

Memorandum

November 2024

TO: District 7 County Extension Agents
FCH, 4-H, AG; Callahan, Fisher, Mills, and Shackelford

SUBJECT: 2025 Consumer Decision Making Contest

EVENT DATE: Thursday, February 13, 2025

LOCATION: San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo Fairgrounds
1st Community Credit Union Spur Arena

JUDGINGCARD DEADLINE: February 10 Register Online: www.judgingcard.com

COUNTY OFFICES MUST MAKE SURE CONTESTANTS HAVE AN ACTIVE PROFILE IN 4-H ONLINE!

Please find the Guidelines, Rules, and Regulations for this event on the following pages. **The assistance of all FCH and 4-H agents is needed to make this a successful contest!**

Sincerely,

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DISTRICT 7 CONSUMER DECISION-MAKING CONTEST GUIDELINES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the contest provide the opportunity for contestants to:

- Demonstrate skill in making decisions based on facts.
- Apply knowledge and experience in consumer education by analyzing consumer situations.
- Experience making choices among selected marketplace options.
- Develop and strengthen reasoning ability in consumer skills.
- Demonstrate ability to organize thoughts and express them in a clear, confident manner.

AGE DIVISIONS

The following contestant ages are as of **August 31, 2024**:

- 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, 2024)

FEES

DO NOT SEND MONEY TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE!

Registration must be done online at the following address: www.judgingcard.com

- \$15.00 per individual Late Fee: double per individual

ENTRIES

Entries must be submitted via the online judging card system (www.judgingcard.com).

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 can be made up of 3 or 4 members. On a 4-person team, the lowest score is dropped.

***NEW policy for accommodation requests for events:**

- **Requests for accommodations must be submitted to the District Office from the County Office at least 2 weeks prior to the event.**
- **This request must be accompanied by official documentation in one of the following options for why the request is being submitted :**
 - **A) Official doctor's note from a licensed medical professional**
 - **B) School documentation and/or evaluation from a public institution**
 - **C) Official evaluation from a licensed professional therapist and/or diagnostician**
- **Note: The documentation and request are required within the appropriate timeline outlined for the event in order for the accommodation to be considered but does not guarantee that the requested accommodation can be made.**
- **The request will be reviewed by the district office (and when necessary, in consultation with the state office).**
- **Request and documentation will be kept confidential within the appropriate county/district staff and event administrators.**

CHECK-IN

On the day of the contest, participants will need to register with the District 7 Consumer Decision Making Committee in addition to the San Angelo Stock Show Consumer Decision Making Committee. Scantrons will be provided by the San Angelo Stock Show to the participant when they register.

CLASSES

Six (6) classes will be set up for judging. Classes to be judged are as follows in all age divisions:

- Fitness Equipment
- Headphones/ Earbuds
- Professional Dress
- Cell Phones
- Wireless portable speakers
- Mystery Class – This class will be one of the following: Athletic Shoes, Activewear, Tablets, Dental Products, Televisions, Laptops and Chromebook, Outdoor backpacks, Outdoor Equipment, or Grocery Meats (retail cuts) Study guides pertaining to these classes can be found online at:

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/consumer-education/>

ORAL REASONS

- D7 Juniors will have the option to give one set of reasons (not tabulated in the overall score.)
- Intermediates will give ONE set of reasons.
- Seniors will give TWO sets of reasons.

TIME

- Eight minutes per class to make placings.
- Two minutes per class to give oral reasons.

SCORING

- Each placing class will be worth 50 points.
- Each reasons class will be worth 50 points.

TIEBREAKER

The Consumer Decision Making Contest Committee will designate the tiebreaker.

THINGS CONTESTANTS NEED TO BRING

- Two pencils with erasers
- Clipboard
- Calculator

THINGS CONTESTANTS WILL BE PROVIDED

- Tags with contestant letter
- Scantrons
- Paper for taking notes on Reasons

AWARDS

Determined by contest officials.

ASSIGNMENTS

Facility Arrangements & Registration:

- District Office

Group Leader Orientation:

- Courtney Redman

Contestant Orientation:

- Kim Miles

Agents responsible for preparing classes are as follows in all age divisions:

- Headphones/ Earbuds Chanie Schaffner, Tamra Kott, Kelli Maberry
- Professional Dress Courtney Redman, Hayley Meyer, Karen Dezarn
- Wireless Portable Speakers Kandice Everitt, Colton Ripley, Whitney Whitworth, Jessica Holbrook
- Fitness Equipment Maggie Louton, Staci Winders, Carrie Ross
- Cell Phones Kim Miles, Nick Gonzales, Courtney Parrot
- Mystery Class Garry Branham

***THE UNDERLINED NAME IS THE CHAIR OF THAT CLASS!!**

Agents preparing classes will need to:

- Develop a situation, place the class and assign cuts. Please do not share these with contestants.
- Develop an INFORMATION SHEET for Juniors and an INFORMATION SHEET for Intermediate/Seniors classes. An example will be provided. (Use provided template)
Send an ELECTRONIC copy of this information to the District Office.
- Develop a PLACING SHEET for Juniors and a PLACING SHEET for Intermediate/Senior classes which includes the situation, placings, cuts, and reasons. An example has been provided.
Send an ELECTRONIC copy of this information to the District Office.

DUE BY THE AGENTS PREPARING CLASSES ON JANUARY 27th: (USE TEMPLATES)

- Information Sheet
- Placing Sheet
- Pictures of items should be on the Information Sheet. No longer using actual items.
- Please double-check everything and make sure it will make sense!

Group Leaders:

Courtney Parrott
Whitney Whitworth
Colton Ripley
Chanie Schaffner
Kelli Maberry
Tamra Kott
Carrie Ross
Jessica Holbrook
Karen Dezarn
Staci Winders

Group Leader responsibilities:

- Keep the group together after leaving orientation and throughout the judging process, including reasons giving.
- Make sure there is no talking or signals given during the judging procedure. Also, check the notepaper to make sure it is blank before judging begins.
- Handle rotation from class to class, making sure each individual remains with their back to the table until the official time begins.

Tabulation:

- San Angelo Stock Show Officials – Garry/Morgan Assist

Timekeeper (Bring a stopwatch and bell, whistle, or other signal device):

- Hayley Meyer

Reasons Judges (assignments will be made after entries are received):

- TBA
- TBA
- TBA

Reasons Coordinators:

- Courtney Redman, Maggie McBride, Kim Miles, Kandice Everitt