

2017 Kansas 4-H Livestock Judging Rules

Eligibility:

1. Each County Extension Council may enter one team of three or four enrolled 4-H members. Each District Extension Council may enter teams of three or four enrolled 4-H members equal to the number of counties comprising the extension district. **The three contestants with the highest scores will make up the team total for each species and overall scores.** The contestant with the lowest score is still eligible for individual awards.
2. **No alternates will be listed on a team. Up to 5 individuals from each county (who are not on already on a livestock judging team) are allowed to compete in the individual livestock judging competition.**
3. Members must be 9, but not yet 19, before January 1 of the current year. Contestants in National 4-H Competitive Events cannot have reached their 19th birthday as of January 1 of the current year. **If a team has one or more members who are under 14 years of age, that team will be ineligible to qualify for national competition.**
4. **Individuals who have judged as an official team member or as an alternate at the designated National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in Louisville, Kentucky, are not eligible to compete as a team member.** *They may participate as an individual contestant but will not be eligible for awards.* Their score will, however, be counted towards individual sweepstakes awards. If an individual served as an alternate at the National 4-H Contest but did not actually participate in the contest, they retain their eligibility for the state contest.
5. In keeping with National 4-H rules, contestants who have participated in **any** post-secondary (university, college, junior college or technical school) course work or training for post secondary competition in the subject area of this contest are not eligible to compete.

Method of Conduct:

1. Eight classes of four head will be judged. They may include beef cattle, swine, meat goats, and sheep. Contest officials reserve the right to select classes and species which will provide the highest quality classes. Oral reasons will be taken on four classes. Classes may include scenarios to assist in placing the class. Breeding class scenarios may include EPD's.
2. Scoring will be on the basis of 50 points per class on placing and 50 points for each set of reasons.
3. Participants are required to furnish their own paper and pencils. Prepared judging aids are not allowed.
4. Conferring among contestants (talking, gestures, etc.) will result in immediate dismissal from the contest. Contestants may not carry any electronic communication device (cell phones, etc.). Any contestant found in possession of such a device at any time during the contest will be immediately removed from competition.
5. Two minutes will be allowed to give oral reasons to the official judges. Use of notes during oral reasons is strongly discouraged and will result in a reduced reasons score.

Awards and Out-of-State Participation

Awards will be announced on Sunday, August 20 at approximately 2:00 p.m. following all sweepstakes events. If you are unable to attend, a county or district may request awards be mailed to their office for distribution.

Traveling trophies have been donated as follows:

Beef - Kansas Club Calf Association, Tony Small

1200 West Radio Lane, Arkansas City, KS 67005

Sheep - Purebred Committee, Kansas Sheep Association, Alex McClure

4702 NW 60th, Newton, KS 67114

Swine - Kansas Pork Producers Council, Tim Stroda

2601 Farm Bureau Road, Manhattan, KS 66502

Reasons and Overall - Kansas Livestock Association, Matt Teagarden,

6031 SW 37th Street, Topeka, KS 66614

Trophy will be retired to the county/district after that county/district has won the award three times. If a trophy becomes filled with recognition plates before it is won three times by one county/district, the sponsor may purchase a new trophy or recycle the trophy.

Continuing this year at the Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes, top ranking livestock judging individuals will be invited to practice for the chance to represent Kansas 4-H at the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest (NAILE) in Louisville, KY. Practices will be offered at the Kansas State Fair and through web based technology with a Kansas State Animal Science graduate student. Top 4-H competitors from across Kansas that are age 14 before January 1, 2017 judging at the Kansas 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest may have the opportunity to expand their livestock judging knowledge and skills through this partnership created between Kansas 4-H and the K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry. This will also provide a chance for 4-H members to learn more about Kansas State University, Animal Sciences, and Agriculture careers. Top placing teams from local Extension Units will continue to have the ability to travel to other multi-state/national contests, including Aksarben, the American Royal, and the National Western Stock Show.

An All-Star Livestock Judging Team will be selected to represent Kansas at the National 4-H Contest in Louisville, KY. First, second and third place Extension Unit teams (if qualified) will have the option of choosing which contest they prefer to compete. The National Western Livestock Judging Contest in Denver, CO; the American Royal in Kansas City, MO, or Aksarben in Grand Island, NE. Choices of location will be determined by teams in order of their placing. *Example:* First place could choose The American Royal Livestock Judging Contest in Kansas City; the second place team would be given the opportunity to participate in the National Western Livestock Judging Contest in Denver, CO or Aksarben in Grand Island, NE. The third place team would be given the option to accept or reject the remaining contest. Cash awards will be available for the All-Star, first, and second place teams from the Kansas Livestock Association, Kansas Farm Bureau, Joe Lewis Memorial Funds, and the Kansas 4-H Foundation. The third place team may compete in the remaining contest available, however, it may be at their own expense. Cash awards must be used toward travel expenses to the respective contest immediately following the state contest of that year or they will be forfeited. Contestants may compete at a specific 4-H contest (Louisville, Denver or Kansas City) one time only. Teams will be **reimbursed** after results of the contest and summary of expenses have been reported to the State 4-H Office. Teams winning multiple contest, such as judging and/or skillathon, and/or quiz bowl will receive an adjusted amount of funding for participating in the same national event. The 4-H Livestock Judging Contest at the National Western in Denver, the American Royal in Kansas City, and Aksarben in Grand Island prohibit participation by previous contestants of the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in Louisville.