

9<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth and Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Garrett Coliseum 1555 Federal Dr. Montgomery, AL 36107 Check-in: 7:00-7:45 A.M. Contest will begin *promptly* at 8:00 A.M.

## 2024 Southeastern Livestock Expo Livestock Judging Contest

Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Garrett Coliseum Complex 1555 Federal Drive Montgomery, Alabama 36107

## **GENERAL RULES**

## 1.) ELIGIBILITY:

Competition is open to Youth, 4-H and FFA Members, and Agricultural Colleges in the United States. There is no limit on the number of teams that may come from a State, 4-H Club, or FFA Chapter, or University or College. Contestants cannot be entered on more than one (1) team.

<u>Junior 4-H/FFA Division</u>: 4-H and FFA members that are between 9 and 13 years old on January 1, 2024. There will not be a Novice Division, but those under 4-H age (less than 9 years old as of January 1, 2024) wishing to participate will be eligible to "move up" and compete in the Junior 4-H/FFA Division.

Senior 4-H/FFA Division: 4-H and FFA members that are between 14 and 19 years old on January 1, 2024

**NOTE**: Even if a Senior 4-H/FFA Division Participant has judged at the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest (NAILE-Louisville, KY) or the National FFA Livestock Evaluation CDE (National FFA Convention-Indianapolis, IN) they are **still** eligible to judge in the SLE Senior 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest if they meet the age requirement stated above.

<u>Collegiate Division</u>: This contest is open to Agricultural Colleges in the United States offering a B.S. or A.S. degree in Agriculture.

2.) Entries: Entries must be completed ONLINE by 11:59 PM SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>th</sup> at SLE Livestock Judging Contest (slerodeo.com). MAIL-IN ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. WHILE PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES CAN BE MADE AFTER THE 25<sup>TH</sup>, NO NEW ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE 25<sup>TH</sup>. Entry fees are \$25 per person (credit card or check) if paid online/postmarked by February 25<sup>th</sup>. IF PAYMENT IS POSTMARKED AFTER THE 25<sup>TH</sup>, OR DELIVERED AT THE CONTEST, ENTRY FEE WILL BE \$30 PER PERSON.

Make check payable to: Southeastern Livestock Exposition.

Mail checks to:

Southeastern Livestock Exposition Attn: Reid McGuire 201 S. Bainbridge St. Montgomery, AL 36104

- 3.) The Junior 4-H/FFA Division and the Senior 4-H/FFA Division will consist of a maximum of four (4) members per team and a minimum of three (3) members per team with the top three (3) scores constituting the team score. States, 4-H Clubs, and FFA Chapters may have multiple teams and alternates. Junior age 4H/FFA members will be allowed to "move up" and participate in the Senior Division.
- 4.) Each Collegiate Team shall consist of up to six (6) contestants from each college or university. The top five (5) high scoring individuals will constitute the team score. Universities and Colleges may have multiple teams and alternates.
- 5.) CLASSES:

Junior 4-H/FFA Division: 6 placing classes and 3 sets of 10 questions.

Senior 4-H/FFA Division: 12 placing classes and 4 sets of oral reasons.

Collegiate Division: 12 placing classes and 8 sets of oral reasons.

- 6.) Teams are to report to the Garrett Coliseum Lobby to check in, and immediately be seated in the Coliseum stands.
- 7.) You WILL NOT be able to add Contestants the day of the Contest, but you may substitute.
- 9.) All contestants must have #2 lead pencils. All contestants must bring their own notebooks or paper for taking notes for oral reasons and questions. Participants will be provided a contestant number that will identify them throughout the duration of the Contest. <u>Scantron Sheets will be used for ALL Divisions.</u>
- 10.) Talking or conferring during the contest is prohibited. The contestant cannot wear any markings, clothing items or jewelry that reveals identity or area of residency. <u>Personal communication devices are prohibited</u>. <u>Contestants talking to anyone but a group leader may be disgualified</u>.
- 11.) Contestants will be allowed twelve (12) minutes to evaluate all classes. Signals will be given to start the class and at various intervals to indicate time remaining. When the final signal is given, contestants will turn their back to the class.
- 12.) Lunch will be provided for all contestants during a break period in the contest. Coaches and leaders should plan to meet their contestants at the conclusion of their contests. <u>REMEMBER, the Junior 4-H/FFA Division will conclude before lunch time and the other Divisions will not conclude until later in the afternoon.</u>
- 13.) The Executive Committee of the Southeastern Livestock Judging Contest will interpret and enforce all rules contained here within and will rule on any other matters that may occur, of which, their decision will be final.

## **Contest Superintendents:**

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