

CANADIAN WESTERN **Agribition**

**CANADIAN NATIONAL 4-H & YOUTH
JUDGING COMPETITION**



NOVEMBER 20 - 22, 2011

COMPETITOR'S INFORMATION

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Canadian National 4-H & Youth Judging Competition
2011 Dates November 20-22

Congratulations on being selected as a Competitor for this competition!

Please find included in this package the following material:

- Registration form
- Waiver of liability
- Letter outlining the program
- Rules and Regulations for the competition
- Order form for additional Awards Breakfast tickets. Your ticket is part of the registration fee, but if other family members or friends wish to attend, they will have to purchase a ticket.
- A copy of the tentative competition schedule
- Outline of the program
- Agribition's Privacy Policy
- General competition information
 - Oral Reasons
 - Understanding Cuts

Please do not hesitate to call me for clarification on any of the program material. I can be contacted by phone 306-924-9583; by fax 306-757-9963; by email sboyko@agribition.com

Yours truly,

Sylvia Boyko

4-H & Youth Committee Liaison

CANADIAN WESTERN AGRIBITION

COMPETITOR REGISTRATION FORM

CANADIAN NATIONAL 4-H & YOUTH JUDGING COMPETITION

(Please return this form to your provincial 4-H Office or College by September 30)

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ BIRTH DATE: _____ AGE: _____

CITY/PROVINCE: _____ P.C.: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

NEXT OF KIN, ADDRESS & TELEPHONE: (If different from above):

JACKET SIZE: (circle one) Adult: Small Medium Large XLarge XXLarge
(It is a light windbreaker, and will require appropriate clothing underneath it. Please order your size accordingly.)

SEX : Male _____ Female _____

FEE: \$159.00

**Do you have any health and allergy concerns or problems that the staff should be aware of?
Please indicate if you require any special diet.**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF LOCAL HOMETOWN PAPER (for promotional purposes):

PROGRAM AGREEMENT FORM

The Canadian National 4-H & Youth Judging Competition will provide an opportunity for 4-H members and College students to participate in a Canadian National program that combines a high-quality format in which to develop their judging skills. It is also important for the program to build and enhance the 4-H and College images to the general public and to the companies and organizations that sponsor this activity.

The planning committee and staff of the program bear the responsibility of providing the best competition event possible, and of administering the program in a safe and conscientious manner. The success of the program is equally dependent on the 4-H and College competitors and chaperones assuming mature and responsible behaviour while in attendance.

Maximum standards of behaviour for the program include:

1. Possession or use of non-prescription drugs and/or alcohol is not permitted.
2. Competitors are not allowed to leave the program site or hotel without permission of the Program Director.
3. Competitors are expected to attend all planned events in the program for their duration.
4. Competitors are not allowed to care for livestock during the program.

Those who do not adhere to these standards may forfeit the privileges of the program, return home at their own expense and will be charged in full for their portion of room and board costs. The competitor also may be ineligible to compete in future Canadian National 4-H & Youth Judging Competitions, at the discretion of the 4-H & Youth Committee and the Program Director.

I hereby understand that the competitor contact information will be used so that Agribition may display competition related material (results, competition booklets, etc.) to our visitors and the media. Canadian Western Agribition's complete Privacy Policy is part of the Competitor's information package.

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD, AND AGREE TO THE CONDITIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT, AND I AGREE TO WAIVE CANADIAN WESTERN AGRIBITION FROM ANY RESPONSIBILITY

DATE: _____

Signature of Competitor

If the 4-H Member or Youth is under 18 years of age, parent or guardian must sign

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Deadline for application is September 30, 2011

**CANADIAN WESTERN AGRIBITION
WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

No claim for injury to any person or property shall ever be asserted nor suit instituted or maintained against Agribition, its officers or agents, by or on behalf of any visitor, or any person, firm or corporation or their agents, representatives or employees, having license or privilege to exhibit in the area or occupying any space therein.

