State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
North Dakota State University - Fargo, North Dakota
Saturday, March 5, 2016

Counties may enter 4-H members in each of the following divisions. Others may enter the open division as indicated below.

1. **Senior 4-H Division:** 4-H members who were age 14 to 18 before January 1, 2016.*
2. **Junior 4-H Division:** 4-H members who were age 8 to 13 before January 1, 2016.

*These ages are consistent with the ages for the national contest. In order for all members of senior teams to be eligible for the national contest, juniors may not judge in the senior division.

3. **Open Division:** Participants age 8 to 18 not eligible for 4-H divisions. 4-H/FFA dual members choosing to only judge in the state FFA livestock judging contest this year may enter this division.

**General Rules and Contest Operation**

1. Contestants must be enrolled as 4-H members in the county they represent. Membership must be recorded in the 4honline system. North Dakota State University is requiring the use of an Assumption of Risk and Release statement for all contestants participating on campus. The Assumption of Risk and Release statement is part of the 4honline enrollment process when the family enrolls. However, families that did not enroll themselves in 4honline, (where county staff entered the information), must complete a paper copy of the Assumption of Risk and Release statement which requires a parent or guardian signature. Turn in the form at the registration table.

2. Members of past first place state 4-H Livestock judging contest teams in the senior division (top three scores that make up the team score) or members having judged in the national 4-H livestock judging contest in Louisville are not eligible for the 4-H division, but may enter the open division.

3. Counties may enter any number of participants in either age division. The high three individual scores determine the team score. All participants are eligible for individual awards.

4. Counties with less than three participants may combine to make a team provided that none of the counties has more than two contestants in the division they are entering and they pre-register together. Combining of individuals for a team must be done by the coaches of those individuals and will not be done by registration staff.

5. A coaches meeting (not mandatory) will be held on Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. in Shepperd Arena to register teams and receive information on the contest operation. Final registration will be from 7:30 to start of contest at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. Substitutions or changes in contestants may be made at registration Friday evening or Saturday morning.

6. Classes selected are subject to the availability of livestock. Contest will consist of:
   a. 8 to 10 classes of breeding and market cattle, sheep, and swine.
   b. Performance data may be provided on the classes.
   c. Three sets of oral reasons will be given, one each for beef, sheep, and swine.
   d. One class of questions (10 questions for senior division, 5 questions for junior division). Question class will be worth 50 points, incorrect answers will have 3 points deducted from the possible 50 points.

4. Thirteen minutes will be provided to judge each class.

5. Oral reasons will be given at the Memorial Union on campus. Two minutes are allowed for oral reasons. Contestants should not have paper, cards or notes to assist while giving reasons.

6. Participants in the 4-H divisions are expected to follow the 4-H Dress Code: 4-H members must be dressed neatly and wear a solid white, yellow, gray, or green shirt with 4-H emblem on front. Failure to comply will result in the deduction of 25 points from the individual score or team score. 4-H members are asked to stay in official dress until completion of awards.

7. Parents and coaches are not allowed in the area where contestants are judging.
Awards

1. Official reasons will be given at approximately 2:00 p.m. or a soon after as possible in the Memorial Union. The awards will follow.

2. Senior and junior 4-H division participants are eligible for the following awards:
   a. Individual ribbons for approximately the top 50% of contestants
   b. Ribbons for the three high individuals in each species and reasons
   c. Plaques for the high individual overall in each division and first place senior team (top three scores and first alternate) sponsored by the North Dakota Stockmen’s Association.
   d. Teams placing 2-5 in 4-H senior division and 1-5 in the junior division will receive ribbon awards.

3. Open division participants are eligible for the following awards:
   a. Ribbons for top ten individuals and members of the first place team.

4. Senior 4-H division first place team (top three scores plus first alternate) is also eligible to represent North Dakota 4-H at the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in Louisville, Kentucky. The North Dakota 4-H Foundation will provide $500 towards the expenses of this trip and NDSU Extension will provide $500 toward the cost of travel.

   In order to represent North Dakota 4-H and judge in a national contest, participants must judge in this state contest.

   Additional rules affecting eligibility for national contest participation may be obtained by contacting the Center for 4-H Youth Development.
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Please circle appropriate division for participants on this page. Duplicate this form as needed.

Senior Division    Junior Division    Open Division

E-mail a copy of this form to: dean.aakre@ndsu.edu

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County(s) for 4-H divisions, County or City for open division

1. Teams including multi-county teams must pre-register together. All contestants must have completed an Assumption of Risk and Release statement. If families enrolled in 4-H online, it is already completed. If families had county Extension staff enter their enrollment, a paper copy of this statement will be required and turned in at the registration.

2. Substitutions may be made at the contest.

3. A county may enter any number of contestants in an age division. The high three scores from those designated for the team will make the team score.

4. A registration fee to cover lunch will be collected at registration.

5. Senior division participants must be 14-18 years of age as of December 31, 2015.

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I hereby certify that these are enrolled 4-H members, are in dress code, and are eligible to participate in the State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest.

County Extension Agent/FFA Advisor ___________________________ Date ____________________________

Coach(s) Name(s) ___________________________ Date ____________________________