

# **BEEF SKILLATHON**

**ONLINE ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 15, 2024

**ON SITE REGISTRATION** – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Monday, March 11, 2024

**LOCATION** – RGVLS Event Center Ballroom

**CONTEST DATE** – 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2024

**Grand Champion Buckle Sponsor – Kocur Farms**

This individual contest is subject to the RGVLS General Rules, Exhibitor Rules and Special Rules listed in this section.

## **SPECIAL RULES FOR BEEF SKILLATHON**

1. A \$20 entry fee made to RGVLS is required per individual. This fee must be submitted with all other entries. Entries must be submitted online, and official RGVLS entry forms must be completed by the RGVLS deadline.
2. Contestants must meet all Exhibitor Show Rule Requirements.

## **DIVISIONS**

- Junior – Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>
- Intermediate – Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
- Senior – Grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

## **CONTEST STRUCTURE**

- Preliminary Round – consists of written questions and skill stations.
- Finals – the top 5 contestants from each division will advance to the finals. The finals for Juniors will consist of an additional stage of skill stations. Finals for Intermediate and Seniors will include an additional stage of skill stations and an interview on issues facing the beef cattle industry.

## **STUDY MATERIALS**

- Beef Cattle Skillathon Study Guide: <http://agrilifesciences.tamu.edu/skillathon>
- <https://animalscience.tamu.edu/livestock-species/beef/publications/>
- <https://animalscience.tamu.edu/youth-projects/beef-skillathon-resource/>

## **AWARDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Buckle
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Banner
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Banner