



Jackson County 4-H Youth Development

Basic Guidelines for Farm Judging Event Group Leaders

- A. Group Leaders will have a Group Number Assigned to them.
- Familiarize yourself with the judging card. A copy is attached.
 - Make sure that all contestants have the correct number of cards.
 - Cards should be correctly labeled with:
 - a) Contestant number and name should be written legibly. Example: Mary Smith – Jackson 4-H, contestant number 1
 - b) Write class # and name where indicated. Youth will turn in one card per class so it is important that the class being placed is identified. Example: Class 1 – Bulls (1)
 - c) Labeled with contestants name: Instruct contestants to CLEARLY mark their cards and avoid excessive erasures.
 - d) Ensure that groups are moved from class to class in correct order.
 - **Ensure that youth **Circle their placing from the list of all the options provided. ****
 - Write in placing where indicated at the bottom. This is only used as a back-up in cases where the circle is unclear (ex., a larger circle includes two placing options).
 - Ensure that contestants know that they are judging from LEFT to RIGHT. The animals and/or crops are usually numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, but in the event they are not, the order is starting from left: animal or crop #1, animal or crop #2, animal or crop #3, and animal or crop #4, to right.
 - Ensure that contestants are made aware of questions that may be posted for a particular class. There will usually be 2 classes that have 5 questions each.
 - Websites with practice judging:
 - <http://www.livestockjudging.com/>
 - http://www.tractorsupply.com/content_landing-page_4H.html



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- B. Advise contestants that there is absolutely NO TALKING or use of cell phones. Only the group leader may be addressed by a contestant.
 - 1. Contestants caught talking will be automatically disqualified.
 - 2. Contestants caught using a cell phone will be automatically disqualified.
- C. After completion of judging at each station, cards are to be turned in to the group leader.
- D. Advise them to double check that their card is complete, then turn it in to the group leader after each class when instructed.
 - 1. Cards will be collected from the group leader after completion at each station. At the completion of judging at the last station, exhibitors will turn in cards to group leader and be seated in the auditorium.

- Sample -

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FLORIDA 4-H JUDGING CARD

CONTESTANT NUMBER	1-2-3-4	
	1-2-4-3	
	1-3-2-4	
	1-3-4-2	
	1-4-2-3	
	1-4-3-2	
Class		
	2-1-3-4	
	2-1-4-3	
	2-3-1-4	
	2-3-4-1	
	2-4-1-3	
	2-4-3-1	
CIRCLE THE PLACING WHICH SHOWS HOW YOU PLACED THE CLASS	3-1-2-4	
	3-1-4-2	
	3-2-1-4	
EXAMPLE (2-1-4-3)	3-2-4-1	
	3-4-1-2	
	3-4-2-1	
PLACING SCORE	4-1-2-3	
	4-1-3-2	
REASON SCORE	4-2-1-3	
	4-2-3-1	
	4-3-1-2	
	4-3-2-1	

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REASONS CARD
CONTESTANT NUMBER

DAIRY GOATS

Please mark the number of the animal that is most correct (5 pts. each).

General Appearance

1. Most correct slope from hips to pins _____
2. Rear view - most desirable legs _____
3. Best in breed character _____

Dairy Character

1. Sharpest in withers _____
2. Flattest and leanest in thigh _____

Body Capacity

1. Longest, steepest barrel _____
2. Widest chest floor _____

Mammary System

1. Weakest median suspensory ligament _____
2. Best fore udder _____
3. Most desirable shape and balance _____

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