

# Iowa Beef Expo Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest

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## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### **TEAM AND ENTRIES- Collegiate**

A collegiate team shall consist of five members representing the agricultural college in which they are regularly enrolled. A college/university may enter one or more teams. Alternates, not entered as part of the team, may be entered and judge as individuals. All entries must be entered online, no later than noon on Friday, February 10th. A fee of \$100.00 per team and/or \$25 per individual can be paid either in the mail, remitted to Mindy Campfield, or during registration the morning of the contest. There are no refunds of entry fees.

### **TEAM AND ENTRIES- 4-H/FFA**

A youth team shall consist of four members representing the county or FFA chapter they are from. There will be separate divisions for 4-H and FFA. Youth teams are welcome to enter more than one team and extra individuals. All entries must be entered online, no later than noon on Friday, February 10th. A fee of \$50.00 per team and/or \$20 per individual can be paid either in the mail, remitted to Mindy Campfield, or during registration the morning of the contest. There are no refunds of entry fees.

### **ELIGIBILITY OF CONTESTANTS- Senior College**

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. 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 Twin Falls 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

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 show.

11. Each collegiate livestock coach and his institution will be responsible for submitting the eligibility form of the students representing their institution.

12. No member of a current Senior College Team may be on the grounds any time before the contest, unless permission is granted by the Superintendent.

13. All eligibility cases not covered by the regular rules shall be submitted to Superintendent, for disposition at least 15 days prior to the contest in question.

## **ELIGIBILITY OF CONTESTANTS- Junior College**

1. All team members must be majoring or minoring in agriculture.
2. All team members must be enrolled as full time students carrying 12 quarters or semester hours.
3. Team members must not have completed more than 66 semester hours or its equivalent in quarter hours or 5 semesters.
4. Open to all junior, community or vocational technical colleges teaching agriculture.
5. Each livestock judging coach and his/her institution will be held responsible for seeing that all of their respective contestants qualify under contest eligibility rules.
6. The specific eligibility of a contestant will be determined by the Junior College Coaches' Association Constitution. Stated as follows: A student will have a 12-month continuous eligibility from the date of his first official contest as a team member.
7. A contestant must be deemed eligible by any and all National Junior College Coaches' Association rules.
8. Freshman contestants are welcome to participate in this contest. Each junior college contestant can compete in the Iowa Beef Expo's Junior College Division two separate times.
9. No member of a current Junior College Team may be on the grounds any time before the contest, unless permission is granted by the Superintendent.
10. All eligibility cases not covered by the regular rules shall be submitted to Superintendent, for disposition at least 15 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.

## **CLASSES**

The contest will consist of ten classes of cattle. These ten classes may consist of: heifers, bulls, prospect steers or feedlot steers. However, the contest superintendent may change the number of classes dependent upon availability of livestock. Classes may be selected from cattle in the Iowa Beef Expo sale or brought in from outside breeders. All of the classes will be comprised of four animals and the animals will be designated by numbers 1-2-3-4. Breeding classes may include: individual performance, genetic records, or scenarios, and these classes may be used for reasons. This information, along with subjective appraisal, will be used by officials to determine the final official placings.

## **REASONS –Collegiate Division**

Contestants shall give oral reasons no longer than two minutes in length on each of the six reason classes. Contestants will be informed which classes require reasons at the time they are working the classes. Contestants are required to ride in one of the school vans to be transported to Southeast Polk School for reasons and cannot take their own personal or coach's vehicle.

## **REASONS- Youth Divisions**

All youth contestants are **REQUIRED** to give oral reasons. Contestants shall give oral reasons no longer than two minutes in length on each of the three reason classes. Contestants will be informed which classes require reasons at the time they are working the classes.

## **METHOD OF CONDUCT**

- All contestants will report to the Livestock Pavilion on the Iowa State Fairgrounds no later than 8:30 on Sunday, February 12th, where they will receive full instructions and routine in regard to the contest.
- Each contestant will be assigned a number and will be given an opportunity to ask questions.
- There will be no official coaches meeting, coaches will receive contest details the morning of the contest.
- No contestant shall wear any uniform, college colors, or shall in any way signify to the judges the identity of the college which he/she represents.
- 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.
- Contestants will be allowed 12 minutes to place each class. There will be a two-minute time warning.
- Each Contestant will be given two minutes to complete each set
- Each group shall observe the class of cattle behind the designated fence.
- Dress for the contest is causal. No ties or sport jackets.

## **SCORING SYSTEM**

A committee of officials shall place all classes and score all oral reasons. The Superintendent is in charge of class selection for the contest and will determine which classes will be used for reasons. If the number of teams entered indicates that additional officials are necessary to expedite and make more efficient the evaluation of oral reasons, the Superintendent shall have the authority to appoint such officials.

Final Rankings will be based upon a possible score of 50 points for placing each class and 50 points for each set of reasons. Since there are 10 classes to be placed and 6 sets of reasons to be given in the collegiate division, there will be a possible total score of 800 points per contestant. The possible total score for youth contestants will be 650.

A. In the case of a tie in team or individual scores, ties will be broken in the following manner:

- Higher total reasons score
- Lower total placing score in reasons classes (Reasons Division)

- Higher total score overall