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Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest

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This contest will be held in conjunction with the Junior College Livestock Judging Contest

Monday, October 19, 8:00 a.m., Hale Arena

Entry Fee: $225.00 per team – must accompany entry

Entry Deadline: October 9, 2020

A coaches meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., Sunday, October 18 at the American Royal, Wagstaff Sale Center. This meeting will be brief and will not include dinner. Coaches who do not attend the meeting and have entered teams in the contest must notify either the contest superintendent or Sara Befort, (816) 569-4013 by 5:00 p.m., October 18 of their intent to either participate or withdraw. Failure to do so will result in disqualifications from this contest and future contests.
A box lunch will be sponsored for contestants the day of the contest.
Junior and Senior colleges will judge together; oral reasons sessions will be conducted separately. The awards ceremony will be held jointly.

Rules

1. Any Intercollegiate (4-year program) college is eligible to send a team to this contest. Only one team from a college may enter the contest. Entry is open to recognized institutions offering a well-rounded curriculum in the animal sciences and a B.S. degree in agriculture.

2. An application for entry must be signed by the team coach and accompanied by the entry fee. In the event that more teams wish to participate than can be accommodated, entries will be accepted in the order in which applications for entry accompanied by entry fees are received.

3. All teams must be entered on or before October 9, 2020. Entries should be completed online. The entries should include all judging team candidates that the coach expects to bring to Kansas City.

4. Final team selection should be given to the contest tabulator following the coaches' meeting.

5. Each team will consist of five members. All five scores will be used to determine the team total.

6. No college shall be represented by more than five persons that shall constitute a team.

7. Contestants entering this contest will not be eligible to enter subsequent Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contests at the American Royal.

8. No contestant shall wear any uniform, college colors, belt buckle, or insignia which would identify the college represented, nor shall contestant in any way signify to the judge his/her own identity.

9. No contestant will be eligible to compete in any judging contest at the American Royal if they have any sanctions or disciplinary action taken against them by the North American Livestock Show & rodeo Managers Association, The International Association of Fairs and Expositions, 4-H, FFA, and/or breed association(s).

10. The superintendent of the contest and the management of the American Royal reserve the right to rule on any question of eligibility not covered in the preceding rules.

11. Contestants judging in the 4-H or FFA Livestock Judging Contest are not eligible to compete in this contest.

12. Eligibility of contestants:
    a. Any agricultural college undergraduate student representing his/her institution who has never had a part in a previous American Royal Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest may compete, providing that he/she is in attendance as a regularly enrolled student in the institution he/she represents, has taken one full year's work sometime prior to the year the contest is held, and has not at any time served in the capacity of animal husbandry instructor in any agriculture college.

13. No team members, alternates, coaches, or individuals accompanying the team will be allowed on the American Royal Grounds prior to 7:00 a.m., October 19. Exceptions to this rule will be made for the coaches meeting and team members who are exhibitors, in which case special permission must be secured from the Event Manager, Sara Befort.

14. Twelve (12) classes of livestock will be judged. These placings classes will consist of any or all of the following: breeding cattle, market steers, breeding sheep, market lambs, breeding hogs, market hogs, breeding goats, and market goats. The number of classes per species will be determined by the contest superintendent.

15. Each class will consist of four animals to be designated by numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4.

16. Eight (8) sets of oral reasons will also be given by contestants. The number of oral reasons per species will be determined by the contest superintendent. Reasons will be given on classes that will be decided by the judges and the contest superintendent.

17. One or more classes utilizing performance data may be included in the contest. One of these may be a reasons class.

18. The final scores will based on 50 points on each placing and 50 points on each set of reasons.

19. The contestant will be given 15 minutes to place each class and two (2) minutes for each set of oral reasons.

20. Contestants will be told two minutes before time is up. When final time is called the contestants will hand their score cards to the group leader immediately.

21. Each group of contestants will change to another class as directed by the superintendent.

22. Handling of breeding classes will not be permitted.

23. Stop watches or equivalents may be used in the reason sessions.

24. No communication devices (phones, tablets, computers, etc.) will be allowed during the contest.

25. There will be no conferring between contestants or anyone else while the contest is in progress except as directed by the superintendent or his representatives.

26. Any coach or contestant who violates any of the rules of this contest will be barred from competing in future contests and this team will be disqualified.

27. Ties will be broken by a method determined by show management and superintendent. No duplicate awards will be given. Results when announced will be official and final.

28. All contestants and coaches are directed to follow the health guidelines set forth by the American Royal Association with recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the State of Missouri and the Kansas City, Missouri Health Department (KCHD). The processes and procedures are subject to change.

Contestant's Awards Ceremony

Awards, trophies, and prizes will be presented to the winners following the completion of the critique, under directed health measures, Monday, October 19 at the American Royal Complex. This event is sponsored by the Belles of the American Royal (BOTAR).

Contestant's Luncheon

A box lunch will be provided for the contestants on Monday, during the contest.