



11th ANNUAL NEBRASKA ELITE SHOWMAN COMPETITION ENTRY RULES

1. A county must select one individual (either a 4-H or FFA member) to represent their county at the state event. The county selection process will be determined by the county.
Selection Suggestions for counties:
 - *If your county conducts a Round Robin Showmanship Event, the winning individual could be the county representative.*
 - *Since this is a yearly event, counties that have both 4-H and FFA programs may consider alternating years between 4-H and FFA representatives at the Elite Showman Competition. For 2016, counties beginning with the letters A-M could select a FFA exhibitor and counties beginning with letters N-Z select a 4-H exhibitor.*
2. Exhibitors must be between 14-18 years of age (as of January 1, the year of the show).
3. The exhibitor must be enrolled in a 4-H or FFA livestock project in the county they will be representing and must exhibit at least one animal in a livestock competition at the 2016 Nebraska State Fair.
4. An exhibitor may participate in the Elite Showman Competition each year, provided they are selected by their county. Contestants that have placed in the top three overall in one of our previous Elite Showman Competitions are not eligible to compete again.
5. All participants must supply their own livestock for the competition. Each exhibitor must own (or borrow) another State Fair animal exhibit for each of the following species: a market steer, market heifer or breeding heifer; a market or breeding lamb; a market hog. The Elite Showmanship Competition will not supply animals for the competition.
6. All participants in the event will receive a t-shirt and a cash award.
7. Winners of each beef, swine, sheep, written test and interview portions of the contest will receive a cash prize. The top three overall winners will each receive a cash prize. Additional prizes will be awarded at the contest.
8. We will follow the Nebraska State Fair 4-H and FFA beef show rules for fitting. This will be a no fit competition.

9. To participate in the state contest, exhibitors must have all paperwork filled out correctly with the appropriate information. The contest organizer must receive this information prior to the event. Entries must be received by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture by August 19, 2016. Entries may enter by county name if their county representative will not be selected until after August 19. All participant names must be entered with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture no later than August 26, 2015.
10. Contest organizers will work with contest participants to make accommodations to allow the exhibitor to participate in simultaneous shows, with the use of "slack" rounds. Please note, we are under time constraints in the show rings, and if a contest is not able to participate in their originally scheduled heat or the slack round heat, they will not be scored for that particular event. All exhibitors must be present to take the written test, no special accommodations will be made for this particular event. Counties may choose to select an alternate in the event of such a scheduling conflict (counties should submit alternate information as they would participant information, see rule 9).
11. Contest organizers withhold the right to expel any individual who has violated any of the rules or regulations, or exhibits improper conduct that is unbecoming of a 4-H or FFA member. Contest organizers will follow the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics.
12. In the event of contest cancellation, contest organizers are not liable for any lost revenues; expenses incurred or schedule inconvenience and are not bound to issue any awards or prizes.

HOW TO REGISTER

To register a participant, please e-mail Christin Kamm with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture at christin.kamm@nebraska.gov with the following information (see Rule 9 above):

1. County participant is representing
2. Participant's name
3. Participant's mailing address
4. Participant's email address
5. Participant's cell phone number (for day of competition)
6. Participant's age, as of January 1, 2016
7. 4-H Extension or FFA Advisor contact information (including mailing address, phone number and email address).
8. Specie(s) that participant will be exhibiting at the 2016 Nebraska State Fair (see Rule 3 above).
9. Participant's preferred t-shirt size.

Questions: Contact: Christin Kamm, Nebraska Department of Agriculture
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