

2017 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes Competition Rules

These rules are for teams and individuals wishing to compete in all contests referred to as the “Sweepstakes Competition.”

See specific rules involving individuals or teams that contain individuals who wish to or who have competed at designated National 4-H Contests for Livestock (NAILE), Skillathon (NAILE), Quiz Bowl (AKRSARBEN), and Meats (K-State).

1. Each county may receive one entry into the all-around sweepstakes. Districts may enter as many teams as there are counties comprising their district. Counties or Districts must declare their intent to participate when submitting their Cvent registration and returning their county/district invoice. Sweepstakes teams must compete in all four livestock contests (Livestock Judging, *Open Division Meats Judging*, Livestock Skillathon, and Livestock Quiz Bowl). A Sweepstakes team does not have to be made up of the same individuals for each contest area (see rule 3).

All entries must be made by August 1, 2017. Registration is now completely **ONLINE through the state 4-H office using Cvent**. The link for registration has been sent to County Extension Agents and is to be filled out by agents. Fees must be mailed to 201 Umberger Hall, KSU, Manhattan, KS 66506. No refunds are available. **If your county fair or deciding contest is not held until after the August 1 due date, you are still required to submit the number of individuals/teams you plan on bringing. You are allowed two business days after the conclusion of your local event to submit the specific names of participants to Lexie Hayes (adhayes@ksu.edu).** Additions can be made to your original registration until August 15, however, a late fee is required. An additional \$10 is needed for late entries per individual (not per event). An original registration must be on file by the August 1 deadline to be eligible to add participants. Only substitutions are allowed after August 15. **No on-site registration is allowed.**

Note regarding District Teams:

District Teams will be numbered (ie: River Valley #1, River Valley #2, and so on) in each contest division. Team number will be matched up to determine Sweepstakes team if Districts have multiple teams eligible for Sweepstakes Awards (ie: River Valley #1 – Livestock Judging will be matched with River Valley #1 – Livestock Skillathon, Meats, and Quiz Bowl; the same would be for River Valley #2 teams). Yes, it is feasible for an individual to be on each of the Sweepstakes teams eligible in a District.

2. Each individual may receive one entry into the all-around sweepstakes. This must be declared at the time of entry. Please note in Cvent if the member intends to be included in the individual Sweepstakes Award tabulation. Sweepstakes individual entrants must compete in the following livestock contests: Livestock Judging, *Open Division Meats Judging*, and Livestock Skillathon. Livestock Quiz Bowl will not be factored into the individual sweepstakes award, as it is a contest only open to teams.
3. 4-H'ers who are team members in the sweepstakes competition may be used in any combination and alternated between contests. For example, your four strongest meats judges may not be your four strongest livestock judges, in which case you could bring one team for each competition. Sweepstakes teams could potentially consist of up to 16 4-H'ers.
4. Participation in the sweepstakes competition is optional. Teams are still welcome to participate in any of the individual competitions; however, please note awards for all contests will be presented on Sunday at the conclusion of all events.
5. Livestock Judging, Livestock Skillathon, and Livestock Quiz Bowl will have only one division. Meats Judging will again have an open and intermediate division. **The open division of the meats contest will be used in calculating the team and individual sweepstakes awards.**

6. Points will be awarded to teams and individuals based on their overall performance in each contest. Points will be awarded on the percentage of total points earned in each contest, based on the maximum score possible. Team scores for Livestock Quiz Bowl will be assigned based on placing in the Quiz Bowl Contest. Teams who do not qualify for the head-to-head competition will be ranked by team test score and assigned a team score accordingly. Sweepstake team ties will be broken as follows: Livestock Judging, Meats Judging, Livestock Skillathon, and Livestock Quiz Bowl. Individual ties will be broken as follows: Livestock Judging, Meats Judging, and Livestock Skillathon.
7. All awards will be presented on Sunday, August 20th immediately following the conclusion of the finals for the Quiz Bowl. Belt buckles (4) will be awarded to the top sweepstakes team and top individual (1). Teams will have the option to purchase additional buckles for additional team members.

*****Special Competition Rules for individuals or teams that contain individuals who wish to or have competed at the National 4-H Livestock Judging (NAILE), Livestock Skillathon (NAILE), Livestock Quiz Bowl (AKRSARBEN), and Meat Judging (American Royal / K-State).*****

1. All individuals are eligible to compete for individual and team awards in the Kansas 4-H Sweepstakes Contest. However, not all individuals' scores will count in the individual Kansas State 4-H Contests.
2. Individuals participating in the 2017 Kansas 4-H Livestock Judging, Meats, or Livestock Skillathon contests for which they have attended one of the above mentioned National Contests will have their scores count for individual Sweepstakes awards only.
3. Individuals who have competed at one of the National contests mentioned above are not eligible to compete on a team during the Kansas State 4-H Competition for that specific contest. Any team competing in the State 4-H Contests containing a member or members that have previously judged in that National 4-H Contest will be disqualified from the State competition. The contests held during Livestock Sweepstakes weekend are considered the state qualifying contests for National 4-H and Multi-State Invitational contests.
4. 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 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 State 4-H Contest held as part of the Livestock Sweepstakes contest may have the opportunity to expand their livestock judging knowledge and skills through this partnership created between Kansas 4-H and K-State Animal Sciences. 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 National Contests/Multi-State Invitational Contests, including Aksarben, the American Royal, and the National Western Stock Show.
5. Please refer to the Sweepstakes Guidelines and Coach's Guide, as well as the individual contest rules, for additional details on participation in National 4-H Livestock contests.