

# NATIONAL COLLEGIATE LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Monday, November 14, 2011

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## RULES AND REGULATIONS

The 2011 National Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest will be held Monday, November 14, beginning promptly at 8:00 a.m. in the East Hall of the Kentucky Exposition Center. All contestants are requested to be in the East Hall by 7:15 a.m. A dinner sponsored by the North American International Livestock Exposition and meeting of the coaches will be held Sunday, November 13 at 6:00 p.m. at which time final entries will be made.

The Awards Breakfast on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 will be held at the Kentucky Exposition Center at 8:00 a.m. and is sponsored by the North American International Livestock Exposition.

## TEAM AND ENTRIES

A team shall consist of five members representing the agricultural college in which they are regularly enrolled. All entries must be mailed to the North American International Livestock Exposition, to arrive no later than October 20. A fee of \$100.00 per team must accompany entry forms. The money received from this source is to be used to help defray expenses of the contest.

## ELIGIBILITY OF CONTESTANTS

1. An evaluation, selection and/or livestock judging team contestant must be a bona fide undergraduate, enrolled in a recognized institution offering a well-rounded curriculum in Animal Sciences with a full degree in Agriculture.
2. Each contestant must be presently enrolled or must have previously completed a livestock (including red meat animals) evaluation, selection and/or judging course at the institution he or she represents.
3. At the time of, or immediately preceding the contest in question, each contestant must have been enrolled in enough college credit hours to represent 75% of an average semester, trimester, quarter or term credit load necessary to graduate in 8 semesters, 12 quarters or the equivalent thereof; e.g., enrolled in 12 semester-hour credits when an average semester load is 16 hours for a 128-hour degree, 13 quarter-hour credits when an average quarter load is 17 hours for a 204-hour degree, etc.
4. Each contestant must have an accumulative minimum grade point average of C (2.0 on a 4-point system), or its equivalent, for all college courses taken prior to the time he or she competes in a contest. No contestant is eligible to compete in a contest if he or she has been ruled ineligible by his or her coach and/or institution represented. This rule applies to both social and scholastic probation.
5. Each contestant must establish his or her institutional residency by having been enrolled in the institution he or she represents for at least one semester, trimester, quarter or term before competing in a Senior Contest.

6. Contest eligibility of a student is considered to be for one calendar year; that is, from January 1 to December 31 of any given year. However, interruptions in an undergraduate course of study for military service, hardship, failure of the institution to continuously “field” a team or other reasons beyond control of the student shall not make a student ineligible for further contest participation if all other contest requirements have been fulfilled. However, in no case shall a student compete in a Senior College Contest more than once for either individual or team awards. A letter should be requested from eligibility committee by the coach declaring the student eligible.

The National Meat Animal Evaluation Contest and the North Central Evaluation Contest are exempt from this rule in that students may compete in these two contests after having been on a senior college livestock team the previous year.

7. Community College and/or Junior College students are eligible for participation in Senior Contests providing they have fulfilled all the requirements in Rules 1-6, and
- a. as “Junior College” Contestants have abided by the rules as set forth by the National Junior College Coaches’ Association concerning contest eligibility, and
  - b. a Junior or Community College student will be limited to a maximum of one year (12 months) of continuous eligibility as a “Junior College” Contestant in order to maintain eligibility for Senior College competition.
8. Two-year students in a certificate program or those enrolled as special students are eligible for participation in Senior College Contests providing they have fulfilled all the requirements in Rules 1-6, and
- a. students competing in Senior Contests as two-year students will be ineligible for later competition as four-year students.
9. Students serving as an alternate in Senior College Contests shall not be eligible for further contest participation (in a future year) in an intercollegiate livestock evaluation, selection for judging contest. An alternate is defined as “any student taken to any Senior Contest”.
10. No contestant is eligible to compete if he or she has, at any time, served as an official instructor at any agricultural college, a regular extension agent, a regular vocational agriculture teacher, an official representative of a breed association or paid as a livestock judge in any state or national show.
11. Each collegiate livestock coach and his institution will be responsible for submitting the eligibility form of the students representing their institution.
12. Without exception no member of a current Senior College Team may be on the grounds anytime before the contest. Coaches may only be on the grounds before the contest if they are officiating a show.
13. Participation including travel as a team member to this contest concludes a student’s eligibility for all future Senior College livestock judging contests, regardless of location.
14. All eligibility cases not covered by the regular rules shall be submitted to Matt Claeys, Livestock Judging Team Coaches’ Association, Eligibility Committee, Purdue University, for disposition at least 20 days prior to the contest in question.

#### SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent shall have complete charge of the contest. He shall see that all

rules and regulations governing the contest are duly carried out and that the contest is conducted with fairness and justice to all concerned. The Superintendent shall also decide all questions which may arise in connection with the interpretation of the rules.

