2020 Kansas 4-H Virtual Livestock Judging Rules

Eligibility:

1. **Entries must be submitted through Cvent by the local extension unit and are due August 15, 2020.** Each County Extension Unit may enter one (1) team of three or four enrolled 4-H members. Each District Extension Unit may enter teams of three or four enrolled 4-H members equal to the number of counties comprising the extension district (Kansas 4-H Policy J3). 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 already on a livestock judging team) are allowed to compete as an individual in the livestock judging competition. Therefore, a county may enter up to 9 total youth (team of 4, plus 5 individuals) in the state 4-H livestock judging contest.

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.** The contest is designed with the competitive intensity of a state-level event to give youth the opportunity to display their advanced skills in critical thinking, decision making, reasoning ability, communication skills, and public speaking. Participants should understand the basic concepts of this event for it to be a positive experience that fosters experiential learning.

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. **The Kansas 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will tentatively be hosted virtually on Saturday, August 22 at 9:00am.** Prior to the contest beginning, an orientation will be hosted via Zoom at 8:30am.

2. The rules and format of the contest are tentative and may be altered to provide the best experience for participants. Any changes will be communicated to coaches and local extension units prior to the contests. Final details regarding contest schedule, site log-in information, and final detailed procedures will be emailed to coaches/extension units the week prior to the event.

3. Contest will be hosted through iCEV and scorecards will be made available use the e-scansheet option at JudgingCard.com.

4. Classes will only be available to be viewed by contestants at a specific time, for a specified amount of time. Thus, all participants must complete the contest during the scheduled contest time.

5. Official placings will be made available 30 minutes after the completion of the contest.

6. Six (6) to eight (8) classes of four (4) 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 two to three classes. Ten questions per class will be asked on two to three classes. Reasons will be given via Zoom at an assigned time. Classes may include scenarios to assist in placing the class. Breeding class scenarios may include EPD's.

7. Scoring will be on the basis of 50 points per class on placing and 50 points for each set of reasons and questions.

8. Participants are required to furnish their own device (computer or tablet preferred) and reliable internet. Contestants will submit their official placings on an e-scansheet during the contest. Contestants will need to keep a record of their placings throughout the contest.

9. Conferring among contestants (talking, gestures, electronic communication via phone, app, etc.) will result in dismissal from the contest.

10. 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 during a virtual ceremony on Sunday, August 23, following all sweepstakes events.

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

Continuing this year at the Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes, top ranking livestock judging individuals will be invited to practice for the opportunity 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/or through web based technology with a K-State Department of Animal Sciences & Industry graduate student. Top 4-H competitors from across Kansas who are age 14 before January 1, 2020 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 and the American Royal. *The National Western Stock Show recently announced they will not be hosting their in-person event in 2021.*

An All-Star Livestock Judging Team will be selected to represent Kansas at the National 4-H Contest in Louisville, KY. First and second place Extension Unit teams (if qualified) will have the option to choose in which contest they prefer to compete. 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 Aksarben in Grand Island, NE. The funding available for teams attending national contests will be distributed as deemed appropriate by the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Supporters include the Kansas Livestock Association, Kansas Farm Bureau, Joe Lewis Memorial Funds, and the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Depending on available funding, teams may be offered an opportunity to compete at a national contest, but 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 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.