



# AMERICAN ROYAL ASSOCIATION

IMPACTING THE FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE • SCHOLARSHIPS | EDUCATION | COMPETITION

## 4-H Livestock Judging Contest

### Superintendents:

Kelly Bruns, North Platte, NE, 308-696-6702

Cody Sloan, Cameron, MO

### American Royal Event Manager:

Sara Befort, [sarab@americanroyal.com](mailto:sarab@americanroyal.com), 816-569-4013

This contest will be held in conjunction with the FFA Livestock Judging Contest

**Thursday, October 26, 7:00 a.m., Hale Arena**

**Entry Fee:** \$125.00 per team – must accompany entry

**Entry Deadline:** October 2, 2017

### Rules

1. The contest is open to four 4-H members from a state. The team representing each state must be a County Team or a local extension unit that is selected by the State 4-H Leader to represent the state. State leaders may request an entry form from [sarab@americanroyal.com](mailto:sarab@americanroyal.com).
2. Team entries must be certified as a county team or a local extension unit by the State 4-H Club Leader and the approval form must be signed and submitted before entries are considered complete.
3. All teams must be entered on or before October 2, 2017. Entries should be completed online or mailed to:  
American Royal  
Attn: Livestock Judging Contest  
1701 American Royal Court  
Kansas City, MO 64102
4. Team members shall have passed their fourteenth (14) birthday and shall not have passed their nineteenth (19) birthday on January 1, 2017.
5. 4-H members who have previously participated in a 4-H Livestock Judging Contest at the American Royal or who have participated in the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest at Louisville are not eligible. Teams that will judge at the 4-H National Contest 2017 are not eligible.
6. Club members who are currently, or who have been in the past, members of university, college, junior college, or technical school livestock judging teams are not eligible to compete in this contest.

[Type here]

7. No contestant will be eligible to compete in any judging contest at the American Royal if they have any sanctions or disciplinary action taken against them by the North American Livestock Show & Rodeo Managers Association, The International Association of Fairs and Expositions, 4-H, FFA, and/or breed association(s).
8. Club members who have completed more than one semester or quarter of academic or vocational training beyond high school or have completed a post-secondary course related to visual livestock and/or carcass evaluation are not eligible to compete in this contest.
9. The contest will consist of any or all the following placings classes: breeding cattle, market steers, breeding sheep, market lambs, breeding hogs, market hogs, breeding goats, and market goats. Oral reasons will also be given by contestants.
10. No team members, alternates, coaches, or individuals accompanying the team will be allowed on the American Royal Grounds prior to 7:00 a.m., October 26. Exceptions to this rule will be made for team members who are exhibitors, in which case special permission must be secured from the Event Manager, Sara Befort.
11. In the contest the three high scoring contestants from each state will be considered the official team of their respective states; however the contestant with the low score will remain eligible for awards.
12. No contestant shall wear any article of clothing, pins, or badges that will in any way reveal the identity of the state he/she represents. Most teams wear blazers and slacks.
13. No electronic devices (phones, tablets, computers, etc.) will be allowed during the contest.
14. A meeting for coaches will be held Wednesday, October 25 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, 520 Minnesota Ave, Kansas City, KS. This meeting will be brief and will not include dinner.
15. All contestants are expected to be present for the Awards Event on Thursday, October 26 at 3:30 p.m. in the Wagstaff Sale Center at the American Royal Complex.

### **Headquarters Hotel**

The Hilton Garden Inn, 520 Minnesota Ave, Kansas City, KS (913.342.7900) will serve as the Headquarters Hotel. The hotel is just minutes from the American Royal. Please call as early as possible and be sure to request the American Royal Judging Contest special rate.