

2017 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

Coaches Guide & Contest Guidelines

- ❖ All entries must be made by **August 1, 2017**. Registration is completely **ONLINE** 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.***
- ❖ **Districts who have multiple teams should email a list of the team members, designated by team (Southwind #1, Wildcat #2, Meadowlark #3, etc.), for each contest, to Lexie by August 7th to ensure contest team numbers are assigned appropriately. Final teams and their specific team members must be designated by this date.**
- ❖ Each team is only allowed three or four members in the Livestock Judging Contest, Meats Judging Contest and Livestock Skillathon. **No alternates.** The top three scores of each competition will be counted toward the overall team score. The individual with the lowest score will still be eligible for individual awards. Though we strongly encourage team and overall individual sweepstakes participation, **we will allow up to 5 individuals to compete in the individual competitions (livestock judging, meats judging, skillathon) in addition to the 3 or 4 team members.**
- ❖ Event t-shirts may be ordered at the time of registration. Shirts cost \$10 and are available in adult sizes S-3XL.
- ❖ This event will be held during K-State move-in weekend. Look for **additional parking** behind Call Hall and Umberger Hall. No parking permits are required on weekends. Due to the fall opening of K-State, we highly recommend you **reserve rooms** as soon as possible! A block of rooms is available with Quality Inn & Suites at \$95/night. Please call the hotel directly at (785)770-8000 and request the “4-H Livestock Sweepstakes” block to make your reservation. The Four Points by Sheraton will also provide room accommodations for participants at \$89/night. To make a reservation, please call (785) 539-5311 and ask for the “4-H Livestock Sweepstakes” block. The block of rooms will be held at both locations until July 18, 2017. You may still be able to get a room after that date, but it will be at higher rate.
- ❖ Lunches will be served to Livestock Judging Contestants on Saturday as part of their contest fee. **Additional (non-participant) lunches may be purchased through the registration system for \$8/meal.** These meals will be distributed after all livestock contestants have been served. **Continuing in 2017:** *No lunch will be served on Sunday* in conjunction with the Meat Judging Contest. Coaches and adult chaperones will need to make lunch arrangements for their teams. A list of food vendors who will deliver to campus is provided at the end of this guide.
- ❖ **Absolutely no cell phones** or other non-medical electronic devices may be carried by participants during any competitive event. If a student is seen with such a device during competition they will be immediately disqualified. We can hold cell phones upon request for exhibitors who need to call a coach/parent after completing a contest (limit one per team).

- ❖ Please let us know if you or your 4-H'ers have any special (dietary, reading, etc.) needs prior to the event. (adhayes@ksu.edu)
- ❖ Volunteers are welcome to assist with the weekend's activities. However, we do request these individuals not be directly involved with the coaching of any teams or 4-H'ers entered in a contest. Individuals who would like to be involved may contact Lexie Hayes to sign up at adhayes@ksu.edu.
- ❖ Please refer to individual contest rules for specific details and methods of conduct for each of the contests.
- ❖ Extension Agents and Coaches are encouraged to use contest rules and the Kansas 4-H Livestock Reference List as a guide in preparing teams. This information is not all-encompassing but provides quality resources and a basis for educating youth about important knowledge competencies related to the various livestock industries.
- ❖ **SPECIAL NOTE: Please note in the registration system if an individual has competed in the National 4-H Livestock Judging (NAILE in Louisville, KY), Skillathon (NAILE in Louisville, KY), Quiz Bowl (Aksarben in Omaha), and/or Meat Judging Contest (American Royal in Manhattan, KS).** These individuals are not eligible to compete on a team in those respective areas, but may participate as an individual for the overall Sweepstakes competition. These members will not be eligible for awards in the contest, but their score will count toward individual Sweepstakes awards. For example, if a 4-H'er who participated in the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in Louisville last year wants to compete in this year's individual Sweepstakes contest, which includes the state 4-H livestock judging, they may participate in the livestock judging contest. However, they will not be recognized during the State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest Awards; their score will only be used towards the individual Sweepstakes awards. If a member who has competed in a designated national 4-H contest does not wish to participate in the Sweepstakes competition, but still would like to participate in an individual contest, they may do so. However, they will not be eligible for awards for that specific contest. Also, coaches are asked to provide the 4-H age and grade for Fall 2017 for each 4-H member who registers.
- ❖ **NATIONAL 4-H CONTEST ELIGIBILITY:** 4-H members must have reached their 14th birthday, and not have reached their 19th birthday, before January 1, 2017 to meet the age requirement for all national contests. Additionally, members must not have completed post-secondary coursework in the subject area of the 4-H competition, nor has he or she participated in training for post-secondary competition in the subject area of the 4-H competition.

We hope your 4-H'ers will enjoy this opportunity! Please contact Lexie Hayes at adhayes@ksu.edu or 785-532-1264 with your questions.

Food Vendors

**No advertisement or endorsement is intended for any of the following businesses, and this list is not all-inclusive. It is simply provided as an optional resource for coaches interested in vendors that will deliver to the KSU campus.*

Cox Brothers – (785)539-0770

Dominos – (785)776-7788

Jimmy Johns – (785)539-7454

Mr. Goodcents – (785)539-1900

Papa Johns – (785)537-1400

Pita Pit – (785)537-3995

Pizza Hut (Westloop) – (785)539-7447

Subs-N-Such – (785)537-2411