

Showmanship & Round Robin Rules

Showmanship

Individuals exhibiting livestock (cattle, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry) will be eligible for the Showmanship Award. Exhibitors may only show animals that they exhibited in previous classes. The Judge has the right to ask questions of individuals.

The contest will cover the following areas:

1. Care and fitting of the animal
2. Showmanship in the ring
3. Conduct in the show ring
4. Cooperation with show officials
5. Individual exhibitor's compliance with dress code

Individuals competing in showmanship classes will be called into the show ring by age group starting with the booster age group, followed by novice then juniors and ending with the senior age group immediately after the Champion and Reserve Champion drive for the species. The exception is the rabbit and poultry showmanship which are scheduled independent of species judging. Those exhibitors wishing to participate in the showmanship class must designate that on the entry form.

When selecting the Overall Showmanship Champion within each individual species division, the judge will first consider the winner from each age division. Upon selecting an Overall Champion, the judge will then consider the second-place individual from the age division the winner came out of. The judge will place up to third place when awarding overall showmanship winners within each species division.

Official Dress Code Applies: See item #7 in Livestock General Rules and Policies.

Round Robin

For safety reasons, Round Robin Showmanship will be conducted with animals to be selected by representatives selected by the Fair Board based on recommendations of the department superintendent with the provision that Round Robin participants will not show their own animals. The animals to be selected must have been shown in the respective fair classes. Sifted animals are not eligible. Champion showmen in the species showmanship contests will compete further by showing each other's entries, such as the first-place winner in Steer will show the Swine entry, etc. They will be REQUIRED TO SHOW ALL THE SPECIES OF LIVESTOCK FOR POINTS including rabbits and chickens. The following rules will apply:

1. Coaching by outsider will result in disqualification
2. Dress code will be enforced.
3. Each Champion showman of his/her species may give a courtesy demonstration at the beginning of the contest. Judges may narrate and give pointers.
4. Each Champion showman will show each of the species using animals selected for the Round Robin and be judged for points.
5. Qualified judge(s) will judge each species
6. Contestants will be required to walk the different species around the ring and demonstrate control and set the animals up except for the hog.
7. Prior to the contest two species will be designated as the tiebreakers.
8. Scores will be tabulated by an official scorer. One official handler will assist with the rotations.
9. Scoring will be by species with a maximum of 25 points each for each of the following:
 - Ability to properly show animal
 - Performance and control of the animalc.
 - Knowledge of species
 - Sportsmanship of showman
10. A 4-H member may only enter with one species. If qualified with more than one species, the champion showman must select the species they will represent, and the reserve showman will represent the other species. The exhibitor must notify the Livestock Superintendent within 15 minutes of the last showmanship class, or the Superintendent will make the decision for the exhibitor.

