

Northwest Regional Beef Record Book Competition
Guidelines and Judges Info
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Objective: To encourage members to provide complete and accurate records and information pertaining to their project or projects.
To recognize the record keeping efforts of 4-H members.

Age Groups: Junior age 9-11 as of January 1st of the current 4-H year.
Intermediate age 12 -14 as of January 1st of the current 4-H year.
Senior age 15 -21 as of January 1st of the current 4-H year.

Categories: Market Steer project - Junior, Intermediate, and Senior.
Heifer Breeding project - Junior, Intermediate, and Senior.
Cow/calf project - Junior/Intermediate and Senior.

Eligibility: Club Level - All books will be marked at club level. The top Junior, Intermediate and Senior from each category will qualify and move onto the District level.

District Level - The first place winners from each club will be marked according to their age and category. The first place winners will advance on to the Regional level. All first place books must be to the Regional office by September 30th.

Regional Level - A list of winners and books must be to the Regional office by September 30th. Each District can send 8 books which are the first place winners.

Members will **NOT** be given the opportunity to correct their book or books between each level of competition.

Awards:

All participants receive Northwest Certificates

First Place: NW Portfolio binder; Second Place: NW Briefcase Bag

Rotation of Districts:

2007 Barrhead
2008 Parkland
2009 Leduc
2010 Westlock
2011 Sturgeon

2012 Lac Ste Anne
2013 Thorhild/Athabasca
2014 Drayton Valley
2015 Evansburg / Strathcona
2016 Barrhead

General Comments:

Points on the following marking sheets are per year **NOT** per month.

Binders

Each project **must** be in its own binder.

Start dates of projects

Steer - project starts from date of weigh in and finishes when Achievement Day is over.

Heifer - project starts from weigh in date or purchase date. Members have until January 1st to start their heifer project. End date is considered your Achievement Day.

Cow/calf project starts from weigh in day or club start up and goes to Achievement Day.

Start and finish dates vary from District to District.

Cow/calf books should be marked as to what the start up date was for each District or Club.

Do not penalize for different start and finish dates.

Member's female record book will be marked each year separately with no influence from the previous marked year.

Extras

Photocopies of newspaper clippings, communication activity, and certain pages listed on marking sheet will be accepted.

Extra pages may be added as needed.

Pencil is allowed in Junior books only. Junior members should not be penalized when they use pencil.

Computer generated books are not allowed in the Regional Competition.

Mark for quality of work and level of member completing the work.

There should be no typed stories in the competition unless there is a child with a disability or special needs. If special allowances have been made for the ease of the member, to use the computer to do his work, please let the judges know this by a comment clipped to the book.

All ties are to be broken by the book markers at each level.

Please do not write comments in the books directly.

Use the score sheet or sticky notes.

Deduction of Marks

Note: marks are not per month they are per **YEAR**.

Judges start with 40 points for category and deduct off from there.

Examples:

.5 for each different spelling error

.5 for each wrong calculation

.5 for decimal being in wrong spot

.5 for not marking lbs/kgs

Judges if you have any questions please contact the person that you received the books from to get clarification.