Mistakes on Scan Sheets for State Contest

1.) Not filling the space completely, or overfilling. The scanner reads a distinct dot, and if there is not enough pencil lead, it may interpret the mark as an erased spot.

2.) Marking the wrong column. This contestant put the mark for class 5 in the class 2 column. They got a zero for class 2 for having more than one answer and a zero in class 5 for having no answer.

3.) This person missed #4 for having more than one mark, and #5 for having no marks. They also missed #8 for severe smudging that the scanner thought was a mark.

4.) This contestant did not follow instructions and marked more than 4 birds as keep birds.
5.) This contestant filled blanks poorly and erased poorly. Be sure you have a #2 pencil with a good eraser.

6.) This person must have become lost during the contest and they never judged the class. Contestants should stay with their group and if they somehow skip a station ASK the staff.

7.) This person left a blank, the most often problem with scoring. Contestants should carefully check their work. Points are not deducted for guessing. If you don’t know the answer, make an educated estimate.