2015 Howard County 4-H Livestock Judging Program
Team Eligibility Criteria

As we begin a new season with the Howard County 4-H Livestock Judging Program and turn our attention to the county and state contests, we are all looking forward to another great year. The purpose of the 4-H judging program is to help with livestock evaluation, decision making, public speaking, and overall growth and knowledge of the livestock industry.

With the program growing, the competition for positions on age division teams is increased. Below you will find guidelines that outline eligibility for a county 4-H team, and what we will use throughout the summer to determine selection of teams and individuals.

2015 Team Selection/Eligibility Criteria:

1. Initial eligibility for a team includes attendance at 75% or more of the 4-H judging practices outlined on the schedule.
2. Teams will be determined after the Howard County Fair contest, and point totals are calculated.
3. Each member will receive 5 points for each practice attended, plus scores they received from classes judged and reasons given. The more practices you make, the better the average score.
4. Scores will be calculated on an average of scores accumulated from practices. The top 4 team members will be selected based on high average scores, and the next 4 high averages will participate in the state contest as individuals. We will be having both county and state practices, and these practices will count the same as contests.
5. Carroll County Fair will be used as a make-up practice, seeing as their contest runs towards the beginning of our county fair. You can use the scores from Carroll County to make-up a missed practice.

There are many additional livestock judging learning opportunities and it is encouraged to attend and participate if possible. Approved Livestock Judging activities, outside of normal practice and contests, may be used at the discretion of the coaches for the make-up of one missed practice. Examples include, junior national contests and judging camps. Scores will need to be sent from an official to one of us to be considered.

Finally, we are looking forward to another successful judging season and seeing everyone this summer. As always, if anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact one of us.

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