

## East Central 4-H Region Judging Competitions Rules

Revised by Judging Committee – March 5, 2019

1. Individual Judging ONLY. Judging participants must be registered with an East Central Region 4-H Club to qualify for Provincial level competition.
2. Judging Categories: ages as of January 1 of the current 4-H year:
  - a. Junior: 9 – 11 years old
  - b. Intermediate: 12 – 14 years old
  - c. Senior: 15 – 20 years old
3. Classes to be judged will be:
  - a. 4-5 livestock
  - b. 1 grain/forage/ID Station
  - c. 1-2 Consumer Decision Making
4. Oral Reasons will be given by all age categories for all designated classes.
5. **Senior members** who wish to attend the 4-H Alberta Multi Species Judging Competition must compete at the designated competition in the East Central 4-H Region. Members must meet the minimum age requirement as set out by the Provincial Competition. Final decision on who will be invited is based on competitor scores.
6. Any member who wants to participate is permitted to do so. Seniors will be the only ones permitted to compete in Provincials; however, they may compete to gain experience.
7. Contestants will be placed in groups. The contestants will be allowed an allotted period of time for each judging class rotation. 10 minutes will be provided to look at the animals and 10 minutes for oral reasons for a total of 20 minutes per class. Contestants will follow the directions of the floor directors when rotating classes.
8. 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 who uses those devices will be removed from the competition. Scribes are only to record member's reasons and not talk or give advice.
9. Contestants will be required to judge all classes in the competition.
10. 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.
11. The designated cards with the contestants' desired placings will be collected at the end of each class by the group leader.

12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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).
15. 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, then neither can the official judge. Official Judges must not be a parent/leader with family members judging in the competition. Official Judges must not discuss any classes with members prior to the competition or the member(s) will be disqualified.
16. Scoring is based upon a possible score of 50 points for each placings and 50 points for each set of reasons.
17. 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:
  1. Reason score for specific class
  2. Total reasons score for competition
  3. Grand total score of the competition
  4. Reasons for the beef class
18. Final decisions rests with the East Central 4-H Regional 4-H judging committee.

## AWARDS

**Regional Multi Judging Competition: Awards are at the discretion of the judging committee**