

# Memorandum

TO: District 7 County Extension Agents  
AG, 4-H

SUBJECT: 2023 Meats Judging Contest

EVENT DATE: Wednesday, April 12, 2023

LOCATION: Angelo State University Meats Lab  
7945 Grape Creek Rd.  
San Angelo, Texas

FEE: \$18 per contestant entry fee (Includes lunch)  
\$8 leaders/volunteers' lunch

*Any entries made after the closing date of 4-H Online will incur a \$50 late fee in addition to the original contest fee.  
(Pending late entry is approved based on timeline needed for contest preparation)*

No Refunds

ENTRY DEADLINE:

- 4-H Online (Opens March 13<sup>th</sup> & Closes March 27<sup>th</sup>)
- County Entry Form – Due March 27<sup>th</sup>

Please find the Guidelines, Rules, and Regulations for this event on the following pages. Please contact the District 7 Office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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## **DISTRICT 7 MEATS JUDGING CONTEST GUIDELINES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS**

### **AGE DIVISIONS**

The following contestant ages are as of **August 31, 2022**:

- JUNIOR – minimum age 8 and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade- 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- INTERMEDIATE – grades 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup>
- SENIOR –grades 9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> (Maximum age- 18 as of August 31, 2022)

### **ENTRIES**

4-H'ers will need to register on 4-H Online for this contest. County Extension agents will then need to compile all entries from the county and submit the attached entry form to the District Office so we will know the make-up of teams. Any number of teams may enter the contest, the top three (3) senior teams will advance to State Roundup. Therefore, all members of each team must be decided upon before the contest and maintained throughout the contest.

**There will be NO REFUNDS for teams/individuals that don't show up to the contest. If you miss the registration deadline you will be required to pay the late registration fee.**

Teams will consist of three (3) or four (4) members. The scores of the three (3) highest scoring team members will count as the team's score with the low scoring member automatically becoming the alternate. Alternates and individual scores can be counted for individual awards.

Contestants shall not have previously competed in an intercollegiate meat judging contest or the National 4-H Meat Judging Contest.

### **SCHEDULE**

- 9:00 AM Registration
- 10:00 AM Contest Begins

**CONTEST GUIDELINES** – All efforts will be made to mimic the State Contest guidelines, but the contest will be based on the availability of products and at the discretion of the contest officials.

**JUNIOR** - Juniors will only judge 6 classes only.

**INTERMEDIATE** - Judge 6 classes, retail ID with cookery, questions on two classes

**SENIOR** - Judge 6 classes, retail ID with cookery, reasons (3 sets)

### **GENERAL CONDUCT OF CONTEST**

- Judging is performed in cold temperatures potentially equaling 32° F; therefore, the participants should dress appropriately. Frocks and cooler coats, if desired, must be provided by the contestant.

A clean hard hat and a hair net must be worn during the judging portion of the contest and is mandatory in order for a judging team member to be able to compete.

- The following supplies should be brought by the contestant:
  - Clipboards
  - Pencils
  - Suitable headcover
  - Frocks and cooler coats, if desired
- The following supplies will be provided for the contestant:
  - Scantrons
  - Retail ID Card
- Contestants will move from class to class during the contest in four or more separate groups.
- Where possible, a group leader will be provided for each group of contestants whose duty shall be to enforce the rules of the contest and to keep the exhibits of the class, on which his/her group is working, in an orderly arrangement.
- Contestants will not be permitted to:
  - Handle any carcass roughly;
  - Touch the lean cut surface of any exhibit;
  - Handle or touch any wholesale or retail cuts under any condition;
  - Use any mechanical aid, such as a measuring device, light, etc.
  - Talk to fellow contestants at any time during the contest;
  - Monopolize any one exhibit for any unreasonable length of time;
  - Separate themselves from the class on which their group is working;
  - In any way willfully obstruct the work of any other contestant.

### **AWARDS**

To be determined by contest officials