



## Cattlemen's Congress Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest

### GENERAL RULES

General rules governing the Cattlemen's Congress Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest are listed below. Specific contest regulations will be listed under the livestock judging contest.

#### 1. Entry Procedure:

- a. All entries must be made online **by December 1, 2026** and submitted with credit card information
- b. Entry fees for the Senior College Livestock Judging Contest and the Junior College Livestock Judging Contest are three hundred dollars (\$300) per team. Entry fees must be submitted online on or before December 1, 2026.

2. A contestant is not eligible to compete if they have, at any time, served as an official instructor at any agricultural college, as an Extension Agent/Educator, as a Vocational Agricultural Teacher, as an official representative of a breed association, or officiated as a livestock judge in a state, regional or national show.

3. Each contestant must be presently enrolled at the institution they represent or must have previously completed a livestock evaluation, selection and/or judging course at the institution they represent.

4. Each collegiate livestock coach and institution shall be responsible for certifying the eligibility of the students representing their institution.

5. Livestock judging contestants and coaches cannot enter the Cattlemen's Congress grounds after Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> prior to the contest on January 11, 2027.

6. Only officials and contestants of the contest will be allowed on the floor of Performance Arena prior to the end of the contest on January 11, 2027. All other individuals are required to have permission from the Superintendent to enter the contest arena.

7. While the contest is in progress, there shall be no conferring between contestants or between contestants and anyone else, except as directed by the group leader, the

Superintendent or his representative. Any violation of this rule will be cause for immediate expulsion of offenders from the contest. During the livestock contest, no alternates or coaches will be allowed in the arena except for alternates who are showing livestock or assisting with the contest.

8. No contestant will be allowed to wear any uniform, college colors or belt buckle, or shall in any way signify to the official his/her identity or the college he/she represents. No participants will be allowed to wear hats while judging.

9. Contestants may carry only plain paper, pencils or pens into the contest.

10. Contestants are not allowed to have a cellular phone, pager, PDA, or any other electronic device in their possession during the Cattlemen's Congress judging contest. If contestants are in possession of or observed using an electronic device of any type during the Cattlemen's Congress judging contest, they will be disqualified.

11. Each Senior College Livestock Team and Junior College Livestock Team will consist of six (6) members. The top five (5) individual scores will be used to determine the team total for each division and for the high teams overall.

12. Each livestock class will consist of 4 animals. Animals within a class will be designated by back numbers on the showmen or on the animals of 1, 2, 3 and 4.

13. In case of a tie or ties, the reason score(s) in the respective category(s) will be used to break the tie(s). If an additional measure is needed, numbers will be drawn from a hat. If ties occur in selecting high individual in beef reasons, they will be broken by the lowest placing score on beef reasons classes. If an additional measure is needed, numbers will be drawn from a hat.