

DIVISION U - 4-H JUDGING CONTESTS

Division Rules & Regulations:

1. Only 4-H Members may compete in this division. 4-H Members may only compete in one State Fair Judging Contest per year.
2. All contestants must comply with "General State Fair Rules & Regulations", "General 4-H and FFA Rules & Regulations", these "Division Rules & Regulations" and the applicable "Section Rules & Regulations". Please note that these are only general rules, please refer to the State 4-H Judging Contest Guidelines & Procedures (available from the 4-H office) for additional information.
3. Contestants will participate according to their 4-H Age (as of 1/1/17): Junior (ages 8-10); Intermediate (ages 11-13), Senior (ages 14-18) - unless noted.
4. **Entries will be made by the 4-H Extension Educator, not the individual.** Unless otherwise noted in section, a 4-H office may enter: A Team (consisting of 4 members) in each age division and 4 Individuals in each age division. All will participate in the contest.
 - a. Verification that each 4-H Member has participated in a 4-H educational program will be made by the 4-H Extension Educator.
 - b. Selection of contestants will be at discretion of the 4-H Extension Educator.
 - c. **Substitutions/Alternates:** Alternates are not allowed. If a Team Member is not present on the day of the contest, one of the pre-registered Individuals must be the substitute.
 - d. All Team Members must be enrolled in 4-H in the same county/Baltimore City, exceptions are those 4-H Members that belong to a project club that crosses county/city lines (i.e., a tri-county livestock club). 4-H Members enrolled in such clubs may compete jointly as a team in that project area. The 4-H Extension Educator making the Joint Team entry must notify the State 4-H Office by July 31st.
 - e. Restrictions relative to college/vocational training for these contests are listed in the department.
 - f. There is a \$5.00 fee per participant for all judging contests. An additional \$8.00 lunch fee will be collected per participant in the Dairy & Livestock Judging contests. Checks should be made payable to the Maryland 4-H Foundation and are due at time of entry
5. A 4-H member who has represented Maryland on a team in a National Contest is ineligible for the State Contest in the same contest area. A 4-H member may not represent Maryland 4-H at an out-of-state competition as a member of more than one team in a given year.
6. Contestants will not be allowed to take books, notes or writing paper into the contest except cards as provided by the superintendent. **Cell phones and other portable electronic devices are not allowed.** While the contest is in progress there shall be no communication among the contestants or between a contestant and anyone else, except as directed by the superintendent or his representative. Contestants will be under the direct supervision of the group leader at all times.
7. **Scoring:** Unless otherwise noted, the top three scores of designated team members will determine the team score in the respective age divisions. All ties will be broken by the Superintendent using prescribed procedures.
8. **Awards:** Unless otherwise noted, all contestants (both team members and individuals) share in the individual awards. Ribbons and premiums will be awarded to the 20 High Individuals in each age division for each contest. Premiums: 1st (\$20), 2nd-10th (\$15), 11th-20th (\$5). Awards will be presented to the Team members in each age division for each contest as well as special awards (see each individual section).
9. All contests, except for the Goat Judging Contest will be held on Saturday, September 3rd.

SPECIAL AWARDS

The 4 High Senior Individuals selected to represent Maryland at the national contests will receive sweatshirts *sponsored by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Maryland, College Park*

SECTION I - DAIRY JUDGING

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Section Rules & Regulations:

1. There is a \$5.00 participant fee and a separate \$8.00 lunch fee required for this event.
2. The contest will begin at 8:30am in the Cow Palace with Registration available at 8:00am.
3. This contest shall consist of placing 10 classes of cows and heifers selected from Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Jersey, Red & White, and Holstein breeds.
4. Contestants will have a total of 12 minutes to place each of the five heifer classes and non-reason cow classes. Placing cards will be collected after the total allocated time for each class has expired. Ring Procedure Placings will be as follows (activity/minutes): Circle the ring clockwise (2 minutes), Head to Tail (3 minutes), Circle the ring counter-clockwise (2 minutes), Side by Side (3 minutes), Head to Tail (2 minutes).
5. Juniors will be required to give 1 set of Oral Reasons on the cow classes, Intermediates will be required to give 2 sets and seniors will be required to give 4 sets. Oral Reasons will be required on 4 classes of cows. A total of 20 minutes will be available for oral reason classes (activity/minutes): Head to Tail (1 minute), Circle the ring clockwise (2 minutes), Side by Side (2 minutes), Head to Tail (2 minutes).
6. A designated number of High Senior Individuals, who are available for further training, will make up the group from which 4 will be selected to represent Maryland 4-H at the national contest.
7. A 4-H member who is participating in or has completed post-secondary course work in Dairy Cattle Judging or Dairy Cattle Evaluation is not eligible. A 4-H member who has participated in a post-secondary Dairy Cattle Judging Contest is not eligible.

