



**2023 AKSARBEN STOCK SHOW
LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST RULES
JUNIOR COLLEGE DIVISION**



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RULES AND REGULATIONS

Schedule of Events:

A coaches meeting will be held Saturday, September 23, at 7:00 p.m. at Barr Middle School (602 West Stolley Park Road, Grand Island, NE).

The 2023 Aksarben Stock Show Junior College Livestock Judging Contest will be held Sunday, September 24, beginning promptly at 8:00 a.m. in the Thompson Arena, Fonner Park, home of the Nebraska State Fair, Grand Island, NE. Check-in will be from 7:00 am to 7:45 a.m., but all contestants are encouraged to be there by 7:30 a.m.

Reasons will take place at Barr Middle School. Officials' critiques and the awards presentation will be held in the Quilt Room of the Pinnacle Bank Expo Center, Fonner Park, immediately following the conclusion of reasons.

TEAMS AND ENTRIES

A team shall consist of five members representing the agricultural college in which they are regularly enrolled. A college/university may enter one (1) sophomore team and up to 5 additional sophomore alternates, who may judge as individuals. A college/university may also enter one (1) freshman team and up to 5 additional freshman alternates, who may judge as individuals. Teams consist of five (5) individuals. Thus, a maximum of 10 sophomores and 10 freshmen from the same college/university may judge in this contest. Entries and fee payment can be made online www.aksabenstockshow.com by **Friday, September 8**. A fee of \$200.00 per team and/or \$40 per individual must accompany entry forms. Money received from entry fees will be used to help defray contest expenses.

ELIGIBILITY OF CONTESTANTS

1. All team members must be majoring or minoring in agriculture.
2. All team members must be enrolled as full-time students carrying 12 quarters or semester hours.
3. Team members must not have completed more than 66 semester hours or its equivalent in quarter hours or 5 semesters.
4. Open to all junior, community or vocational technical colleges teaching agriculture.

5. Each livestock judging coach and his/her institution will be held responsible for seeing that their respective contestants qualify under contest eligibility rules.
6. The specific eligibility of a contestant will be determined by the Junior College Coaches' Association Constitution. Stated as follows: A student will have a 12-month continuous eligibility from the date of his first official contest as a team member.
7. A contestant must be deemed eligible by any and all National Junior College Coaches' Association rules.

SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent shall have complete charge of the contest. He/She shall see that all rules and regulations governing the contest are duly carried out and that the contest is conducted with fairness and justice to all concerned. The Superintendent shall also decide all questions which may arise in connection with the interpretation of the rules.

JUDGING SYSTEM

A committee of officials shall place all classes and score all oral reasons. A selection committee shall select all classes for the contest and decide which classes require oral reasons. If the number of teams entered indicates that additional officials are necessary to expedite and make more efficient the scoring of reasons, the Superintendent shall have the authority to appoint such officials.

All contestants will report to the Thompson Arena, Fonner Park, home of the Nebraska State Fair, Grand Island at 7:30 a.m., Sunday, September 24, where they will receive full contest instructions.

Contestant shall not wear any identifiable uniform, college colors, or shall in any way signify to the judges the identity of the college which he/she represents.

METHOD OF CONDUCT

No member of any team nor their coach (unless engaged in a judging assignment) shall be allowed on the grounds to inspect livestock at the Aksarben Stock Show prior to the contest.

While the contest is in progress, there shall be no conferring between contestants, except as directed by the Superintendent or his/her representative. Cell phones, smart watches, pagers, and other electronic communication devices are prohibited. Any violation of this rule may result in expulsion and disqualification of the offender.

CLASSES - The contest will consist of twelve classes of livestock. Classes will consist of beef, swine, sheep and goats. All classes will be comprised of four animals and the animals will be designated by numbers 1-2-3-4. Performance breeding classes may include individual performance or genetic records, and a situation (scenario) statement.

TIME ALLOWED - Contestants will be allowed 12 minutes to place each class. There will be a two-minute time warning.

Breeding cattle will NOT be handled. Handling of market cattle will be dictated upon the start of the contest. Coordinated close inspection will be allowed.

Breeding sheep and breeding goats will NOT be handled. Market lambs and market goats will be placed in stands, (1, 2, 3, 4 from left to right, when viewed from behind). Handling of market lambs and goats will be dictated upon the start of the contest, however, they will be removed from the racks and walked.

REASONS - Freshmen contestants shall give oral reasons on **four to six (4-6)** classes. Sophomore contestants shall give oral reasons on **six to eight (6-8)** classes. Contestants will be informed which classes require reasons prior to start of the contest. Each division of the contest (4-H, Freshmen, Sophomores, and Senior College) will present reasons to their own set of officials.

All coaches, assistants, and non-judging alternates should be available during the morning of the contest to assist with the running of the contest, if needed.

DETERMINATION OF RANKINGS

- A. In the case of a tie in team or individual scores overall, ties will be broken in the following manner:
 - a. Higher total reasons score
 - b. Lower total placing score in reasons classes
 - c. "Flip of the coin"
 - d. Awards will not be duplicated.

- B. In the case of a tie in team or individual scores within species or category, ties will be broken in the following manner:
 - a. Higher total reasons score within species/category
 - b. Higher total reasons score overall
 - c. Higher total score overall
 - d. "Flip of the coin"
 - e. Awards will not be duplicated.

- C. In the case of a tie in team or individual scores within species or category, ties will be broken in the following manner:
 - a. Lower placing score in reasons classes
 - b. Higher total overall score
 - c. "Flip of the coin"
 - d. Awards will not be duplicated.

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