



2023 - 2024 RULES – Calgary Regional Judging Competitions

1. Individual Judging ONLY. Judging participants must be registered with a Calgary Region 4-H Club.
2. Judging Categories: ages as of January 1, 2024
 - a. Junior: 9 – 11 years old
 - b. Intermediate: 12 – 14 years old
 - c. Senior: 15 – 20 years old
 - d. Cleaver Kids are NOT eligible to participate in the Regional Judging Competitions
3. **4-H on Parade only:** There will be separate Consumer Decision Making and Livestock Judging competitions, with prizes being awarded in both. Members will be allowed to participate in one or both.
4. **4-H on Parade only:** Consumer Decision Making will follow provincial guidelines.
5. Any special requests need to be brought to the judging committee's attention at registration prior to the start of the judging. **Scribes will only be provided if identified on club's judging registration form, in advance, with a reason.**
6. An orientation (done by the Multi Judging Committee) to judging the classes will be provided to all contestants prior to the judging.
7. Critiques (done by the judges), if applicable to the competition, will be done prior to the start of judging. Any member who wants to participate is permitted to do so.
8. Contestants will be placed in groups. The contestants will be allowed an allotted period of time for each judging class rotation. Contestants will follow the directions of the floor directors when rotating classes. (Note floor directors may not be used for all judging competitions.)
9. During the competition, while the classes are being placed and reasons are being given, there shall be **NO communication** among the contestants or anyone else, except as directed by the floor supervisor. **No Cell Phones or communication devices** will be allowed during judging and anyone uses those devices will be removed from the competition. Scribes are only to record member's reasons and not talk or give advice.



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10. Contestants will be required to judge all classes in their competition(s).
11. Late arrivals: 4-H members will not be allowed to make-up missed classes. Member must report to the floor supervisor before proceeding to the specific judging class. Members with exceptional circumstances will be assessed on an individual basis by the ruling committee.
12. Contestants are NOT allowed to touch the animals or items during the competition, unless otherwise indicated by the floor supervisor or the official judge of the class.
13. The designated cards with the contestants' desired placings will be collected at the end of each class by the group leader. Cards must be handed in as directed prior to moving to the next class.
14. Registration staff will supply contestants with placing cards and any other necessary forms. Contestants will be allowed to take a clipboard or notepad into the ring with them to make notes. They will **NOT** be allowed to take any preprinted written or visual reference material with them. Notes written by the member, during critiques are allowed.
15. Contestants and spectators will remain in designated areas and ONLY contestants and adults with a specific role will be permitted to enter the Judging Area once the competition begins.
16. The floor supervisor in conjunction with the ruling committee shall have the authority for the interpretation of the rules.
17. Classes will be designated by numbers on each animal or item. In the event that numbers are not available, the numbering of animal or items will be 1-4 from left to right (animals, when viewed from the rear).
18. Official Judges will place the classes prior to the competition, or during the first contestant group judging time. Official judges will be subject to the same rules as judging competition participants. If judging competition participants are not eligible to touch the animal or sample, neither can the official judge.
19. Scoring is based upon a possible score of 50 points for each placings and 50 points for each set of reasons.
20. In the event of a tie, the individual obtaining the highest number of points for the class or contest will be declared the winner following in order of these tie breakers:



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1st tie breaker: Reason score for specific class

2nd tie breaker if needed: Total reasons score for competition

3rd tie breaker if needed: Grand total score of the competition

21. A member will be asked to leave the competition, at the discretion of the ruling committee, for any of the following reasons:
 - a. Discussing the judging during judging time
 - b. Jumping ahead in the classes
 - c. Tampering with the judging class items or animals
 - d. Using preprinted written or visual material
 - e. Interfering in any way with the judging competition

22. The emcee will remind competitors that there is to be no talking about judging classes or competition during the competition. This includes between classes.

23. Final say rests with the Calgary Regional 4-H Multi Judging ruling committee.



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AWARDS

4-H on Parade Multi Judging Competition:

Awards are given out at 4-H on Parade. Awards presented will be:

- Top 2 Overall Consumer Decision Making Judges for each age category

- Top 2 Overall Livestock Judges for each age category

- Top 10 individuals in each class, in each age category