

September 2023

Memorandum

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

SUBJECT: 2023 Livestock Judging Contest

EVENT DATE: Tuesday, October 31st, 2023

LOCATION: San Angelo Stock Show
1st Community Federal Credit Union- Spur Arena
620 W 29th St
San Angelo, TX 76903

4-H ONLINE: Opens - October 2nd – Closes - October 16th

Any entries made after 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)

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 LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST GUIDELINES, RULES AND REGULATIONS

AGE DIVISIONS

The following contestant ages are as of **August 31, 2023**:

- JUNIOR – minimum age 8 and in the 3rd grade- 5th grade.
- INTERMEDIATE – grades 6th- 8th
- SENIOR –grades 9th- 12th (Maximum age- 18 as of August 31, 2023)

REGISTRATION & FEES – ALL MUST REGISTER ON 4-H ONLINE

- \$25 per individual (includes lunch)
- \$7 leaders/volunteers lunch (**contestants can select extra meals for parents/leaders/volunteers so family can all register together**)

Any individual not registered that show up to contest will not be allowed to compete.

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.

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. Only Senior age 4-H members can be on a Senior team. Counties that have one (1) Intermediate and three (3) Juniors (or 2 and 2) have to compete based on the oldest member of the team or compete as individuals.

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.

CLASSES

Typically Contestants will judge eight (8) classes, this number may increase or decrease based on availability of livestock. Potential classes are as follows:

- Heifers Possible EPDs
- Bulls Possible EPDs
- Steers
- Ewes Possible EPDs
- Breeding Gilts Possible EPDs
- Market Hogs
- Market Lambs
- Goats – Market or Breeding

ORAL REASONS

- Juniors will have TWO (2) sets of questions. **Juniors have option of giving one set of reasons (not tabulated for overall score)**
- Intermediates will give TWO (2) sets of oral reasons.
- Seniors will give FOUR (4) sets of oral reasons.

ASSIGNMENTS - *WILL BE DETERMINED AT A LATER DATE*

AWARDS

Determined by the contest officials.