

Livestock Contest Rules

JUNIOR AND SENIOR LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTESTS

1. The contest will be at the Denver Coliseum Arena on **Thursday, January 12, 2017 beginning at 8:00 a.m.** Contestants must report to the Beef Palace Auction Arena in the National Western Stock Show Stadium at 7:30 a.m. for instructions.
2. Each college may enter ONE team in the Livestock Contest comprised of five (5) members.
3. Separate teams of official judges will listen to the junior and senior college contestants' reasons.
4. Classes: Teams will judge twelve (12) classes of beef cattle, Boer goats, sheep and swine. Performance data may be provided to assist contestants in placing some of the breeding classes.
5. Reasons: Oral reasons will be given on eight (8) classes (4 cattle, 2 sheep/goats and 2 swine). Senior College reasons will be limited to 2 minutes. At 2 minutes, the contestant will be stopped and dismissed. Talking over the 2 minute limit will result in a 5 point deduction off the total score.
6. In the Livestock Judging contests, fifteen (15) minutes will be allowed for the contestants to make observations, record placings and make notes for their own use.
7. Contestants are warned against rough handling of livestock during the judging contest. Any contestant that does not observe this rule will be asked to place the remainder of the classes without handling. No warning will be given. Contestants will be allowed to handle livestock only one time. Failure to comply will result in a zero placing score for that class.
8. Coach's Meeting: The coach's meeting will be held **Wednesday, January 11, 2017** at the Double Tree Hotel (6:00 p.m. beverages; 6:45 p.m. dinner). Reservations must be made on your entry form. All coaches must attend this meeting. Awards banquet confirmations, parking passes and final contest instructions will be issued at this meeting. Please return traveling trophies.
9. Awards Banquet: The Awards Banquet will be held **Friday, January 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Double Tree Hotel. Each coach judging a team (maximum of 2 coaches) will receive admission along with the registered contestants for the awards banquet. Those individuals competing in more than one (1) division will receive only one (1) pass. No admittance will be allowed without confirmation with the contest superintendent. No exceptions! Additional tickets MUST be purchased with entry form only for administrators, alternates, spouses or other guests.

JUNIOR COLLEGE DIVISION:

1. Participation in this contest is open to all teams from Junior Colleges offering an agricultural curriculum or four (4) year colleges offering only a two (2) year agricultural curriculum.
2. Student Eligibility: To be eligible, a student should not have completed four (4) semesters of college credit except as granted under the special request from the Junior College Coaches Association Executive Board. A student will have a twelve (12) month continuous eligibility from the date of their first official contest as a team member. Transfer students must have attended full-time at the school for which they are competing the previous term or semester or not attended any Junior College the previous term or semester in order to be eligible to compete in a nationally recognized contest. A student must be enrolled in twelve (12) semester or quarter hours and maintain a GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 system or equivalent. A student who competes in the Junior College Contest may compete in a future college contest at the National Western Stock Show if they fulfill the requirements set forth for the Senior College Contest.

SENIOR COLLEGE DIVISION:

1. Student Eligibility:
 - a. Junior College Contestants in Senior College Contests - Junior College students starting their judging program after January 1, 1997, may only compete in Junior College Contests for a period of one (1) calendar year and cannot participate in the same Junior College Contest more than once and still remain eligible for competition in the respective Senior College Contest.
 - b. At the time of, or immediately preceding the contest, each contestant must have been enrolled in enough college credit hours to represent seventy-five percent (75%) of an average semester, trimester, quarter, or term credit load necessary to graduate in eight (8) semesters, twelve (12) quarters or the equivalent thereof, e.g., enrolled in twelve (12) semester hour credits when an average semester load is sixteen (16) hours for a one hundred twenty-eight (128) hour degree, thirteen (13) quarter hour credits when an average quarter load is seventeen (17) hours for a two hundred four (204) hour degree, etc.
2. All participants in the Senior College Contest will be allowed to participate in one (1) other contest prior to the National Western Stock Show (i.e., Arizona National Livestock Exposition).
3. Senior College contestants who have judged in the Senior College Livestock Judging Contest in a previous year are ineligible to compete in the Collegiate Carload Judging Contest.