I hereby authorize Canadian Western Agribition to use any photographs of me taken as part of this competition to be used for promotional use of this program on the website or in publications as deemed necessary by Canadian Western Agribition.

We require signatures indicating that competitors agree to these conditions.

I, _____ HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND
Name of Competitor (please print)

AGREE TO THE CONDITIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT, AND I AGREE TO WAIVE
CANADIAN WESTERN AGRIBITION FROM ANY RESPONSIBILITY

DATE: _____ 2011 _____
Competitor's signature

If the 4-H Member or Youth is under
18 years of age, parent or guardian
must sign. _____
Signature of Parent/Guardian

**RETURN TO YOUR PROVINCIAL 4-H OFFICE OR COLLEGE ALONG
WITH THE COMPETITION REGISTRATION FORM**

April, 2011

Dear Competitor:

Congratulations on being selected to represent your province/college at this year's Canadian National 4-H & Youth Judging Competition.

This competition is held from November 20-22, 2011. **Please read all of the material carefully, as there is very important information about the competition.**

THE PROGRAM

The program is a **competition** format. You are expected to come prepared to compete and to judge multiple species of livestock. There will be no seminars or instructions offered.

An outline of the program is included in this package. You can expect a lot of learning, a lot of fun, and a very busy schedule. Our program depends on sponsorship dollars, as the registration fees collected do not cover all of the costs of this program.

THE SPONSORS

The majority of the costs are covered by the sponsors of the program. They are **John Deere Limited**, and **TD Canada Trust, Agriculture Services**. We encourage you to thank them whenever the opportunity arises.

THE PROGRAM STAFF

The Canadian National 4-H & Youth Judging Competition is planned and organized by a volunteer committee of Canadian Western Agribition. The program is facilitated by the planning committee and chaperones that travel to the program with each team.

WHAT TO BRING

Personal Items - shampoo and other personal items, and camera if you wish.

Dress Code:

- Males are required to wear a long sleeve shirt, tie, along with appropriate pants and footwear. NO BLUE jeans or running shoes. BLACK jeans are acceptable,
- Females are required to wear a shirt with collar and long sleeves, along with appropriate pants and footwear. NO BLUE jeans or running shoes. BLACK jeans are acceptable.
- Inappropriate dress code may come into consideration when the final placings are done.

Also bring appropriate footwear and clothing for the weather and walking in the barns. (Regina weather is unpredictable, so please make sure you are prepared for winter and -30 C weather).

NOTE: Please note that each competitor attending will receive a jacket, signifying their participation at Agribition. The jacket is a lightweight wind breaker and will require appropriate clothing underneath. We require that you wear this jacket during the competition and not your club or sponsor jacket. The competition jacket may be taken off only when you are delivering your Oral Reasons.

Money - There is a registration fee of \$159.00/competitor (The fee includes 5% GST). The fee also includes a group photograph. **4-H Members** please mail your registration fee (made payable as instructed by your provincial 4-H Office), along with your registration form, to your provincial 4-H Office.

College competitors, please find out who will be receiving your registration forms and funds. You will need money for snacks and any money that you will require for expenses while travelling to and from the competition. All accommodation and meal expenses at the competition are covered by the sponsors and by your registration fee, starting at 5:00 pm Sunday, November 20 and concluding with the Awards Breakfast on Tuesday, November 22, 2011.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to and from the competition should be arranged by the provincial 4-H office or college. Saskatchewan competitors, however, are responsible for their own transportation to and from the competition. While at the competition we will be travelling around Regina by bus.

ACCOMMODATIONS

While at the competition, you will be staying at the **Ramada Hotel, 1818 Victoria Avenue**, Phone No. (306) 569-1666. It is located about 10 minutes from the Agribition grounds. **Please Note: Judging competitors will be sharing rooms. 4-H competitors only** - To encourage new friendships, room lists are assigned by the committee. You will not be rooming with competitors from your own province. College competitors will be assigned rooms with their team when numbers are finalized.