SPECIAL AWARDS

- **Louis McLane Merryman Memorial Trophy** - A silver bowl presented annually to the winning 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Team in memory of Louis McLane Merryman, a former Maryland State Fair President and a lifelong supporter of 4-H, *provided by Mrs. Josie Merryman VanNess.*
- **Bea Pfefferkorn Memorial Awards** - Awarded to the High Junior and Intermediate Individual with the highest score on Oral Reasons, *sponsored by the Maryland State Fair*
- **Dorothy Emerson Memorial Trophy** - Awarded to the High-Scoring Individual on Oral Reasons, *sponsored by the Maryland State Fair.*
- **Select Sire Power, Inc. Award** - Awarded to the High-Scoring Senior on Placings, *sponsored by the Maryland Sales Division of Select Sire Power, Inc.*
- **John L. Morris Trophy** - Awarded to the High-Scoring Senior for all breeds, *sponsored by the Maryland Holstein Friesian Association.*
- **Breed Awards** - Awards will be presented to members of the High Team and the High Individuals in each age division, *sponsored by Maryland Ayrshire Breeders Association, Maryland Brown Swiss Association, Maryland Guernsey Breeders Association, Maryland Holstein Association and the Maryland Jersey Association..*

- **John B. Merryman Endowment** - A \$1,000 donation from this fund at the Maryland 4-H Foundation, Inc. will be made available to support the Maryland 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Teams participating in regional and national competition.
- **The University of Maryland, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources** is presenting a \$1000 scholarship to the Senior High Individual in the contest. Award will be given upon acceptance and enrollment in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The Maryland 4-H Foundation will match the \$1000 scholarship upon acceptance into the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Maryland.

SECTION II - LIVESTOCK JUDGING

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Section Rules & Regulations:

1. There is a \$5.00 participant fee and a separate \$8.00 lunch fee required for this event.
2. The contest will begin at 9:00am in the Cow Palace.
3. This contest shall consist of placing not less than 9 classes of breeding and market animals selected from Beef Cattle, Sheep, Swine and Meat Goats.
4. Juniors will be required to give 1 set of Oral Reasons (the particular species will be rotated every year: 2017 Sheep, 2018 Beef, 2019 Swine). Intermediates will be required to give 3 sets (one per species) and Seniors will be required to give 4 sets. Seniors will have a total of 12 minutes to place each class with an additional 3 minutes for Reasons classes. Any potential goat classes will be placing only.
5. A designated number of High Senior Individuals, who are available for further training, will make up the group from which 4 will be selected to represent Maryland 4-H at the national contest.
6. A 4-H member is not eligible to participate in this contest if they have participated in any post-secondary (university, college, junior college, or technical school) **competitive event** of a similar nature and in the same subject matter area. A 4-H member may not be enrolled in or have completed a post-secondary course in visual livestock evaluation and/ or carcass evaluation.

SPECIAL AWARDS

SHEEP

- A trophy will be awarded to the High Individual in each age division, *sponsored by the Maryland Sheep Breeder's Association.*
- A trophy will be awarded to each member of the High Team in each age division, *sponsored by the Maryland Sheep Breeder's Association.*
- A trophy will be awarded to the High Junior, High Intermediate, and High Senior Individual in Sheep Reasons, *sponsored by the Maryland Sheep Breeder's Association*

SWINE

- An award will be presented to the High Individual in each age division, *sponsored by the Maryland Pork Producers.*
- An award will be presented to the members of the High Team in each age division in Swine Judging, *sponsored by the Maryland Pork Producers.*
- An award will be presented to the High Intermediate and Senior Individual in Swine Reasons, *sponsored by the Maryland Pork Producers.*

