



Cattlemen's Congress Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest

Junior and Senior College Livestock Judging Rules

1. The contest will be held in the Performance Arena on the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds on **Monday, January 12, 2026 beginning at 8:00 a.m.** Contestants must report to the Jim Norick Arena by 7:30 a.m. for instructions.
2. Each college may enter ONE team in the Livestock Contest comprised of six (6) team members.
3. Separate teams of official judges will listen to the junior and senior college contestants' reasons.
4. Classes: Teams will judge twelve (12) classes of beef cattle, Boer goats, sheep and swine. Performance data may be provided to assist contestants in placing some of the breeding classes.
5. Reasons: Oral reasons will be given on eight (8) classes (4 cattle, 2 sheep/goats and 2 swine). Senior College reasons will be limited to 2 minutes. At 2 minutes, the contestant will be stopped and dismissed. Talking over the 2 minute limit will result in a 5 point deduction off the total score.
6. In the Livestock Judging contest, fifteen (15) minutes will be allowed for contestants to make observations, record placings and make notes for their own use.
7. Contestants are warned against rough handling of livestock during the judging contest. Any contestant that does not observe this rule will be asked to place the remainder of the classes without handling. No warning will be given. Contestants will be allowed to handle livestock only one time. Failure to comply will result in a zero placing score for that class.
8. Coach's Meeting: The coaches' meeting will be held Sunday, **January 11, 2026** at the Heritage Place (6:00 p.m. beverages; 6:45 p.m. dinner) in Oklahoma City. Reservations must be made on your entry form. At least one coach from each team must attend this meeting.
9. Results will be announced and awards will be presented on **Tuesday, January 13, 2026**.

JUNIOR COLLEGE DIVISION:

1. Participation in this contest is open to all teams from Junior Colleges offering an agricultural curriculum or four (4) year colleges offering only a two (2) year agricultural curriculum.
2. Student Eligibility: To be eligible, a student should not have completed four (4) semesters of college credit except as granted under the special request from the Junior College Coaches' Association Executive Board. A student will have a twelve (12) month continuous eligibility from the date of their first official contest as a team member. Transfer students must have attended full-time at the school for which they are competing the previous term or semester or not attended any Junior College the previous term or semester in order to be eligible to compete in a nationally recognized contest. A student must be enrolled in twelve (12) semester or quarter hours and maintain a GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 system or equivalent. A student who competes in the Junior College Contest may compete in a future college contest at the Cattlemen's Congress if they fulfill the requirements set forth for the Senior College Contest.

SENIOR COLLEGE DIVISION:

1. Student Eligibility:
 - a. Junior College Contestants in Senior College Contests - Junior College students starting their judging program after January 1, 1997, may only compete in Junior College Contests for a period of one (1) calendar year and cannot participate in the same Junior College Contest more than once and still remain eligible for competition in the respective Senior College Contest.
 - b. At the time of, or immediately preceding the contest, each contestant must have been enrolled in enough college credit hours to represent seventy-five percent (75%) of an average semester, trimester, quarter, or term credit load necessary to graduate in eight (8) semesters, twelve (12) quarters or the equivalent thereof, e.g., enrolled in twelve (12) semester hour credits when an average semester load is sixteen (16) hours for a one hundred twenty-eight (128) hour degree, thirteen (13) quarter hour credits when an average quarter load is seventeen (17) hours for a two hundred four (204) hour degree, etc.
2. All participants in the Senior College Contest will be allowed to participate in one (1) other contest prior to the Cattlemen's Congress (i.e., the Arizona National Livestock Exposition).