MEALS

If you require a special diet, please note it on your registration form..

REGISTRATION

Competitors - Please complete the attached Registration and Program Agreement Form and return it to your 4-H Office or College **with \$159.00 registration fee by September 30, 2011.** Your 4-H Office or College will instruct you as to who the cheque should be payable to.

4-H Office or College - Please forward all your team member's fees and forms to Canadian Western Agribition by the **deadline of October 1, 2011.**

Registration is at the Ramada Hotel at 5:00 pm on Sunday, November 20, 2011. This is the official start of the competition.

EMERGENCIES

If your family must contact you while at the competition, a message can be left for you, at the Canadian Western Agribition Office (306) 565-0565 or between 11:00 p.m. and 6:30 a.m., you could be reached at the Ramada Hotel (306) 569-1666.

QUESTIONS???????????????

If you have any questions, please contact your provincial 4-H Office, College or myself at the Canadian Western Agribition Office Phone No. (306) 924-9583; Fax No. (306)757-9963 or E-Mail: sboyko@agribition.com.

We look forward to seeing you at the Canadian National 4-H & Youth Judging Competition!

Sincerely,
Sylvia Boyko
4H & Youth Activities Committee
Canadian Western Agribition

Canadian National 4-H & Youth Judging Competition RULES AND REGULATIONS

Objectives of the Competition

1. To provide an opportunity for 4-H members and College students to participate in a Canadian National program that combines a high-quality format in which to develop their judging skills.
2. To provide an opportunity for 4-H members and College students from across Canada to attend and participate in Canadian Western Agribition.
3. To foster the future development of young judges for the agricultural industry in Canada.
4. To provide a high-profile and competitive judging experience.

Eligibility

1. Competitors must be **17 - 21 years of age as of December 31 of the year preceding the competition.**
2. All competitors must complete and sign a registration/program agreement form.
3. Competitors must pay a registration fee payable by cheque for money order to whomever your provincial 4-H Office or College indicates. Registration/Program forms and fees must be forwarded to the 4-H Office or College by **September 30, 2011** so they can be sent to Canadian Western Agribition by October 1, 2011.
4. There is a limit of 80 competitors in the program, with a **maximum of 8 competitors** from each province or College. Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served bases. **Competitors may compete more than once in the program, with the exception of the Grand Aggregate winners, who cannot return to the competition.**

Judging

1. Participants will compete in judging livestock classes and provide oral reasons in those classes identified.
2. A total of 12 minutes per class is allotted to judge each class.
3. The Judging part of the competition will be done all in one day, but the competitors are expected to remain part of the group for the whole time of the competition.
3. **Competitors caught working together or seeking coaching during the competition will be disqualified.**
4. **No prior written documentation will be allowed when judging classes.**

Oral Reasons

1. Each competitor will give oral reasons in those classes identified.
2. Oral reasons will be given following the completion of placing classes on Monday.
3. They will be presented to the class judge(s),
4. Notes are acceptable.
5. The animals will not be present during the oral reasons presentations.

Scoring

1. The official judge's decision is final.
2. Aggregate scores will be based on total scores of the classes - plus scores of the oral reasons.
3. Ties will be broken by the official judge. In the event of a tie in the aggregate, the higher standing will be given to the higher total score in oral reasons.

Awards

If a competitor wins more than one award, they will be eligible to receive only one award. That would be the award that is of a greater value.

- Grand Aggregate Award of a \$2,500 scholarship plus a buckle. This scholarship must be used by the recipient within three years from winning it.
- Highest placing Canadian competitor, excluding Grand Aggregate, is awarded a \$1,250 scholarship from the Canadian Foundation of John Deere Limited plus a buckle. This scholarship must be used by the recipient within three years from winning it.
- 2nd highest placing Canadian competitor is awarded a \$750 scholarship from the Canadian Foundation of John Deere Limited plus a buckle. This scholarship must be used by the recipient within three years from winning it.
- Award of \$300 in cash plus a buckle.
- Award of \$150 in cash plus a buckle.

