



MURRAY STATE
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Hutson School of Agriculture

NACTA Judging
Conference 2019

Livestock Judging Contest Official Rules

Friday, April 12th

Murray State University Equine Center and Cherry Expo Center
8:00am

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Contest Rules

1. Entries: All teams should be registered on or before the official NACTA registration deadline. Number and names of all candidates that the coach expects to bring to the contest must be provided on an entry roster in advance. Each official team will consist of five members with all five scores constituting the team total. Individuals may compete and will be eligible for individual awards. Official team members must be identified in advance. While each school may enter only one official team, additional individual contestants will not be limited. Additional individual contestants will be able to compete for individual awards and must pay the full registration fee. The final official team selections must be verified at the coaches meeting. Substitutions may occur contest morning, but no new contestants may be added.
2. Competition is open to all contestants deemed eligible by their respective institution and NACTA contest guidelines. Divisions are as follows:
 - Junior College (2-Year)
 - Senior College (4-Year)Two year and four-year teams will judge the same classes. Separate awards will be made for both team and overall individuals in each division.
3. Eligibility: All contestants must be currently enrolled in a two-year or a four-year institution and pursuing an undergraduate degree. Students may participate as official contestants a maximum of two times in the junior college division and two times in the senior college division in each individual contest.
4. Twelve classes of livestock will be judged. Cattle classes may consist of any combination of females, bulls, and market steers. The hog, sheep, and goat classes will consist of any combination of market and breeding animals. Livestock may be haltered, raked, or loose in pens as appropriate.
5. Performance data and a scenario may be provided on multiple breeding classes. The performance classes may also be selected as reasons classes.
6. Oral reasons will be given on a total of six (6) classes in both divisions. Reasons classes will be decided by the official committee, but will most likely consist of 3 cattle, 2 hogs, and 1 sheep/goats.
7. Contestants will be given 12 minutes to place each class and 2 minutes to give each set of oral reasons.
8. Typical contest scoring and tie breaking methods will be used.
9. Final class details will be made available at the coaches meeting.
10. No communication between contestants nor with anyone else except superintendents will be permitted once the contest has started. Coaches may not communicate with a team or individuals until the contest is finished. No smart technology (cell phones, watches, etc.), electronic devices, or other methods of conferring during the contest will be allowed. Contestants observed violating this rule WILL be disqualified from the competition.