

## **JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SKILL-A-THON CONTEST**

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### **SCHEDULE**

**CONTEST CHECK-IN:** 9:00 a.m., December 29

**CONTEST BEGINS:** 9:30 a.m., December 29

**CONTEST RESULTS AND AWARDS:** 4:00 p.m., December 29

**This is the Arizona State Qualifying Contest for teams competing at national level events.**

### **FEES**

1. ~~\$30 per team~~

~~\$10 per additional individual~~

~~Fees must be included with online entry.~~

*Thanks to the generosity of the Kemper and Ethel Marley Foundation, fees for this event have been waived.*

### **ENTRIES**

2. Teams are required to submit entries by midnight, December 27 online at [www.anls.org/show-entry-portal/](http://www.anls.org/show-entry-portal/)

No new teams may be created after the entry deadline.

3. Entries for FFA and 4-H teams should be submitted by the FFA advisor or 4-H club leader.

When entering please create a new account for each team entry.

### **TEAM MAKEUP**

4. Contestants must meet all other rules and regulations of the Arizona National Livestock Show.

5. This contest is open to teams, comprised of up to four (4) individuals and individual contestants. The three highest scores will constitute the team score.

6. Each club/chapter/organizations may register multiple teams per division. There is no limit on the number of additional individuals entered above a four-member team.

7. Competitors do not need to be from the same club/chapter/organization to compete with the exception of Arizona 4-H clubs competing for the high placing Senior Arizona team.

8. If an organization is entering multiple teams, please designate the contestants to each team. Substitutions are allowed at check-in on the day of the event.

9. Teams and individuals will compete in the Junior and Senior Division. The oldest member of a team will determine the division for the team.

10. Divisions

a. Junior Division - consists of teams or individuals whose oldest member is less than fourteen (14) years old on January 1, 2023.

b. Senior Division - consists of teams or individuals with any member fourteen (14) to twenty (20) years old on January 1, 2023.

### **CONTEST FORMAT**

11. The contest will consist of individual and team rotations as follows:

a. Junior division: two (2) team rotations and three (3) individual rotations

b. Senior division: two (2) team rotations and three (3) individual rotations

### **CONTEST RULES**

12. Junior and Senior contestants will complete rotations together, where the rotations are the same for both divisions. Other rotations may have students separated by division.

13. Awards are given for team and individual scores in each division.
14. All team and individual entries need to have their organization listed on the entry.
15. Contest Eligibility:
  - a. Junior and Senior division contestants may not be entered in or have previously completed a college or university level animal science course.
  - b. If a contestant is determined to be ineligible, the team and all contestants entered with the team will be disqualified and ineligible for awards. The individual who entered the team, certifying the eligibility of an ineligible contestant may not be allowed to enter teams in subsequent years.
16. Only contestants and Contest Officials are permitted in the Livestock Skill-A-Thon area during competition.
17. Coaches and other adults will not be permitted to examine rotations prior to completion of evaluation by contestants, unless invited to serve in an official capacity by Arizona National Livestock Show Officials.
18. Contestants cannot confer with each other or their coach at any time during the individual rotations of the contest. Youth contestants must understand that they are required to be silent during the individual rotations. Talking is permitted amongst team members during team rotations only. Violators of this rule will be disqualified.
- Clean notebooks are allowed. Questions must be directed to Contest Officials only.
19. Contestants are encouraged to wear closed-toed shoes/boots for safety.
20. Contestants are not allowed to have cell phones or electronic devices on their person during the contest.
21. Rule violations will cause disqualification, forfeiture of all awards, and the possibility of being barred from future competition.
22. A resource guide for the Skill-A-Thon is available online at [www.anls.org](http://www.anls.org)

<p><b>ARIZONA STATE 4-H QUALIFYING CONTEST</b></p>
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23. Arizona 4-H contestants cannot have competed at the National 4-H Livestock Skill-A-Thon Contest.
24. Designation as the high placing Senior Arizona 4-H team will be verified at the completion of the contest by the Arizona State 4-H office.
25. Senior Arizona 4-H teams competing for the Arizona 4-H High Points awards must designate so on their registration. Failure to designate the team will result in the team not being considered for those awards. Teams and individuals will still be eligible for team and individual awards for the Arizona National Skill-A-Thon. For Arizona competitors, please refer to the Arizona 4-H Policy and Procedures Handbook 12.4.