Specifics attached to all of the scholarship awards - The recipient must attend a program of a recognized post secondary institution that is at least two year duration. If the recipient is not attending a post secondary institution, the scholarship payment will be held in trust for them, until such time as they are attending a post secondary institution, to a maximum of three years. At such time of attending, they must notify the Agribition office with this information and request that the scholarship be paid to the institution. If the recipient does not attend a post secondary institution within three years of winning the scholarship, such scholarship monies shall be released back into Canadian Western Agribition's scholarship account.

2. Awards have to be taken as presented, and no substitutions will be given.
3. Team plaque – The accumulated score will be used for calculating and **a team has to be at least 4 members**. The top 4 scores will be used in teams that are more than 4 members, but if they are the winning team, ALL members of that team will come up and be recognized.
4. The Program Director's decision will be final.

Prestigious Judging Opportunity

CONTINUING IN 2011 – The Grand Aggregate winner of the Canadian National 4-H & Youth Judging Competition will have the prestigious honour of being one of the 5 judges who will judge the 1st Lady Classic Heifer Show at Canadian Western Agribition. This competition will take place on Tuesday, November 22, from 1:00 to 6:00 pm **approximately**. Judging the 1st Lady Classic Heifer Show is awarded as a stand-alone opportunity, and is not considered as part of the Awards rules above.

Conduct

1. Competitors are expected to attend all planned events during the duration of the program. The program commences at 5:00 pm, Sunday, November 20, 2011 and concludes after the Awards Breakfast, Tuesday, November 22, 2011. (approx. 11:30 am)
2. Competitors are responsible to their own chaperone and program staff.
3. Competitors are not allowed to leave the program site or hotel without permission from the Program Director.
4. Possession or use of illegal drugs/and or alcohol is not permitted. Competitors possessing drugs or alcohol will be disqualified from the program and sent home at their own expense. In the event that awards have already been presented and a recipient is found to have been drinking alcohol or taking drugs during the program, the award(s) given will be confiscated.
5. Competitors are expected to conduct themselves in a respectable manner at all times, as they are representing 4-H'ers and Colleges from their team and province.
6. **Competitors caught working together or seeking coaching during the competition will be disqualified.**

Liability

1. Competitors shall enter the program and compete at their own risk as stated in the General Rules and Regulations of the Agribition Exhibitor Handbook.
" No claim for injury to any person or property shall ever be asserted nor suit instituted or maintained against Agribition, its officers or agents, by or on behalf of any visitor, or any person, firm or corporation or their agents, representatives or employees, having license or privilege to exhibit in the area or occupying any space thereon."

Dress Code

Males are required to wear a long sleeve shirt, tie, along with appropriate pants and footwear. **NO BLUE** jeans or running shoes. **BLACK** jeans are acceptable,

Females are required to wear a shirt with collar and long sleeves, along with appropriate pants and footwear. **NO BLUE** jeans or running shoes. **BLACK** jeans are acceptable.

Inappropriate dress code may come into consideration when the final placings are done.

Other

- 1. Competitors must wear judging competition sponsor jackets when competing in activities related to the Canadian National 4-H & Youth Judging Competition. The only exception is that it is optional to wear this jacket when presenting Oral Reasons.**
- 2. The judging competition is fully endorsed and supported by the Canadian 4-H Council.**
- 3. All research should be done before arrival at the competition. There are no seminars or instructions available before the competition.**

In 2011 we are celebrating the 36th year that Canadian Western Agribition has offered a program that will help develop the skills of our young agriculture judges. The competitors have the opportunity to attend and view one of the world's largest international agricultural marketplaces. Canadian Western Agribition offers the ideal venue for this competition, as it affords each individual the opportunity to observe top quality livestock, grain and forages, and trade show exhibits.

