

## 2026 SOUTHEASTERN YOUTH FAIR LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

- **COORDINATOR:** Caitlin Justesen – 352-293-1287  
Committee Member – Crystal McCazzio
- **IMPORTANT DATES:** See Calendar of Events for all important dates

Any exhibitors interested in competing must complete an individual entry by deadline the deadline listed on the Calendar of Events.

### **FAILURE TO FOLLOW ANY OF THE RULES GOVERNING THIS SHOW MAY RESULT IN THE EXHIBITOR BEING DISQUALIFIED.**

THE GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOUTHEASTERN YOUTH FAIR  
APPLY TO ALL SHOWS & CONTESTS.

#### **SHOW RULES:**

- Participants that do not conduct themselves in a respectable and courteous manner will be excused and disqualified from the contest.
- Open to individuals or teams. All members compete as an individual, even if on a team. Contestants may participate as both an individual as well as a team member.
- Contestants must be active 4-H or FFA member in Marion County.
- Teams must consist of 3 or 4 contestants.
- Chapters and clubs can register as many teams as they like. Teams do not have to be from the same club/chapter. **All members must have entered as an individual online by the deadline in order to be a part of a team.** Only Club/Chapter Leaders are allowed to register teams. See Calendar of Events for important deadlines.
- **HOW TO ENTER:**
  - Individuals enter "Livestock Judging" entry online (same process as all SEYF contests) Individuals **MUST** have completed this step to be added to a team.
  - **TEAMS – Club/Chapter leaders are to USE QR CODE BELOW BY JANUARY 30** with Team Name and list of team members. **TEAM ENTRIES** are NOT required to be done online, however everyone listed on the team must have completed an **INDIVIDUAL** entry online.



<https://forms.gle/vP34Z6XLjSYq1rFr5>

#### **CLASSES**

- Contestants will be divided into junior, intermediate and senior divisions.
- There will be approximately six classes to judge by all age divisions. Classes could consist of cattle, swine, goats, and sheep in breed or market classes.
- Questions class(es) will be required for intermediate and seniors. It will be optional for juniors but will not be scored for competition.
- There will be at least one questions class, which will serve as a tie-breaker for awards in the event of a tie score.

- Cards not filled out properly or turned in after each class(when announced) can be disqualified.

### **CONTEST DAY**

- Check-in will start at 2:30pm and contest will start at approximately 3pm
- Dress code – Due to the chance of high temperatures and to avoid overheating, youth may wear jeans/pants, closed toed shoes and shirt representing their organization. Jackets and vests are optional due to high temperatures. Please consult with your leader/advisor for any school/organization rules on dress code.
- No talking is permitted during the contest.
- There will be no electronic devices during the contest. They must be left with a leader, advisor, or parent. This will be cause for disqualification.
- Contestants should bring a pencil, blank paper, and a clipboard.
- Team scores will be determined by the total score of all members divided by three (3). If the team consists of four (4) members, the lowest score will be dropped.

### **AGE DIVISIONS**

Juniors: Ages 8 to 10 as of September 1<sup>st</sup>

Intermediate: Ages 11 to 13 as of September 1<sup>st</sup> (Middle School FFA)

Senior: Ages 14 to 18 as of September 1<sup>st</sup> (High School FFA)

### **AWARDS-**

**To be announced following the conclusion of the contest (time will be announced)**

Individuals – 1st through 3rd place Junior, Intermediate and Senior

Teams – 1st place Junior, Intermediate and Senior

- 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place Junior, Intermediate, and Senior will receive awards