

2018 RULES Northwest 4-H Regional Judging Competitions

Northwest Regional
Council



1. Individual Judging ONLY. Judges must be registered 4-H Club members.
2. Judging Categories: ages as of midnight Dec. 31, 2017
Junior: 9-11 years old
Intermediate: 12-14 years old
Senior: 15-20 years old
Workshop: Beginners, or as a refresher. Workshop only, not for competition or awards. First time judges can choose to register in their age category and compete.
*Cleaver Kid Members are NOT eligible to participate in the Regional Judging Day.
3. There will be separate Consumer Decision Making and Livestock judging competitions, with prizes being awarded in both. Members will be allowed to participate in one or both.
4. Only Senior Members, who compete in the livestock competition, are eligible to represent the Northwest Region at the 4-H Alberta Provincial Multi-Species Judging Competition. The member must be 16 years of age as of July 31, 2018 to qualify for the 2018 provincial competition. Selection will be based on the member's standings in the six livestock classes only. (Members who attend the Provincial competition must meet the age requirements for the individual trips.)
5. Any special requests need to be brought to the judging committee's attention at registration prior to the start of the judging. **Scribes will only be provided if identified on club's judging registration form, in advance, with a reason.**
6. A short orientation to judging the livestock classes will be provided to all contestants prior to the judging.
7. Contestants will be placed in mixed groups of junior, intermediate and senior members. Workshop participants will rotate in a separate group.
8. Fifteen minutes of judging time will be allotted for all oral reason classes. Twenty minutes will be allowed for those doing written reasons.
9. Once judging time has elapsed, members must line up to present their oral reasons. Two minutes of preparation time will be allowed before the first set of reasons must begin. Order for the reasons in each class will be printed on the cards.
10. Contestants will only move on to the next class when directed to do so by the floor supervisor and are expected to stay in the same group throughout the competition.
11. During the competitions (9:15 - 12:15 and 1:15 - 4:15), while the classes are being placed and reasons are being given, there shall be **NO talking** between contestants and/or spectators, except as directed by the floor supervisor. **No cell phones or other communication devices** will be allowed during judging. **Anyone found with a device in their hand during the competition time will have all previous class scores changed to "0" and the device will be confiscated until the end of the competition.**

12. Scribes are only to record member's reasons and not talk or give advice.
13. Seniors will give their oral reasons to the official judges. Workshop participants will judge fewer classes and receive coaching about the classes being judged. Contestants are required to judge all classes in their competition(s) to be eligible for awards.
14. Late Arrival: 4-H members will not be allowed to make-up missed classes. Member must report to the contest supervisor before proceeding to a specific judging class.
15. Contestants are NOT allowed to touch the animals or items during the competition, unless otherwise indicated by the floor supervisor or the official judge of the class.
16. The designated cards with the contestants' desired placings will be collected at the end of each class by the group leader. Any card not handed in before moving to the next class will not be marked.
17. Registration staff shall supply contestants with placing cards and any other necessary forms. Contestants are to supply their own pen(s) and/or pencil(s).
18. Contestants will be allowed to take a blank clipboard or notepad into the ring with them to make notes. They will **NOT** be allowed to take any preprinted written or visual reference material with them.
19. Contestants and spectators will remain in designated areas and ONLY contestants and adults with specific roles will enter the Judging Area once the competition begins.
20. The floor supervisor shall have the authority for the interpretation of the rules.
21. Classes will be designated by numbers on each animal or item.
22. Official Judges will place the classes during the first contestant group judging time, or prior to the competition.
23. Scoring is based upon a possible score of 50 points for each placing and 50 points for each set of reasons. There will be 6 consumer decision making classes and 6 livestock classes.
24. **Members may choose to participate in Consumer Decision Making, Livestock Judging, OR Both.**
25. In the event of a tie, the individual obtaining the highest number of points for the class or contest will be declared the winner following, in order, these tie breakers:
 - A. Reason score for the specific class
 - B. Total reasons score for the overall competition (CDM or livestock)
 - C. Grand total
 - D. CDM - reasons for the credit card class; Livestock - reasons for the Market Hog class

26. All classes will require reasons.
 - a. Seniors will present all reasons orally except Equine, in the Livestock category.
 - b. Intermediates will present reasons orally, except Dog Food in the Consumer Decision Making category, and Equine in the Livestock category.
 - c. Juniors will present reasons orally, except the Food and Sock classes in the Consumer Decision Making category, and Equine in the Livestock category.
 - d. Equine will be presented as written reasons for all age groups. The class will be judged as the livestock class for all groups concurrently.

27. A member will have their judging cards(s) pulled and marked with a "0" for any of the following reasons: discussing the judging during judging time, jumping ahead in the classes, tampering with the judging class items or animals, using preprinted written or visual material, talking/texting during the competition, or in any way breaking the rules or interfering with the judging competition.

28. The emcee will remind competitors that there is to be no talking during the competition. This includes between classes. (This rule has been put in place to help competitors remember that judging is to be their own work, as well as to help them prepare for further competitions which may not allow talking at all on competition day.)

AWARDS

Announced the day of the competition:

1. Top Overall Consumer Decision Making Judges – first and second place in each age category.
2. Top Overall Livestock Judges – first and second place in each age category.
3. The senior 4-H members who have qualified to advance to the 4-H Alberta Provincial Multi-species Judging Competition.

*Note: Members who place in the top rankings, but who are not old enough to attend the Provincial competition, will be recognized as placing but not able to attend.

Note: Those who attend the Provincial competition will receive a NW 'team' token **at the competition.

Tuesday following the competition:

1. Clubs will be sent certificates recognizing, in each age category:
 - a. Top Three Judges in each CDM class
 - b. Top Three Judges in each Livestock class
2. An email will be sent to all NW 4-H email contacts listing:
 - a. All contestants who won a recognition certificate
 - b. Top District Livestock Judging Award

*Note: This award is contested between all districts with a minimum of 4 members participating in the Livestock category. The total score for each qualifying district is divided by the number of contestants from the district, with the highest average score winning.