### JUDGING SYSTEM

A Committee of Judges shall place all classes and evaluate all oral reasons. A selection committee shall select all classes for the contest and decide which classes require oral reasons. If the number of teams entered indicates that additional judges are necessary to expedite and make more efficient the evaluation of oral reasons, the Superintendent shall have the authority to appoint such judges.

**TIME** - All contestants will report to the Superintendent at the Kentucky Exposition Center the morning of the contest where they will receive full instructions and routine in regard to the contest. Each will be assigned a number and will be given an opportunity to ask questions.

No contestant shall wear any uniform, college colors or shall in any way signify to the judges the identity of the college which he represents.

### METHOD OF CONDUCT

No member of any team nor their coach (unless engaged in a judging assignment) shall be allowed on the grounds to inspect livestock at the North American International prior to the contest.

While the contest is in progress, the use of cell phones, pagers, and any other and all electronic devices are prohibited from all contestants, there shall be no conferring between contestants or anyone else, except as directed by the Superintendent or his representative. Any violation of this rule will be punished by expulsion of the offender.

**CLASSES** - The contest will consist of five classes of beef cattle, four classes of swine and three classes of sheep. Each species will include a minimum of one market class. Performance classes with scenarios will be provided to the contestants on at least three classes, preferably one in each species. This information, along with subjective appraisal, will be used to arrive at the final placing and will be included as a portion of the oral reason discussion. Contestants will be briefed on any assumptions to be used in placings prior to start of contest.

**TIME ALLOWED** - Contestants will be allowed 15 minutes to place each class. There will be a three-minute time warning.

Each group shall observe the ring of stock at a distance of 25 feet until close inspection is called by the group leader. For close inspection, contestants will observe the classes as follows:

#### **Breeding Cattle\***

- 2 min. - Side view with No. 1 on the left and their front ends faced to the right.
- 2 min. - Walk clockwise with No. 4 leading out first. Then put on rear view for close inspection.
- 3 min. - Close inspection for half of your group - no handling.
- 3 min. - Close inspection for other half of your group - no handling.
- 2 min. - Rear view.
- 3 min. - Side view.
- 15 min. - TOTAL

#### **Market Steers\***

- 2 min. - Rear view with No. 1 on the left.
- 2 min. - Side view with No. 1 on the left and their front ends faced to your right.

- 1 min. - Walk clockwise with No. 4 leading out first. Then put on rear view for handling.
- 2 min. - 1/3 of your group handles.
- 2 min. - 1/3 of your group handles.
- 2 min. - 1/3 of your group handles.
- 2 min. - Side view.
- 2 min. - Rear view.
- 15 min. - TOTAL

**Breeding Sheep Classes (some classes may be loose)**

- 2 min. - Rear view
- 2 min. - Side view
- 2 min. - Walk
- 2 min. - 1/3 of group moves in for close inspection (no handling) - Rear view.
- 2 min. - 1/3 of group moves in for close inspection (no handling).
- 2 min. - 1/3 of group moves in for close inspection (no handling).
- 3 min. - Put on 3/4 view.
- 15 min. - TOTAL

**Market Lamb Class**

- 2 min. - 3/4 view.
- 10 min. - Handle and close inspection (15 sec./lamb).
- 3 min. - 3/4 view.
- 15 min. - TOTAL

\*Allow contestants to walk all the way around the class to get front view.

REASONS - Contestants shall give oral reasons no longer than two minutes in length on each of eight classes, which will include three classes of cattle, two classes of sheep and three classes of swine. Contestants will be informed which classes require reasons at the time they are working the classes.

MATERIALS - The Superintendent shall supply placing cards and any other necessary forms for conducting the contest. Contestants will be permitted to take notes on reason classes, but will not be allowed to use these notes while giving reasons to the judges.

## DETERMINATION OF RATINGS

Ratings shall be based upon a possible score of 50 points for placing each ring and 50 points for each set of reasons. Since there are 12 classes to be placed and 8 sets of reasons to be given, there will be a possible total score of 1,000 points per contestant.

- A. Teams and individuals shall be ranked in order of total score (placings and reasons) for the classes comprising each species or award category. The team or individual having the highest score shall be declared the winner in each category of the contest.
- B. In the case of a tie in team or individual scores overall, ties will be broken in the following manner:
  - 1. Higher total reasons score
  - 2. Lower total placing score in reasons classes
- C. In the case of a tie in team or individual scores within species or category, ties will be broken in the following manner:
  - 1. Higher total reasons score within species/category
  - 2. Higher total reasons score overall
  - 3. Higher total score overall
- D. In the case of a tie in team or individual reasons scores, ties will be broken in the following manner:
  - 1. Lower placing score in reasons classes
  - 2. Higher total overall score