Canadian Western Agribition is proud to play host to the 4-H & Youth and College competitors attending this program and it is with grateful assistance from our sponsors, that we are able to provide a unique educational and competitive opportunity to the agricultural leaders of tomorrow.

April, 2011

Dear Parents and Guests of the Canadian National 4-H & Youth Judging Competitor.

The Awards Breakfast for this program will be held Tuesday, November 22rd at 9:00 am in the Queensbury Complex, EVRAZ Place, Regina.

The 4-H and Youth Committee extends an invitation to the parents and guests. The tickets must be pre-ordered and paid for with the competitor's registration by September 30, 2011. The cost is \$20.00 (includes GST). Please enclose the bottom of this page with your cheque or money order made payable to Canadian Western Agribition with the competitor's registration form when he/she mails it to the provincial 4-H office or college.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

Number of guests wishing to attend the Awards Breakfast _____

Payment enclosed - _____ x \$20.00 = \$_____

CANADIAN NATIONAL 4-H & YOUTH JUDGING COMPETITION

Overview of Program for all Competitors

April, 2011

Objectives of the Competition

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- To provide an opportunity for 4-H members and College students from across Canada to attend and participate in Canadian Western Agribition
- To foster the future development of young judges for the agricultural industry in Canada
- To provide a high-profile and competitive youth judging experience

Eligible Competitors

- All 4-H clubs in Canada, Canadian Colleges by invitation and International individuals or teams by invitation.

Eligible Age

- The eligible age of the competitor is 17 to 21 years of age as of December 31 of the year preceding the competition.

Format

- It is a “professional competition”. There will be no seminars offered at the competition. Do your research at home and come prepared and well informed.
- The competition starts at 5:00 pm Sunday, November 20 and concludes after the Awards Breakfast on Tuesday, November 22. (Estimate time is 11:30 am.) All competitors are to be part of this group for the entire time of the program and are required to attend all planned events in the program for the duration.

Allocation of Competitors

- Each Province and College can send a maximum of 8 competitors. Invited international competitors will be accommodated on individual situations.

Chaperones

- The program will only accommodate one chaperone from each group. Invited international groups will be accommodated on individual situations.

Classes judged

- There will be 12 classes and oral reasons classes as identified
Tentative classes are: Dairy heifer, Milking cow, Bred beef heifer, Beef Bull calves with performance data and EPD's, Market heifer, Market hog barrows, Breeding gilts, Commercial class of Bred Heifers, Beef heifer, Draft Horse, Light Horse.

Registration fee

- \$159.00 per competitor; \$79.00 per chaperone.
Included in this fee is all accommodation, meal, travel, group picture, awards and entertainment costs starting at 5:00 pm Sunday, November 20 to and including the Awards Breakfast on Tuesday, November 22.

Dress Code

- Males are required to wear a long sleeve shirt, tie, along with appropriate pants and footwear. NO BLUE jeans or running shoes. BLACK jeans are acceptable,
- Females are required to wear a shirt with collar and long sleeves, along with appropriate pants and footwear. NO BLUE jeans or running shoes. BLACK jeans are acceptable.
- Inappropriate dress code may come into consideration when the final placings are done.

Awards

- Grand Aggregate winner will receive a \$2,500 scholarship, with conditions attached, other awards are a \$1,250 and \$750 scholarship from the Canadian Foundation of John Deere Limited, only Canadian competitors are eligible, and cash prizes of \$300 and \$150. First five placings will also receive a buckle.

Deadline for Registration

- The deadline for registration is September 30, 2011. If you know you are coming but don't have all the paperwork done, please notify our office and we will work with you on an individual case basis.

