

JUDGING CONTESTS **GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

General Rules and Regulations govern all the judging contests held at this Show; and in addition, each contest will be governed by the special rules under that contest. Refer to these special rules for eligibility of contestants, time of contest and awards. The special rules govern in case of a conflict with the general rules.

1. **Entry of Teams.** Entry applications for each Judging Contest must be obtained from and filed with the State Fair of Texas Livestock Office by entry deadline for each respective contest. This application for entry in the contest certifies that each team member is eligible under the rules of the contest.
2. **Superintendent.** It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to see that all rules and regulations governing each contest are duly carried out.
3. **Judges.** It will be the duty of the judges to examine the classes of livestock, to place the animals in each class, and to determine the essential reasons for each placing without any assistance or consultation. Except for close observation, the judge shall make his placings of the animals at the same time the students are at work in the arena. The judges will make known their placings to the Superintendent but otherwise will keep their ratings secret until all contestants have finished giving oral reasons.

After all classes have been judged by the contestants and placed by the judges, the judges will hear and grade oral reasons on the classes on which reasons are required.

Each contestant's placing card will be scored against the official placings and cuts.

4. **Procedure of the contests.** No one will be allowed in the arena during the contest other than the Superintendent, his clerks and assistants, the attendants holding the animals, judges, and the contestants taking part in that particular contest. Coaches and alternates must not come in contact with the contestants during the contest.

While a contest is in progress, there shall be no conferring between contestants or between a contestant and anyone else, except as directed by the Superintendent or a designated representative.

No contestant shall wear any uniform, school colors, or school hat, nor signify in any way to the judges personal identity or identity of the school represented.

NO CONTESTANT OR COACH WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE SHOW GROUNDS THE DAY PRIOR TO THE JUDGING CONTEST (with the exception of 4-H and FFA groups exhibiting animals in the Junior Division).

Contestants in each Judging Contest will meet with the Superintendent of their contest promptly at the scheduled time and location of their respective contest (see schedule) at which time they will receive full instructions concerning the program to be followed and the manner in which the contest will be conducted.

The contestants in each contest will be divided into groups by the Superintendent and a leader will be appointed for each group.

Animals within a class will be designated by the numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Contest classes will be selected from those livestock breeds having an economic impact on their respective industry.

Any contestant violating any of the rules and regulations applying to their contest will be barred from competition.

5. **Passes.** A section parking pass which will allow the vehicle and the driver (Coach) into the fairgrounds and section admission passes for team members will be mailed to the coaches of the Intercollegiate and 4-H/FFA Judging Contests in September. No replacement passes will be sent. However, they can be purchased from the Livestock Office for \$11.00 (admission) or \$43.30 (parking) before September 1, 2010.