



**2023 AKSARBEN STOCK SHOW
LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST RULES
SENIOR 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 Senior 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.

TEAM AND ENTRIES

A team shall consist of five members representing the University in which they are regularly enrolled. A college/university may enter one team. Alternates, not entered as part of the team, may be entered and judge as individuals. A maximum of 10 individuals from the same college/university may judge in this contest. Entries and fee payment can be made online www.aksarbenstockshow.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. An evaluation, selection and/or livestock judging team contestant must be a bona fide undergraduate, enrolled in a recognized institution offering a well-rounded curriculum in Animal Sciences with a full degree in Agriculture.

2. At the time of, or immediately preceding the contest in question, each contestant must have been enrolled in enough college credit hours to represent 75% of an average semester, trimester, quarter or term credit load necessary to graduate in 8 semesters, 12 quarters or the equivalent thereof; e.g., enrolled in 12 semester-hour credits when an average semester load is 16 hours for a 128-hour degree, 13 quarter-hour credits when an average quarter load is 17 hours for a 204-hour degree, etc.
3. Each contestant must have a cumulative minimum grade point average of C (2.0 on a 4-point system), or its equivalent, for all college courses taken prior to the time he or she competes in a contest. No contestant is eligible to compete in a contest if he or she has been ruled ineligible by his or her coach and/or institution. This rule applies for both social and scholastic probation.
4. Each contestant must establish his or her institutional residency by having been enrolled in the institution he or she represents for at least one semester, trimester, quarter or term before competing in a Senior Contest.
5. Contest eligibility of a student is considered to be for one calendar year; that is, from January 1 to December 31 of any given year. However, interruptions in an undergraduate course of study for military service, hardship, failure of the institution to continuously “field” a team or other reasons beyond control of the student shall not make a student ineligible for further contest participation if all other contest requirements have been fulfilled. However, in no case shall a student compete in a Senior College Contest more than once for either individual or team awards. A letter should be requested from the eligibility committee by the coach declaring the student eligible.

The National Meat Animal Evaluation Contest and the Twin Falls Evaluation Contest are exempt from this rule in that students may compete in these two contests after having been on a senior college livestock team the previous year.

6. Community College and/or Junior College students are eligible for participation in Senior College contests, provided they have fulfilled all the requirements in Rules 1-6, and
 - a. as “Junior College” Contestants have abided by the rules as set forth by the National Junior College Coaches’ Association concerning contest eligibility, and
 - b. a Junior or Community College student will be limited to a maximum of one year (12 months) of continuous eligibility as a “Junior College” Contestant in order to maintain eligibility for Senior College competition.
7. Two-year students in a certificate program or those enrolled as special students are eligible for participation in Senior College Contests provided, they have fulfilled all the requirements in Rules 1-6, and
 - a. students competing in Senior Contests as two-year students will be ineligible for later competition as four-year students.
8. Students serving as an alternate in Senior College Contests shall not be eligible for further contest participation (in a future year) in an intercollegiate livestock evaluation or selection contest. An alternate is defined as “any student taken to any Senior Contest”.
9. No contestant is eligible to compete if he or she has, at any time, served as an official instructor at any agricultural college, a regular extension agent, a regular vocational agriculture teacher, an official representative of a breed association or paid as a livestock judge in any show.

10. Each collegiate livestock coach and his institution will be responsible for submitting the eligibility form of the students representing their institution.
11. Without exception, no member of a current Senior College Team may be on the grounds any time before the contest. Coaches may only be on the grounds before the contest if they are officiating a show.
12. All eligibility cases not covered by the regular rules shall be submitted to Malina Lindstrom, Superintendent, for disposition at least 15 days prior to the contest in question.

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, the use of cell phones, smart watches, pagers, and any other and all electronic devices are prohibited from all contestants, there shall be no conferring between contestants, except as directed by the Superintendent or his representative. 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 be breeding and market (beef, swine, sheep and goats). 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 - Senior college contestants will give eight (8) sets of oral reasons. Reasons classes will be announced prior to the 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. Teams and individuals shall be ranked in order of total score (placings and reasons) for the classes comprising each species or award category. The team or individual having the highest score shall be declared the winner in each category of the contest.
- B. 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.
- 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. 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.
- D. 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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