CANADIAN NATIONAL 4-H & YOUTH JUDGING COMPETITION SCHEDULE

April, 2011 **tentative**, could be subject to change

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20th

5:00 pm Registration & Orientation - Ramada Hotel
6:00 pm Bus leaves for Supper and John Deere Facility Tour
Information on the competition to follow.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21st

7:00 am Breakfast at the hotel
8:00 am Bus leaves for Agribition grounds
(All classes are in the Stockman's Arena)
8:30 am Dairy heifer class - Oral Reason class
tentative Milking cow class - Oral Reason class
Bred beef heifer class - Oral Reason class
Beef Bull calves with performance data and EPD's
- Oral Reason class
Market Steer class - Oral Reason class
Market Heifer Class - Oral Reason class
Market hog barrows class - Oral Reason class
Breeding Gilts class - Oral Reason class
Cow/Calf pair class
Beef heifer calf class

Noon Lunch, group picture
Noon - 4:30 pm Oral Reasons in the Auditorium
4:30 pm Free time at Agribition
7:00 pm First bus leaves for hotel
9:30 pm Last bus leaves for hotel
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm Swimming at hotel and hospitality room open.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd

8:30 am Bus leaves for Agribition grounds
9:00 - 11:00 am Awards Breakfast, Queensbury Complex
1:00 - 6:00 pm 1st Lady Classic Heifer Show, Stadium (Optional)

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Canadian Western Agribition 306-565-0565
City Bus 306-537-1940
Ramada Hotel 306-569-1666

**Canadian Western Agribition
PRIVACY POLICY**

Show Registrants - “Personal Information Collected”

Canadian Western Agribition is strongly committed to protecting your privacy. This Privacy Policy applies to information collected by Canadian Western Agribition through registrations. Please read the complete Privacy Policy below and contact us if you have any questions.

COLLECTION AND TRACKING OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

Canadian Western Agribition collects some personal information about you when you fill out a Registration Form. We collect personally identifiable information such as Company/Farm name, contact name, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, website address and demographic information such as city/town, province/state and postal/zip code. This information is collected during registration in response to specific requests. This information is necessary to provide you with the optimum level of service.

WHAT WE DO WITH COLLECTED INFORMATION

We use personal information so that we may display a custom, personalized content of show materials to our visitors and further send newsletters, emails, features, promotional material, surveys and other updates to our registrants. We also use collected information to evaluate and administer our service, respond to any problems that may arise and to gauge registrant trends to determine what part of our services are most popular with registrants.

We may extend offers to registrants on behalf of our partners about a particular product or service (not directly related to promotion/production of Canadian Western Agribition) that may be of interest to you, but we will never give out your name or personal information at any time. As result, although Canadian Western Agribition may receive a fee from our partners for this service, Canadian Western Agribition sends all the offers so that your personal information is never shared with any outside third party. A registrant may, at any time, opt out of receiving such information by contacting Canadian Western Agribition directly.

In special cases, third party involvement may exist by way of Official Show Suppliers and/or in the development of Public Show related promotional material. In this case, company contact information will be provided to outside parties only after they agree to maintain the confidentiality, security and integrity of such information.

We may, at times, produce reports for partners containing aggregate information about our registrants such as demographic, age and registration information. This allows us to work more closely with partners to provide content and offers that are most relevant to our registrants. We will never include any personal information about our registrants in these reports.

We reserve the right to use or disclose any information without notice or consent as needed to satisfy any law, regulation or legal request; to conduct investigations of consumer complaints or possible breaches of law; to protect the integrity of our association and our property; to protect the safety of our visitors or others; to fulfill your requests; or to cooperate in any legal investigation.

CONTROLLING YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

A registrant may, at any time, change, correct, modify or delete any personal information he/she may have provided to us.

SECURITY OF YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

All Canadian Western Agribition employees are made aware of its privacy practices. We limit access to private and confidential data only to those employees with a specific need to retrieve this information and we store data on multiple service systems in controlled, secure environments. To maintain the highest level of security, we conduct internal reviews of our security measures on a regular basis.

YOUTH'S PRIVACY

Some events of Canadian Western Agribition offer registration to youth under the age of 18. Canadian Western Agribition is strongly committed to protecting the safety and privacy of these individuals.

