

2017 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.

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. Round Robin information packets will be available online to anyone who wants to view them.

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. Division Chairs will ask all members who are in multiple divisions before fair which division they choose in the event they win multiple divisions.
4. 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, as stated in rule number 3.

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 then fourth place person may only be used if the division chair deems that person to be qualified to compete.
5. If a member's club leader and the Round Robin Division Chairperson determine that a member cannot safely show each of the animals the member will not be able to show in the Round Robin. The next eligible member will represent that Division in the Round Robin grade category.
6. All showmen will wear clean, neat jeans (No rips or tears), boots (No uggs, rain boots, flip flops, sneakers, etc), 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.
7. All entrants must follow the directions of the Round Robin Chairperson or designee once they have entered the ring.
8. Each entrant will be judged on his/her showmanship skills with each of the different animals brought into the ring for his/her grade 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 species.
9. The ten divisions will not be judged at the same time in the Show Tent. Two animals of each species 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.
10. Animals will be those used by the entrants, except if deemed unruly or unfit by the division and Round Robin Chair, or judges; in that case a similar animal will be substituted.
11. 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, and must be over 21 years of age.

12. Judges will receive an information packet from which a set of questions can be asked, only the information in that packet may be asked. A judges meeting is held prior to the competition on Friday.

13. Scores from the contest will be available to the participants following the conclusion of the fair.

14. Exhibitors will not be scored on their own animal, and will instead receive an automatic 100.

15. In the event of a tie both individuals will be recognized and no second place will be awarded.

16. Every division will pay a pre-determined entry fee to cover ribbons and shirts. Any clubs that do not pay by the predetermined deadline will not be eligible to participate in Round Robin that year.

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 donated by local businesses.