BEEF

- An award will be presented to the High Individual in each age division, *sponsored by the Maryland State Fair.*
- An award will be presented to each member of the High Team in each age division, *sponsored by the Maryland State Fair.*
- An award will be presented to the High Individual in each age division in Beef Reasons, *sponsored by the Maryland State Fair.*

ORAL REASONS

- The High-Scoring Individual in overall Oral Reasons in each age division will receive the **Bea Pfefferkorn Memorial Award**, *sponsored by the Howard County 4-H All Stars.*
- The High-Scoring Senior Team will receive the **William A. Curry Memorial Award**, *sponsored by R. H. Mullinix & Family.*
An award will be presented to each member of the High Junior and Intermediate Team in oral reasons.

STATE TEAM AWARDS

Jackets will be presented to members of the State Livestock "A" Team that will represent Maryland at the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, *sponsored by The Maryland Cattlemen's Association, Maryland Sheep Breeder's Association and Friends of the Maryland 4-H Livestock Judging Program.*

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES is presenting a \$1000 scholarship to the Senior High Individual in the contest. Award will be given upon acceptance and enrollment in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The Maryland 4-H Foundation will match the \$1000 scholarship upon acceptance into the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Maryland.

SECTION III—HORTICULTURAL JUDGING

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Section Rules & Regulations:

1. There is a \$5.00 participant fee required for this event.
2. The contest will begin at 8:00am in the Vista Room of the Administration Building.
3. Contestants must be enrolled in a 4-H Horticulture related project which includes the Commercial Horticulture Project, Entomology, Weed Control and Identification or one of the projects in Plan and Plant for Beauty series for the current year.
4. FFA Members and Individuals who have previously participated in any division of the national level NJHA Judging Program may participate in the contest as an open class contestant.
5. The following areas will be included in the contest:
 - a. Plant Identification; Vegetables; Fruits and Nuts; Flowers and Indoor Plants; Ornamentals and Grasses.
 - b. Horticultural Pest Identification: Insects, Diseases and Defects; Weeds.
 - c. Quality Judging: Vegetables; Fruits and Nuts; Flowers and Indoor Plants; Ornamentals.
 - d. Written Exam. Special rules apply in the Senior Contest. Please contact the Superintendent for additional information.
6. The Intermediate Contest will include the Senior Contest without the written exam
7. The Junior Contest will be a shortened version of the Intermediate and Senior Contest without a written exam.
8. Four of the High Senior Individuals will be eligible to represent Maryland 4-H at the national contest (National Junior Horticulture Association Convention in October). Visit: <http://www.njha.org/kentucky.html> for additional information about the national contest. Additional training in preparation for participation in the national contest will be provided during three Saturday sessions scheduled from mid-September to October. All team members are required to attend practices and a trip orientation.

SPECIAL AWARDS

- A trophy will be presented to the High Individual in each age division, *sponsored by the Maryland State Fair.*
- Trophies will be presented to the members of the High Team in each age division, *sponsored by the Maryland State Fair.*

- Ribbons & Special Awards will be presented to the High Individual in each age division for each contest area (i.e. Nuts, Flowers, etc.) sponsored by the Maryland State Fair.
- **The University of Maryland, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources** is presenting a \$1000 scholarship to the Senior High Individual in the contest. Award will be given upon acceptance and enrollment in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The Maryland 4-H Foundation will match the \$1000 scholarship upon acceptance into the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Maryland.

SECTION IV - POULTRY AND EGG JUDGING

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Section Rules & Regulations:

1. There is a \$5.00 participant fee required for this event.
2. The contest will begin at 8:30am in the Horse Sales Pavilion.
3. The following areas will be included in the contest:
 - a. Production - 3 classes of 4 hens *Subject to change based on current animal health regulations
 - b. Oral Reasons on 2 production classes.
 - c. Dressed Market - 2 classes of 10 ready-to-cook birds (1 broiler and 1 heavy fowl) and 1 class of parts identification (10 parts)
 - d. Egg Quality - 1 class of 20 eggs to be candled; 1 class of 10 broken out eggs; and 1 class of 20 eggs to be graded for exterior quality.
4. The Junior Contest will be a modified version of the Intermediate and Senior Contest. Oral Reasons on one class of production birds will be a part of the individual's total score. The Intermediate and Senior Contests will include all the areas listed above for the contest. The National Poultry Judging Manual, "Poultry Judging", (2002), will be used as the official guide for placement of classes.
5. The 4 High Senior Individuals will be eligible to represent Maryland 4-H at the national contest. Additional training in preparation for participation in the national contest will be provided. All team members are required to attend practices and a trip orientation.