Youth under 18 who wish to register are asked to have a parent or legal guardian do so for them.

Except as authorized, Canadian Western Agribition will NOT KNOWINGLY:

- collect contact information from a registrant under 18 without parental consent. Contact information will be used only to directly respond to the youth's request and will not be used to contact the child for other purposes.
- distribute to third parties any personally identifiable information collected from children known to be under 18.
- entice a child under 18 by the prospect of a special game, prize or other activity, to divulge more information than is needed to participate in such activity.

CHANGES IN CORPORATE STRUCTURE

In the event of dissolution or winding up of Canadian Western Agribition, all its remaining assets, after payment of liabilities, shall be distributed to one or more recognized charitable organizations in Canada. In such transactions, registrant information, whether personally identifiable or otherwise, may be one of the transferred assets.

CHANGES TO OUR PRIVACY POLICY

We will occasionally update this Privacy Policy as necessary to maintain the highest protection for our registrants and to comply with a changing environment. We recommend that you check the policy when you visit our website to be sure you are aware of and understand our current policy. If we make material changes to this policy or in how we will use or collect your personally identifiable information, we will prominently post such changes prior to implementing the change. We will not make changes in how we handle previously collected personal information that have retroactive effect unless legally required to do so.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions about this Privacy Policy or our privacy practices, please visit us at www.agribition.com ; Or you can contact us by mail at:

Canadian Western Agribition
PO Box 3535
Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, S4P 3J8

ORAL REASONS

The ability to stand in front of a judge and explain your placing is not an easy task for most people. Practice is needed.

- **Take notes while you are placing the class.**
- **Try to be accurate. Your statement must be true.**
- **Be brief. The most important point that you want to make is "Why" you placed an animal over the other. Through comparison, you tell why. You can describe until you are out of breath, but if you do not COMPARE, you will have wasted your time.**
- **List the difference between animals in order of importance. The most important items are listed first, followed by less important ones.**
- **Try to imagine the class-picture it in front of you. Refer to it as if it is standing there.**
- **Refer to the animals by the correct number. It becomes confusing to you and the judge if you use the wrong number. When referring to the sex of the animal use the correct pronoun (he/she).**
- **Use the market terms on a market class and breeding terms on a breeding class and put major emphasis on characteristics that are economically important (give good profits).**
- **Before starting to give your reasons, take off your hat, if you are wearing one, stand comfortably with your feet slightly apart. Your dress and looks will reflect your attitude. Be neat and well-groomed.**
- **Talk in a clear, concise, and pleasant tone of voice. Vary your tone to emphasize special points in the class. Do not read your notes - maintain audience eye contact.**
- **Use words that fit the situation and that are correct for the class. It has been stated that there is only two minutes of truth in any class. If you talk longer, you are probably adding false statements.**
- **Enjoy yourself and project a positive attitude.**

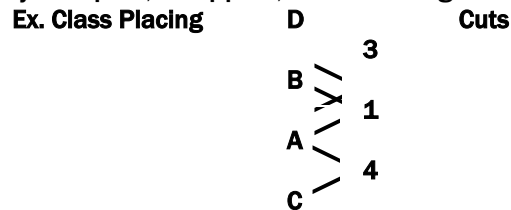
FOLLOW THESE STEPS FOR ORAL REASONS:

- **First, be sure the judge knows your number in the contest. You might start off by saying: "I place this class of ..." (name of class; your placing, ex. 3,2,1,4).**
- **You may then introduce the class by saying: "I place 3 at the top of the class and over 2 because..."**
- **Compare the animals, giving the major points first and minor points last: " I place 2 over 1 because..." (say this if there is some point or points where 2 excels over 1).**
- **Compare each pair in the class in the same way (middle pair and bottom pair), "I place 4 last because...". Give reason, but also give credit for good points.**
- **Close your reasons by saying: "For these reasons, I place this class...". (Your placings- 3,2,1,4).**

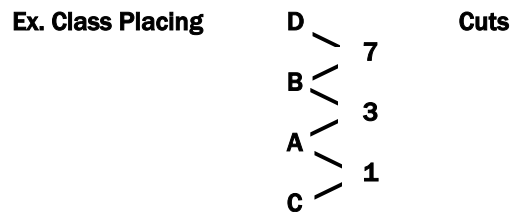
Understanding Cuts

Cuts are used to demonstrate the difficulty level in a class and to determine the score of your placing of that class.

