



# 2024 Livestock Judging Contest Rules Junior and Senior College Divisions

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Nebraska State Fairgrounds - Grand Island, NE

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**Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m., Thompson Foods Indoor Arena at Fonner Park**

<b>Entry Site</b>	Aksarbenstockshow.com
<b>Entry Fee</b>	\$200 per team and/or \$40 per individual
<b>Entry Deadline</b>	Wednesday, September 11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Coaches Meeting</b>	Saturday, September 28 <sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Barr Middle School (602 West Stolley Park Rd. Grand Island, NE)
<b>Check-in</b>	Sunday, September 29 <sup>th</sup> from 7 to 7:45 a.m. at Thompson Foods Indoor Arena
<b>Lunch &amp; Reasons</b>	Barr Middle School
<b>Official Critique &amp; Awards</b>	Pinnacle Bank Expo Center Quilt Room on Fonner Park immediately following conclusion of reasons

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### 1. TEAMS AND ENTRIES

- a. A team shall consist of five members representing the agricultural college in which they are regularly enrolled.
  - i. For the Junior College Division: 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.
  - ii. For the Senior College Division: 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.
- b. All teams must be entered by Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY OF CONTESTANTS

- a. Junior College Divisions (Freshmen & Sophomore)
  - i. All team members must be majoring or minoring in agriculture.
  - ii. All team members must be enrolled as full-time students carrying 12 quarters or semester hours.
  - iii. Team members must not have completed more than 66 semester hours or its equivalent in quarter hours or 5 semesters.
  - iv. Open to all junior, community or vocational technical colleges teaching agriculture.
  - v. 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.
  - vi. A contestant must be deemed eligible by any and all National Junior College Coaches' Association rules.
  - vii. Contestants entering this contest will not be eligible to enter subsequent Junior College Livestock Judging Contests at the Aksarben Stock Show in the same division.
- b. Senior College Division
  - i. Any agricultural college undergraduate student representing his/her institution who has never had a part in a previous Aksarben Stock Show Senior College Livestock Judging Contest may compete, providing that he/she is in attendance as a regularly enrolled student in the institution he/she represents, has taken one full year's work sometime prior to the year the contest is held, and has not at any time served in the capacity of animal husbandry instructor in any agriculture college. 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.
- c. Each collegiate livestock coach and his institution will be responsible for submitting the eligibility form of the students representing their institution.
- d. Contestants judging in the 4-HFFA Livestock Judging Contest are not eligible to compete in this contest.
- e. All eligibility cases not covered by the regular rules shall be submitted to the Livestock Judging Contest Superintendent, for disposition at least 15 days prior to the contest in question.
- f. Contestants will be subject to disqualification from the contest for rules and regulations infractions.

### 3. JUDGING SYSTEM

- a. 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.
- b. The judges shall place the classes while the contestants are working in the area. The judges shall enter their placings on the placing card, indicate the cuts to be made and file that card with the Superintendent.
- c. All contestants will report to the Thompson Foods Indoor Arena at 7:30 a.m., Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, where they will receive full contest instructions.

### 4. METHOD OF CONDUCT

- a. No team members, alternates, coaches, or individuals accompanying the team will be allowed on the Aksarben Stock Show Grounds prior to 7 a.m. on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Exceptions to this rule will be made for team members who are exhibitors, in which case special permission must be secured from the Livestock Judging Contestant Superintendent.
- b. 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. No hats are to be worn during the contest.
- c. While the contest is in progress, there shall be no conferring between contestants or anyone else, 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.
- d. CLASSES - The contest will consist of twelve classes of livestock. Classes will consist of beef, swine, sheep and goats (breeding and market). 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. Breeding classes may be male or female.
- e. REASONS - Freshmen contestants shall give oral reasons on four to six classes. Sophomore contestants shall give oral reasons on six to eight classes. Senior college contestants shall give oral reasons on eight classes. 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.
- f. Contestants must have a CLEAN notebook for taking notes. This is the contestants' responsibility; notebooks and writing utensils are NOT provided. Contestants' notebooks are subject to inspection at any time, and supplemental materials brought into the contest including pre-written notes/terms will subject the contestant to potential disqualification from the contest.
- g. TIME ALLOWED - Contestants will be allowed 12 minutes to place each class. There will be a two-minute time warning. Two minutes will be allowed to give oral reasons to judges.

- h. Upon conclusion of judging each class, contestants will be asked to turn cards in to their group leader. Cards are to be turned in “face down”, and cards will NOT be returned once they have been turned in. Cards will be considered LATE and NOT scored once “time in” has been called on the subsequent class. It is the responsibility of contestants to make sure their card has been turned in on time! Blank or double-marked cards will receive a zero. A photocopy of such cards will be made available to coaches after the contest.
- i. Handling of breeding classes will not be permitted. Handling of market cattle will be dictated upon the start of the contest. Coordinated close inspection will be allowed. 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, close inspection will be allowed, and they will be removed from the racks and walked.
- j. 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.
- k. Any coach or contestant who violates any rules of this contest will be barred from competing in future contests and his/her team will be disqualified.

## 5. SUPERINTENDENT

- a. The Superintendent shall have complete charge of the contest. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to see that all rules and regulations of the contest are carried out. 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. The Superintendent may assign assistant superintendents and helpers to assist him/her. The Superintendent will oversee all final decisions, results and rankings following tabulation.

## 6. CLERKS AND ASSISTANTS

- a. The clerks, assistants and attendants shall be under the direction of the Superintendent and shall carry out all assignments in an orderly manner; and none of them shall confer with a contestant unless directed by the Superintendent.

## 7. DETERMINATION OF RANKINGS

- a. Ties will be broken by a method determined by show management and superintendent. No duplicate awards will be given. Results when announced will be official and final. Once results are tabulated and submitted by the Superintendent to the Aksarben Stock Show management, results shall be final.