

2022 NACTA Livestock Judging Contest Rules

Hosted by Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture

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Description

- The contest will consist of a minimum of six (6) placing classes of cows and heifers.
- If possible, additional classes may be added for a maximum total of eight (8) placing classes.
- Contestants will be required to defend their placings with four (4) sets of oral reasons. Oral reasons sets will include one or two heifer classes and the balance will be cow classes.
- Teams will consist of four (4) members who will judge and give reasons. The three high individual scores will be totaled to determine team scores.
- Two individuals may participate beyond the members of the team, but team members must be declared prior to the contest.

Eligibility

All contestants must be currently enrolled in a two-year or a four-year institution and pursuing an undergraduate degree.

Contest Rules

- 1) There will be a two-year college division and a four-year college division. Both divisions will evaluate the same placing classes. Awards will be given separately by division.
- 2) No member of any team or their coach shall be allowed in the barns nor have the privilege of inspecting any cattle prior to the contest.
- 3) The Superintendent shall supply contestants with the judging cards necessary for placing classes.
- 4) The only materials contestants may take into the ring are a pencil, a clean note pad and a clipboard, which contestants must provide. No other books or materials shall be allowed.
- 5) Twelve (12) minutes will be allowed for placing classes.

- 6) Reasons classes will be designated prior to the start of the contest.
- 7) Oral reasons, to be given on the afternoon of the day of the contest, should not exceed two minutes in length. Contestants will not be allowed to use notes during oral reasons.
- 8) There will be NO conferring between contestants and/or coaches during the contest (placing and reasons). If contestants are observed talking they may be eliminated from the competition.
- 9) Contestants cannot wear any items such as hats, belt buckles, or anything that personally identifies an individual or members of the team. Contestants will not be allowed to wear hats while placing classes.
- 10) Contestants shall NOT at any time place their hands on any animal.
- 11) Cattle will be shown loose or tied depending on availability.
- 12) Four sets of oral reasons will be required. At least one reasons set will be heifers.
- 13) All placings, cuts and reasons scores provided by the official judges will be final.
- 14) Tie Breakers:
 - a. If a tie exists for individual or team overall awards, the contestant or team having the highest overall reasons score will be awarded the higher placing.
 - b. If a tie exists in reasons, the contestant or team having the highest overall placings scores will be awarded the higher placing.
- 15) The Superintendent's announcement of all individual and team placings will be final.