2010 Nebraska State Fair

Department G – Livestock Showmanship

DEPARTMENT G -BEEF, Division 10, CLASS 9 MARKET BEEF SHOWMANSHIP
DEPARTMENT G -BEEF, Division 10, CLASS 15 BREEDING BEEF SHOWMANSHIP
DEPARTMENT G -SHEEP, Division 30, CLASS 9 SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP
DEPARTMENT G -SWINE, Division 35, CLASS 9 SWINE SHOWMANSHIP
DEPARTMENT G -DAIRY, Division 40, CLASS 9 DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP
DEPARTMENT G -MEAT GOAT, Division, 58, CLASS 9 MEAT GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

Information relative to the basis for judging dairy showmanship is found in 4H466 “Uniform Scorecard for Judging Junior Dairy Fitting and Showmanship Contest”. Information on livestock showmanship contests is found in 4-H 357, "Guide for Evaluating Livestock Showmanship Contests," available from UNL Extension.

AWARDS The top 10 individuals in market beef, breeding beef, sheep, swine, and dairy showmanship will receive Gold (1), Silver (2-5), and Bronze (6-10) medals. The top 3 showmen in meat goat, poultry, and rabbits will receive Gold (1), Silver (2), and Bronze (3) medals.

CONTEST RULES

A. ELIGIBILITY-All 4-H livestock exhibitors must show their own animals to be considered as participants in the Showmanship Contest. Previous winners of gold medals in the same State Fair showmanship divisions are ineligible. Ownership is determined by State Fair entry and appropriate ownership/ID affidavits from the Extension Office.
B. SHOWMANSHIP CANDIDATES-In Beef, Dairy, Rabbits, Poultry, Sheep, and Swine, all exhibitors **who pre-enter** by the specified deadline are eligible to show in showmanship class but must show their own animal.
C. ASSIGNED CLASSES - In species where showmanship classes are assigned and posted prior to the show, exhibitors must show in the class assigned, or receive prior permission from the species superintendent, or they will be disqualified.
D. BASIS FOR JUDGING-Showmanship judging is based on preparation of animals for show, their apparent training and the appearance and behavior of the showman. Minor technical points are not to be over-emphasized, nor do minor infractions disqualify. Primarily in showmanship it is the skill of the showman in presenting the animal before the judge that counts, while individual excellence of the animal does not.
E. EXHIBITOR DRESS CODE-See rule U, General Animal Rules.
F. QUESTIONS FOR FINALISTS-Each showmanship judge may give oral or written tests in the finals.
G. SHOWMAN DECIDES WHICH ANIMAL-When showmanship candidates are selected for the finals and are exhibiting more than one animal at the show, they may have the option of showing the animal of their choice in the finals.
H. LIVESTOCK GROOMING RULE-See rule M, General Animal Rules.
I. EXHIBITOR NUMBERS-To allow for easy and rapid identification, all exhibitor numbers shall be pinned on the back of the exhibitor in the area of the shoulder blades.
J. MARKET BEEF FINALS-Beef exhibitors may enter both Market Beef Showmanship and Breeding Beef Showmanship. Market Beef Showmanship will follow judging of the market beef. Breeding Beef Showmanship will be judged following the completion of the Breeding Beef Heifer Show. Market Beef and Breeding Beef Showmanship will be open to all beef exhibitors that have pre-entered showmanship. Exhibitors must show their own animal.
K. DISQUALIFICATION-The division superintendents may disqualify any 4-H'er from showmanship for any violation of rules or unsportsmanlike conduct at the Nebraska State Fair.