



May 21, 2019

TO: State 4-H Program Leaders
Extension Livestock Specialists

FROM: Mr. John Rayfield,
Superintendent, National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
Mr. Rusty Gosz, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Matt Gunderson, Management Chair
Mrs. Bonnie Boyden, Vice Management Chair, *Bonnie Boyden*

RE: 2019 National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest Entries

Please read the following information prior to submitting the enclosed forms for the 2019 National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest. New for 2019 - we **will not be accepting incomplete packets or forms after October 15**. Please forward the packet to your state coach of the livestock judging team so they receives this entry material in time to meet the mandatory deadline of entry.

New for 2019, payment will be made to the North American International Livestock Exposition on line only. Please go to their website for payment information. All forms are to **be mailed or emailed** to Bonnie Boyden, Vice-Chair. Additional forms and information can be found at after June 15:

<http://extension.umd.edu/charles-county/4-h-youth/national-4-h-livestock-judging>

If you have, questions regarding the information on the website contact Bonnie Boyden, Vice Chair at bboyden@umd.edu

The National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest is held in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky. A coaches' meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport Expo Center. The contest will take place at the North American International Livestock Exposition on Tuesday, November 19 starting at 7:30 a.m.

Hotel Reservation Information

The contest headquarters is the Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport Expo Center 502 367-2251. The hotel link for reservation will be available on the contest website listed above after July 1. Reservations must be MADE **by October 15, 2019** or earlier, to guarantee room availability.

Thank you for assistance in ensuring that all forms are completed and returned prior to the deadline. Please continued on the next page.

This packet contains items that must be completed by the state office and the coach and return by October 15. Please read all the information in the packet, as there is **numerous changes for 2019**.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS IN THE PACKET:

1. Rules for the 2019 contest:

- a. A copy of the rules for the National Contest, including important times and dates of the contest and how the contest will be conducted.

2. Team Entry Form

- a. The form must all the completed information and the required signatures and contact information. Substitutions of contestants may be made during the coaches' meeting but must be listed on the entry form. Otherwise, a letter of verification of eligibility is needed and must be signed by both the State 4-H Program Leader and the coach. There will be no refunds for entry fee.
- b. Any contestant that has completed or currently enrolled in a postsecondary course related to visual livestock and/or carcass evaluation who is listed on the Official Entry Form and is enrolled and/or received college credit in an Animal Science course(s) **MUST** submit the Syllabus for the class (es) with the entry materials. If not submitted will be considered an incomplete packet and will not be accepted for entry.

3. Coaches Committee Sign-Up Form

- a. Every team is requested to supply names of those individuals who can assist with the contest on Tuesday, November 19.

4. Coaches Code of Ethics and Disclosure Form

- a. **New for 2019**, all coaches must sign and return this form with the entry information.

5. Risk Management Plan

- a. Included in the packet is our Risk Management Plan for coaches to review.

6. Schedule of Events

All forms must be postmarked BY OCTOBER 15 and CONTEST FEE IS PAYABLE ON-LINE ON THE NAILE WEBSITE. Payment via MasterCard or Visa.

- a. Send **ALL** forms to:
Bonnie Boyden, University of Maryland Extension
9501 Crain Hwy, Box 1, Bel Alton, MD 20611
Fax: 301 753-1857 or email bboyden@umd.edu

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