In a class of 4 animals, hay samples, or apples, a cut is assigned between each pair in the official placing.



Placing D over B is a fairly easy placing, B over A is difficult, A over C is again, fairly easy.



Placing D at the top is very easy. Placing B over A is fairly easy and placing A over C is close or difficult.

When you assign cuts to a class, there are several rules to keep in mind:

- Your cuts may have any value from 1 to 8.
- The sum of the 3 cuts should be greater than 6 but must be no greater than 15.
- If the sum of your 3 cuts is 15, your middle cut must be not greater than 5.
- If the sum of your 3 cuts is 14, your middle cut must be not greater than 8.

These rules exist only to make your scoring out of 50 work!

Remember: Higher cuts mean easier placing. Lower cuts mean more difficult placing.

ANSWERS to SCORING THE CLASS: (a)47 (b)49 (c)45 (d)30
(e)19 (f)18 (g) 50.

MORE ABOUT CUTS

The official judge will determine the cuts on the class he/she placed. A change in the value of the cut will change your placing score.

Let's take a close look at the impact of the different cuts:

Ex. I **Suppose the cuts are 1-2-1. The range of marks available to the contestants will be from 36 to 50 out of a possible 50.**

Ex. II **Suppose the cuts on the same class are 3-6-3. The range of marks available to the contestants will be from 8 to 50 out of possible 50.**

<u>Placing</u>	<u>Cuts 1-2-1</u>	<u>Cuts 3-6-3</u>
D-B-C-A	50	50
B-D-A-C	48	44
B-D-A-C	48	44
A-C-B-D	36	8

The series of cuts in examples 1 and 2 both indicate a class which has a close top pair and a close bottom pair. The member with placing totally backwards from the official placing would receive a placing score of 36 in example 1 and a score of 8 in example 2. With the split of 3-6-3, more emphasis is placed on the ability of the individual to properly place the class.

USING CUTS TO SCORE YOUR PLACING

Once you know the official placing and the corresponding cuts, you can score your placing.

Ex. **Official Placing D-B-A-C**
 Cuts 3-1-3
 Your Placing A-D-C-B

Now let's compare your placing to the official placing. There are six possible pairs. Ask questions for each pair as you see them in the official placing. Answer the questions from your placing. Each time the answer is "No", you lose points.

Question #1 Did you place D over B?
Answer Yes, so you don't lose any points.

Question #2 Did you place D over A?
Answer No, so you lose 3 + 1 points.

Question #3 Did you place D over C?
Answer Yes, so you don't lose any points.

Question #4 Did you place B over A?
Answer No, so you lose 1 point.

Question #5 Did you place B over C?
Answer No, so you lose 1 + 3 points.

Question #6 Did you place A over C?
Answer Yes, you don't lose any points.

Now, total the points you lost. Subtract them from 50 to get your final placing score.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total points lost} &= (3+1) + 1 + (1+3) \\ &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Your score} &= 50 - 9 \\ &= 41 \end{aligned}$$

Your score for placing is 41 out of a possible 50 points.

SCORING THE CLASS

Can you score a class manually? Give it a try.....

Official Placing	B-D-A-C
The cuts are	1-5-3

What is your score if you placed the class:

- a) B-D-C-A
- b) D-B-A-C
- c) B-A-D-C
- d) C-B-D-A
- e) C-A-B-D
- f) C-A-D-B
- g) B-D-A-C