SKILL-A-THON CONTEST

DESCRIPTION:
Our Skill-a-thon Competition is an educational and competitive event that tests a participants' ability to identify and answer questions about livestock. This contest promotes learning, fosters a deeper understanding of the industry, and encourages hands-on experiences related to caring for and showcasing livestock at agricultural events. Participants will be given a written exam consisting of questions related to animal health, nutrition, breeding, and management. In addition, there will be rotations where participants must identify various aspects of livestock and agricultural items.

1. Each member will compete as an individual, no teams will be allowed.
2. Skill-a-thon classes will consist of two animal divisions. Each class will be further divided into age divisions. The classes will consist of :
    - Large Livestock (Beef, Swine, Lamb and Goat)
    - Small Livestock (Poultry, Rabbit, Cavy, and Pygmy Goat)
3. Age Divisions will follow the Arizona 4-H age divisions and are based on the age as of December 31st 12:59 p.m..
    - Junior - 8-10 Years Old
    - Intermediate - 11-13 Years Old
    - Senior - 14+ Years Old

CONTEST FORMAT:

- Each class and age division will complete 4 stations and a written quiz.
- Stations may include:
    - Large Livestock – Breeds, Equipment, Anatomy, Feed, Meat Cuts, Wool Judging, Hay judging, Quality Assurance, Reproduction, and Marketing/Management
    - Small Stock – Breeds, Health, Anatomy, Colors and Markings, Feed, Quality Assurance, Body Types, Meat Cuts, and Equipment
- Each contestant will be given a score sheet based on their age division. Score sheets will include a list of possible answers for each station.
    - Juniors will identify or answer numbers 1-10
    - Intermediates will identify or answer numbers 1-15
    - Seniors will identify or answer numbers 1-20
- Once the stations have been completed, each contestant will be given a written quiz based on their age division.
- Stations and quiz scores will be combined to determine the total score.

GENERAL RULES:

- Only contestants and contest officials are permitted in the Skill-a-thon contest area during the competition.
- Contestants cannot confer with each other or their coach at any time during the contest.
- Questions must be directed to Contest Officials only.
- Contest Officials can help with reading aloud if needed.
- Contestants are not allowed to have cell phones or electronic devices on their person during the contest.
- Contestants are encouraged to wear close-toed shoes/boots for safety.
- Contestants are not to pick up or touch any item that is being identified or evaluated, unless otherwise directed by contest officials.
- Rule violations will cause disqualification.

SCORING:

- Highest total score overall wins.
- The records tabulated and submitted by the Judge shall be final, once they have been publicly announced.