



Northwest 4-H Regional Judging Competition 2012 RULES

1. Individual Judging ONLY. Judges must be registered 4-H club members.
2. Judges Categories: ages as of January 1
 - Junior: 9 - 11 years old
 - Intermediate: 12 - 14 years old
 - Senior: 15 - 20 years old
3. Only Senior members are eligible to represent the Northwest Region at the Provincial 4-H Judging Competition. The member must be 16 years of age as of August 4, 2012 to qualify for the 2012 provincial competition. Selection will be based on the judges' standings in the five livestock species classes only.
4. Registration will commence at **9:30 am** and the club supervisor will receive the judging packages. Any special requests need to be brought to the judging committee's attention at registration prior to the start of the judging. Scribes will only be provided if identified on club's judging registration form.
5. An orientation to judging the classes will be provided to all contestants prior to the judging.
6. Contestants will be placed in mixed groups of junior, intermediate and senior members. The contestants will be allowed twenty minutes judging time for each stage in the rotation for judging the classes. Contestants will only move on to the next class when directed to do so by the floor supervisor and are expected to stay in the same group throughout the competition.
7. During the competition, while the classes are being placed and reasons are being given, there shall be **NO communication** among the contestants or anyone else, except as directed by the floor supervisor. No Cell Phones or communication devices will be allowed during judging. Scribes are to record member's reasons and not talk.
8. Contestants will be required to judge all classes and participate in all phases of the programs as outlined. Seniors will give their oral reasons to the official judges.
9. Late Arrival: 4-H members will not be allowed to make-up missed classes. Member must report to the floor supervisor before proceeding to a specific judging class.
10. Contestants are NOT allowed to touch the animals or items during the competition, unless otherwise indicated by the floor supervisor.
11. The designated cards with the contestants' desired placings will be collected at the end of each class by the group leader.

12. Registration staff shall supply contestants with placing cards and any other necessary forms. Contestants will be allowed to take a clipboard or notepad into the ring with them to make notes. They will NOT be allowed to take any preprinted written or visual reference material with them for reference.

13. Contestants and spectators will remain in designated area and ONLY contestants will enter the Judging area when the competition begins.

14. The floor supervisor shall have the authority for the interpretation of the rules.

15. Classes will be designated by numbers on each animal or item.

16. Official Judges will place the classes while the contestants are placing the FIRST CLASS.

17. Placing is based upon a possible score of 50 points for each class placed and 50 points for each set of reasons. Two classes are consumer choice. The total possible score will be 750 points.

18. In the event of a tie, the individual obtaining the highest number of points for the class or contest will be declared the winner following in order these tie breakers:

1. Reason score for class
2. Total reasons
3. Livestock reasons
4. Grand total

19. There will be 9 classes, consisting of the following:

Five Livestock Classes: beef, horse, swine, sheep, dairy
Four Non-Livestock Classes

20. In 2012 three written reasons and two oral reasons will be given for the livestock classes. Oral reasons will be given for one non-livestock class. Two classes are consumer choice. Seniors will give oral reasons for all classes.

21. A member will have their judging card(s) pulled and marked with a "0" for any of the following reasons: discussing the judging class during judging time, jumping ahead in the classes, tampering with the judging class items or animals, using preprinted written or visual material, or in any way interfering with the judging competition.

AWARDS

1. Top Three Judges in each class
2. Top Overall Judges – first and second place in each category: Junior, Intermediate, and Senior
3. Recognition of 4-H members who qualify to advance to the Provincial 4-H Competition and Seminar.
4. Top District Award – minimum 4 judges from a district; total scores divided by the number of contestants from one district.