

4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

ONLINE ENTRY DEADLINE – Friday, January 13, 2023

ON SITE ENTRY DEADLINE – 2:00 – 6:00 p.m., Friday, March 17, 2023

ENTRY FEE – TEAM - \$20 per team online entries

ENTRY FEE – INDIVIDUAL - \$5 per individual online entries

PACKET PICK UP – 7:30 a.m., Saturday, March 18, 2023

LIVESTOCK JUDGING EVENT – Saturday, March 18, 2023

8:30 a.m. – Contest Instructions

9:00 a.m. – Livestock Judging Event

RULES

1. To be eligible to enter the contest, a contestant must be an active bona fide member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter and be enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, or Willacy Counties at the time of the contest. Any contestant found to be ineligible, including those misrepresenting their age, will result in the disqualification of the contestant, as well as their team, for the current year's contest.
2. Contestants must be enrolled in the respective FFA Chapter or 4-H Club
3. There will be a separate division for exhibitors the reside **OUTSIDE** of the four mentioned counties
4. Team supervisor or team captain may enter their team on Friday, March 17, 2023, with the judging contest committee between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Team packets can be picked up on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 7:30 a.m. at the Hog Barn Arena. Livestock Judging Event instructions will be given at 8:30 a.m. and the event will start at 9:00 a.m. at the Rodeo Arena.
5. A team shall consist of three (3) or four (4) members; the three high scoring team members will count as the team's score with the fourth member automatically becoming the alternate
6. Contestants will not be allowed to converse during the contest. Cell phones, tablets, smart phones, smart watches, or any other electronic devices will not be allowed. Violations can result in disqualification. Contestants should bring a clipboard, 1 blank sheet of paper and a pencil. This is a closed contest and will not be open to the public during contest time.
7. Any conversation, hand gestures, notes, etc. toward another contestant will be perceived as cheating and will result in a score of zero for the class
8. The judging contest will include Market Animals and Breeding Animals. There will be a minimum of 6 classes. A competent judge or judging committee will be on hand to discuss placing of each class as soon as all contestants have finished placing animals.
9. In the event of a tie, the team with the highest individual score will be declared the winner. Should a tie still exist, the second highest individual total score will be the winner

10. All contestants are eligible for high point individual
11. Exhibitors of animals entered in the Livestock Show are required to allow animals to be used in the Livestock Judging Contest
12. A plaque will be placed in the museum and updated yearly with the winning team's name
13. No video/recording allowed during the contest or reasons discussion by the judge

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply.

DIVISIONS

- Junior team members grades 3rd – 5th
- Intermediate team members grades 6th – 8th
- Senior team members grades 9th – 12th

AWARDS

- High Point Individual (in each age group) – Buckle and \$500 Scholarship
- High Point Individual (in each age group) – Beef – Banner
- High Point Individual (in each age group) – Swine – Banner
- High Point Individual (in each age group) – Sheep & Goats – Banner
- 1st Place Team (in each age group) - \$50, Banner and Ribbons
- 2nd Place Team (in each age group) - \$40, Banner and Ribbons
- 3rd Place Team (in each age group) - \$30, Banner and Ribbons