SPECIAL AWARDS

- A trophy will be presented to the High Individual in each age division, *sponsored by the Maryland State Fair*.
- Trophies will be presented to the members of the High Team in each age division, *sponsored by the Maryland State Fair*.
- Ribbons will be presented to the High Individual and High Teams in each age division for the contest areas (i.e. Production including Oral Reasons, Dressed Market, and Egg Quality).
- The University of Maryland, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources is presenting a \$1000 scholarship to the Senior High Individual in the contest. Award will be given upon acceptance and enrollment in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The Maryland 4-H Foundation will match the \$1000 scholarship upon acceptance into the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Maryland.

SECTION V - RABBIT JUDGING

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Section Rules & Regulations:

1. There is a \$5.00 participant fee required for this event; there is no lunch fee as the contest will typically be finished by lunch time.
2. The contest will begin at 8:30am in the Horse Sales Pavilion.
3. Contestants may be required to judge 4 and 6 breed classes, a meat class, breed and variety identification, identify parts of a rabbit including both digestive and anatomy parts, disqualifications identification, equipment identification, a written test, and oral reasons. Contact your local 4-H Extension Educator for current resource materials.

SPECIAL AWARDS

- A trophy will be presented to the 1st Place Individuals in each age division and ribbons to 1st -20th places, *sponsored by the Maryland State Fair*.
- Trophies will be presented to the members of the 1st Place Team in each age division and ribbons to 1st – 3rd place teams, *sponsored by the Maryland State Fair*.
- Ribbons and Trophies will be presented to the 1st Place Individuals in each age division and 1st – 5th place ribbons given for the following contest areas: Live Section Division, Written Division and Oral Reasons Division, *sponsored by the Maryland State Fair*.
- A Special Scholarship will be awarded to the High Senior Individual.
- The University of Maryland, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources is presenting a \$1000 scholarship to the Senior High Individual in the contest. Award will be given upon acceptance and enrollment in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The Maryland 4-H Foundation will match the \$1000 scholarship upon acceptance into the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Maryland.

SECTION VII - DAIRY GOAT JUDGING AND SKILLS EVENT

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Section Rules & Regulations:

1. There is a \$5.00 participant fee required for this event.
2. The 4-H Dairy Goat Judging & Skills Event will consist of 2 parts: a Skillathon and Judging classes. The Contest will begin at 9am on Saturday, August 26th in the Swine Ring.
3. 4-H members may participate in the judging contest without exhibiting an animal. Pre-entry is required. You must use the internet entry systems found at www.marylandstatefair.com. Exhibitors without internet access should contact their County Extension Educator for assistance.
4. Contestants will compete as individuals not on teams. There is not a limit on the number of individuals per County.
5. The Judging Contest classes will be announced at the beginning of the contest.
6. Participants are eligible to compete in other animal judging events on the last Saturday.

Contest Information:

- The written exam will be all multiple choice for Juniors and part multiple choice/short answer for Intermediates and Seniors.
- Questions for the skills event will be on the following topics: Feedstuff Identification, Equipment Identification, Quality Assurance, Breed Identification, Whole sale Meat Cuts, Parts Identification, Disease Identification and other applicable topics.
- Participants will be judging 3-4 classes of dairy goats (at least 1 class of kids/yearlings and 1 class of milkers) and giving 1-2 sets of reasons (Juniors- 1 set, Intermediates and Seniors 1-2sets).

SPECIAL AWARDS

- An Award will be presented to the High Individual in each age division, *sponsored by the Maryland State Fair.*
- An Award will be presented to the High Individual in Oral reasons, High Individual in the Skillathon portion, and High Individual in the Judging portion in each age division, *sponsored by the Barczewski Family.*