

## **ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP**

The following ten divisions can participate in this contest: Dairy Cattle, Beef Cattle, Goats, Sheep, Horses, Dogs, Poultry, Alpacas, Rabbits and Cavies (if division has enough members)

### **OBJECTIVES**

The goal of the Round Robin is for the top showmen in each of the divisions listed above to compete for top overall showman awards in a fun and safe manner. Members will learn to work with other 4-H members, and gain showmanship skills for the other species.

### **RULES FOR PARTICIPATION**

1. Entrants are the Best Junior and Senior Showmen selected by the showmanship classes of the ten divisions listed above.
2. A Junior participant is defined as a member in grades 4-8 as of the September prior to the current fair and a Senior participant is a member in grades 9-13 as of the September prior to the current fair.
3. The first place individual in the Junior and Senior Showmanship classes for that division must be the person to represent that division UNLESS:

- A. They qualified in more than one division and they will represent another division,
- OR
- B. They wish to forfeit participation this year to allow another member the opportunity to compete.

In these cases the Division Chair will pass the honor on to the second place person. The third place person may only be used if the division chair deems that person to be qualified to compete.

4. If the first through fourth place showman for a division and grade category forfeit participation in the Round Robin, then the division is not eligible to participate that year in that grade category.
5. Members registered for multiple divisions must fill out and return the declaration form to the Round Robin Chair by 10pm Tuesday night before fair. If the form is not returned whichever division is won and shown first will be the automatic choice.
6. If a member wins Round Robin they must take a one year hiatus from that age division the following year.
7. If a member's club leader or Round Robin Division Chairperson determines after practice that a member cannot safely show each of the animals the agents will be notified and they will determine if the member is safe to show in Round Robin. The next eligible member will represent that Division in the Round Robin grade category.
8. All showmen will wear clean, neat jeans, boots, and a T-shirt which will be provided for them. Safety is the primary concern. Club leaders should be responsible for ensuring proper footwear and attire is worn before participants enter the ring. All entrants must follow the directions of the Chairperson once they have entered the ring.
9. Each entrant will be judged on his/her showmanship skills with each of the different animals brought into the ring for his/her age category. Participants will receive a score from each station; those scores will be totaled to determine the Round Robin Champion for each grade category. Showmen will exhibit all the animals, including their own specie. Round Robin information packets will be available on line to anyone who wants to view them.
10. The ten divisions will not be judged at the same time in the Show Tent. Two animals of each specie will be in the ring and shown at the same time to simulate a real showmanship environment and aid in keeping uneasy animals more comfortable.
11. Animals should be those used by the entrants, except if deemed unruly or unfit by the Division Chair, Round Robin chair, or judges; in that case a similar animal will be substituted.

12. Judges must be deemed impartial by Division and Round Robin chairs. Judges cannot be a current leader, or parent/relative of 4-H Round Robin participants or someone who leases animals to one of the participants. Judges will receive an information packet from which a set of questions can be asked, only the information in that packet may be asked. Questions will consist only of Breed/Variety and sex of the original animal. If that animal is switched out during the contest, the judge should still score the participant on the original animal's information.
13. Scores from the contest will be distributed at the end of Round Robin.
14. Exhibitors will not be scored on their own animal.
15. In the event of a tie both individuals will be recognized and no third place will be awarded.
16. Every division will pay a pre-determined entry fee to cover ribbons and awards.
17. A Round Robin Practice will be held for all participants and may not be held until all participants are able to attend.

#### AWARDS

Grand Champion Showmen, Reserve Grand Champion, Third Place will be announced for the Junior and Senior exhibitors. All participants will receive ribbons, with Top Showmen receiving additional prizes.