

# JUDGING CONTEST

*The purpose of the Judging Contest is to help youth learn how to evaluate cattle and efficiently make decisions while doing so. Livestock Judging teaches valuable lessons of practice, competition, and decisiveness. The contest will be held in conjunction with the Junior National Hereford Expo.*

## RULES

1. All juniors entering animals in the Junior National Hereford Expo will be automatically signed up for this contest unless opting out through the online entry process.
2. If a junior who is not bringing animals wants to compete they must sign up through the entry website at [HerefordJuniorNational.com](http://HerefordJuniorNational.com) by June 1, 2025.
3. If you opted out of the contest when submitting entries, or did not submit entries, you are not eligible for this contest and CAN NOT join ringside.
4. There will be no substitutions for contestants.
5. This contest has a \$5.00 fee for participating.
6. Contestants will compete in four divisions:
  - Peewee – 7 to 9 years of age as of Jan. 1
  - Junior – 10-13 years of age as of Jan. 1
  - Intermediate – 14-17 years of age as of Jan. 1
  - Senior – 18-21 years of age as of Jan. 1
7. State team score will be calculated by taking the top four scores for the represented state in each age division.
8. Any contestant believed to be receiving assistance during the competition will be disqualified.
9. Any ties will be broken by the flip of a coin.
10. Awards will go to top individuals and winning teams in each division.

## PROCEDURE

1. Scantrons will be dispersed on clipboards starting an hour before the contest outside the arena. Lines will form in alphabetical order by last name.
2. Peeweess and seniors will judge together on one side of the ring, while intermediate and juniors will judge on the other side of the ring.
3. Four animals will be placed in front of the competitors and numbered 1-4.
4. Juniors will individually decide how they like the animals best and place their assigned numbers in that order.
5. 12 minutes will be given to evaluate each class.

## CONTEST SCHEDULE

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| 8 a.m.    | Check-In will start, scantrons will be handed out at check-in.   |
| 8:30 a.m. | Orientation in the bleachers.<br>- A brief introduction to the contest and explanation of operating procedure and how to use a scantron. |
| 9 a.m.    | 1st Class enters the ring and the contest starts.  |

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 1**

Participants should register online through [herefordjunernational.com](http://herefordjunernational.com)

