The 2014 National Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest will be held Monday, November 17, 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 16 at 6:00 p.m. at which time final entries will be made.

The Awards Breakfast on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 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. Team Roster forms (listing potential team members and alternates) are due to the Superintendent on October 20.

ELIGIBILITY OF CONTESTANTS
1. A livestock judging contestant is defined as a person that is documented on the institution’s eligibility form and is a contestant/alternate in any recognized senior college contest as outlined in the National Collegiate Livestock Coaches Association minutes. A livestock judging contestant must be a bonafide undergraduate student enrolled in a recognized institution offering a well-rounded curriculum in the Animal Sciences with a full degree in Agriculture. Exception being that a student may complete their eligibility in the Fall as a first term graduate/professional student.

2. Each contestant must be regularly enrolled or must have previously completed a livestock judging course at the institution he/she represents.

3. Each contestant must have been enrolled in enough college credit hours to represent 75% of an average semester, quarter or term credit load necessary to graduate in 8 semesters or its equivalent. e.g., Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester credits or 13.5 quarter or term credits. First semester graduate students must be enrolled in 9 credit hours.

4. Each contestant must have an accumulative grade point average of C (2.0 on 4.0 scale) or better at the University he/she represents and does not include transfer hours. This C average or better must have been maintained in a minimum of college credit hours equal to 75% of the normal two (2) semester, quarter or term loads required for normal progress in a 4 year graduation program. e.g., 24 semester hours where 32 semester hours is a normal 2 semester load, 27 quarter or term hours where 36 quarter or term hours is a normal 2 quarter or term load, etc. An eligibility form with the official institution seal from the registrar office must be remitted.
to the National Collegiate Livestock Coaches Association Eligibility Committee chairperson by February 1 for the Spring semester and by September 1 for the Fall semester.

4. Each contestant must establish his/her institutional residence by being enrolled in the institution he/she represents for at least 1 semester or 1 quarter or term before competing in a Senior Contest.

5. Transfer and Two-Year Students: Junior College transfer students may be declared eligible for participation in livestock contests providing they have fulfilled all the requirements in rules 1-5. Two-year students in a certificate program or those enrolled as special students may be declared eligible for participation in livestock judging contests providing they have fulfilled all the requirements in rules 1-5.

6. Participation of a contestant in a Junior contest shall not make him/her ineligible for later contests provided he/she meets all other undergraduate requirements for later contests.

7. Contestants in the Fall Senior contests shall not be eligible for further contest participation in an Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest after the NAILE.

8. No contestant is eligible to compete in a contest if he/she has been ruled ineligible by his/her coach and/or institution. This rule applies to both social and scholastic probation from his/her institution.

9. No contestant is eligible to compete in a contest if he/she has any time served as an official instructor in an Animal Science Department at any Agricultural College. Nor, is he/she eligible if he/she has served as a regular Agricultural Extension Agent, regular Vocational Agriculture Instructor. A contestant that is an active member of the current team may serve as a judge or official in a local, regional or state livestock show or National Showmanship contest and receive expense money only for services. No contestant is eligible to judge a national livestock show prior to or while competing on the team.

10. Eligibility is for one calendar year. Interruptions in an undergraduate course of study for military service, hardship or other reasons shall not make a student ineligible for contest participation if all other contest requirements have been fulfilled. Contest eligibility will be granted for spring or fall contests only and not by individual contest.

11. A contestant caught cheating at a National 4-H, FFA, Junior College or Senior College judging contest and disqualified from the contest will be deemed ineligible to compete in any senior college livestock judging contest. Any contestant that is disqualified from any Senior College livestock contest will be deemed ineligible to compete in any future Senior College livestock judging contests.

12. No scholarships will be given to incoming students strictly for livestock judging. Students must compete for scholarships within a University, College or Departmental academic pool.

13. No current team member or coach (unless granted a judging contract, parent of a livestock exhibitor, or university employee managing the college’s show string) are allowed on the exhibition grounds of the NAILE event at any time prior to the contest. Exceptions as outlined in parenthesis must be confirmed with the National Collegiate Livestock Coaches Association Eligibility Committee.
14. Each collegiate livestock judging coach and his institution will be held responsible for seeing that all of their respective contestants qualify under the contest eligibility rules of the association. If a coach and/or team member is found in violation, the administration of the university they represent will be notified of the violation and any consequences of said violation by the President of the National Collegiate Livestock Coaches Association.

15. All eligibility cases not covered by the regular association rules shall be submitted to the National Collegiate Livestock Coaches Association Eligibility Committee for disposition at least 15 days before the contest in question.

16. No organized participation (no contest affiliation, being on the floor marking cards or participating in reasons) of “junior” team members will be allowed at any of the identified contests (outlined in Rule 1).

17. No Senior College coaches, assistant coaches, or coordinators will be allowed to serve as officials reasons takers in Senior College contests.

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

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.

Procedures to be followed during the contest will be explained and covered at the Coaches Meeting.

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. (Minimum of 2 laps) 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. (Minimum of 2 laps) 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 (Minimum of 2 laps)
- 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