

Calgary Regional 4-H Portfolio Competition 2015-2016

Question & Answer Sheet:

1. Name change?

The Calgary Regional 4-H Record Book Competition will now be called the Calgary Regional 4-H Portfolio Competition.

2. Why is the name changing?

The name is changing to show a difference between the regional record book competition and the required record book that the members need to complete.

3. Do I still have to do a record book?

Every member must do a record book for each project they are doing to get credit for the project and be a 4-H member in good standing.

4. Why is there a regional set of rules for the Portfolio?

As soon as you have a competition, there should be rules so that every member understands the expectations during the judging. It also helps the judges to know what is being asked of the members.

5. What is the difference between a "record book" and a "portfolio"?

A record book is the book of records supplied by the 4-H branch or designed by your project leader. The portfolio is a binder that would include extra pictures, club agendas, your 4-H communication activity, and a number of items listed in the rules.

6. What judging forms do I use?

The Calgary Regional 4-H Portfolio Competition entry form and Score Sheet and Category List.

7. What are the levels of judging for the Portfolio?

Club, District and Regional.

8. Does my book have to be judged by these forms?

For a book to enter the Portfolio competition, it must be judged at each level using the regional score sheet. As per the rules, the judging sheets must be included in the books that are moving to the next level.

9. Does my club have to change their awards to match the portfolio rules?

No, your club can judge your books and do your awards however your members/leaders wish to do them. Example: you have 6 junior cooking books. 3 are record books only and 3 are portfolios. If you have one award for this category, your club would decide how to judge the books together and what your club requirement is. After your club decision is made, the 3 portfolio books will be judged against each other using the competition score sheet and the first place book would come to the district level competition.

10. Is only the first place book in the junior, intermediate and senior category to go forward?

Yes, the rules state only the books placing first place and scoring at least 80/100.

11. Does my book have to score 30/30 in accuracy to move to the next level?

No, your accuracy mark will be recorded on the Competition Entry form by the marker/leader. The district and regional level will use that mark but both levels do spot check the calculations and may change your number.

12. Should livestock and non-livestock books have different judging score sheets?

The score sheets for both will stay the same as the categories being judged are accuracy, neatness, completeness, personality and attention to detail. The cooking books are only judged with cooking books and horse book with horse books so the amount of feed/costs are never compared between different projects. Since the requirements of each project is the same for that project, the score sheet works for any project category.

13. Who should judge books at club level?

Most clubs have club markers for the monthly record keeping checks. If the books are going to competition, it is recommended that someone who does not know the members mark the final marking. Once the books have been marked the final time, the club winning books that are going on in competition can not be given back to the members for any corrections or additions as per the rules.

14. Who are the judges at Regional level?

All 5 districts in the Calgary Region must send a minimum of 2 people to the record book marking. More from each district are welcome and it is a good place to come and see what the members are doing in their portfolios.

15. When does the judging take place?

Many clubs have a very different start and end date for their club so there is no set standard. Each club should establish a date so their members know when their record books will be due. This would include record books or portfolios. The Calgary Region Portfolio competition is in October and so the district councils should establish their marking date so the clubs can be done before then with any books that are coming forward to the competition.

16. How have the rules changed?

There are no changes to the rules for this year. There are some changes to words to change from "record book" to "portfolio". There are some descriptions add to the category list.

17. What project categories are available?

There is a page of categories. Some projects are grouped together. When you look at the category list, you have the possibility to send forward a first place junior, intermediate and senior member's portfolio in each of these categories as long as the book scores at least 80/100.

18. Explain the Beef categories:

Market steer and carcass books get judged against each other. Beef heifer book is its own category and the breeding herd includes the two and three year old cow and calf projects against each other. The new breeding book with the cows does not fit the rules that there should not be any blank pages and that only the current year is in the binder. The committee has not addressed this at this time and members are either removing or paper clipping the previous sections together so the marker knows it is not part of the current book. All personal information should only be the current 4-H year.

19. Explain Sheep categories:

Market lamb is separate. Breeding ewe should include yearling books and mature ewe books against each other. Flock, herd, or pen of three books are judged against each other.

20. Explain Horse categories:

Horsemanship 1-3 can send top junior, int. and senior portfolio forward. Horsemanship 4-7 can send top junior, int. and senior book forward. Horse other can send top junior, int. and senior book forward.

21. Explain Technology, trade and life skills:

If you are a multi club, you can send your top portfolio in each age category in any of the 7 categories that your club may have.

22. If my club only awards a junior, intermediate and senior book, how do I know which other books qualifies?

Your club does not have to change its awards, but it gives other members a chance for their books to continue on in the portfolio competition. After your judging and the club has chosen its winners, have your marker/leader using the scores on the score sheet pick the books that will continue on in the competition. Horses have a possibility of 9 members coming forward and depending on all your projects, multi clubs can have many books come forward. Read the list, pick what applies to your club and then look at your 3 age categories. The book must place first in your club in that category and age level.

23. Can my club make me do a portfolio?

Yes/No The answer is no it is not required to complete your 4-H year and be a member in good standing by provincial policies. It could be yes if your club members chose to make a motion to include it in their constitution rules of the club. Then majority rules in the club and it could be a mandatory expectation of the members who belong to that club.

24. What is the value of a Portfolio?

A portfolio includes all your club year in pictures, certificates, communication activities and record of your club activities like agendas. Your record book mostly tells about your project and your portfolio tells about your project and you. This is helpful in completing diaries and scholarship applications. Some members have earned high school credits from turning in a portfolio.

Whichever type of record keeping completed, remember 4-H is teaching a life skill of record keeping that members will use forever.