ready-to-cook (broiler carcasses, turkey carcasses, and/or broiler parts), two classes of past-production hens, one class of broken-out eggs, two classes of interior quality eggs, one class of exterior quality eggs, one class of boneless, breaded product, and give oral reasons on one of the production hens classes.
    a. **SENIORS are required to give one set of oral reasons**, which will be included in the scoring for team and individual awards.
13. **JUNIOR** contestants will identify a minimum of one class of broiler parts and judge two classes of ready-to-cook (broiler and/or turkey carcasses), one class of past-production hens, one class of broken-out eggs, one class of interior quality eggs, one class of exterior quality eggs, and have the OPTION to give oral reasons on one of the production hens classes.
    a. **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.
14. 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 or FFA chapter, county, etc.).
15. Contestants are **not permitted** to have cell phones or any other electronic devices in their possession during competition. 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.
16. Only officials, contest staff (group leaders, etc.) and contestants will be allowed in the contest area. All others are required to have permission from the Superintendent to enter the contest area. Coaches not involved assisting with the contest will be given the opportunity to briefly view the classes at the end of the contest.
17. 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

18. The five highest scoring teams will receive awards and/or rosettes.
19. The ten highest scoring individuals will receive awards and/or rosettes.
20. Awards and/or rosettes for the top ten individuals in oral reasons will be given.
21. Awards and/or rosettes for the top ten individuals in each of the following judging areas will be given:
    a. Market Poultry, Market Eggs, and Live Birds.
22. The first-place senior team may 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. This is dependent on university policy for youth team travel.
    a. A dollar amount may be designated for the team to use for this contest (if allowed). Any costs above the designated amount must be incurred by the team.
    b. If the first-place team is unavailable to compete at the national contest, the second-place team may be asked to represent Ohio 4-H, with approval by the State 4-H Office.

Junior Awards

23. The five highest scoring teams will receive awards and/or rosettes.
24. The ten highest scoring individuals will receive awards and/or rosettes.
25. Awards and/or rosettes for the top ten individuals in oral reasons (optional) will be given.
26. Awards and/or rosettes for the top ten individuals in each of the following judging areas will be given:
    a. Market Poultry, Market Eggs, and Live Birds.

Team and individual awards are sponsored by the **Ohio Poultry Association**, the **Ohio Egg Marketing Program**, the **Ohio Chicken and Turkey Marketing Program**, and the **Ohio State Fair**.