

SCIOTO COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM EDUCATIONAL LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

SKILLATHON

The Scioto County Skillathon is an optional educational event designed to test the knowledge of 4-H'ers enrolled in beef, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbit, goat, dairy cattle and horse projects.

4-H Advisors may obtain study packets from the Extension Office to help prepare their members for this event. Participants will be scored on a variety of hands-on learning and problem solving activities during this activity.

Members will be divided according to their age for skillathon competition. Ages will be the same as for showmanship classes and will be calculated as of January 1 of the current year. The age categories will be as follows: Junior 9-11; Intermediate 12-14; Senior 15-18.

4-H'ers may compete in any eligible specie category they are enrolled and taking a project in. The Skillathon will be scheduled in July of each year. Please refer to the pre-fair schedule, located in the Advisor Project Requirements, for exact dates and times.

Skillathon awards and placings will be announced during the specie shows at the Scioto County Fair. The top five scoring individuals in each specie area and age division will be recognized with ribbons and/or trophies. There will be no ties. Bonus points will be utilized if a tie needs to be broken. Bonus points will not be calculated in the Outstanding Exhibitor Skillathon score.

If an individual is interested in competing for the Outstanding Exhibitor Award they must participate in the Skillathon event, a designated showmanship class and a project class. Skillathon points will be comprised of their raw skillathon score.

OUTSTANDING EXHIBITOR AWARD

In order to compete in the Scioto County Outstanding Exhibitor Award, 4-H members must compete in the Skillathon, a designated showmanship class and a project class, as outlined for their specie. Members enrolled in beef, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbit, goat, dairy cattle, and horse projects will be automatically entered in this contest if they meet the activity guidelines.

Points will be given to individuals placing first through fifth in each event or class. Participation points will be given to those individuals who participate, but do not place in an event or class. Please note that in order for an individual to receive points in any given class, there must be competition (or at least three) in the event. This includes division and champion classes.

Members enrolled in market, breeding and project animals are eligible to compete in this event. If a member shows more than one project within a specie (i.e. both a breeding and market project or two horse projects) the best score will be awarded. However, if a 4-H'er has a market hog and a breeding gilt project, only the market hog showmanship score will be awarded. If a 4-H'er only has a gilt project, then the gilt showmanship score will apply.

Outstanding Exhibitors will be selected by identifying the top scoring individuals in beef, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbit, goat, dairy cattle and horse projects areas. Scores will be calculated utilizing the following tables.

SHOWMANSHIP CLASS SCORING

Class, 1 st Place	100
Class 2 nd Place	95
Class 3 rd Place	90
Class 4 th Place	85
Class 5 th Place	80
Class Participation	75

Outstanding Exhibitor Continued:

SHOW CLASS SCORING

Overall Champion	100
Overall Reserve Champion	98
Division Winner	96
Reserve Division Winner	94
Class 1 st Place	92
Class 2 nd Place	90
Class 3 rd Place	88
Class 4 th Place	86
Class 5 th Place	84
Class Participation	75

SKILLATHON SCORING

Individual's raw score. Tie breaker points will not be calculated in the skillathon score for Outstanding Exhibitor competition.

Only one individual will be chosen as an Outstanding Exhibitor in each project area. Exhibitors of all ages, within a project area, will compete for this honor. The exhibitor who competes in all three designated specie classes or events and has the highest combined score (according to the activity guidelines), will be recognized as the Outstanding Exhibitor.

Winners will be announced at the Showman of Showman Contest on Friday evening of the Scioto County Fair. A plaques and awards will be presented to each Outstanding Exhibitor.

JUDGING CONTESTS

There are several opportunities for individuals or teams to compete in general livestock, horse and other types of judging contests. Scioto County does not hold a contest, however, you may find a listing of these opportunities in newsletters, your Project Requirements or the Extension Office.

Several area clubs and individuals are currently involved in club and county judging teams. If you are interested in being a part of one of these teams, or starting your own, please contact the Extension Office.

CARCASS CONTESTS

Please refer to the “Carcass Contest” section of your Project Requirements for more detailed information on this very educational event.

Members must be enrolled in this county activity by May 1 and identify their animal according to county guidelines in order to be eligible to compete in this activity. This event is open to beef, sheep and swine project areas.

Because this is a county activity and not a project exhibited at the fair, the Scioto County Agricultural Society does not pay premiums for this event. However, sponsors do provide prize money and awards to top placing individuals.

It is up to the individual to make arrangements to sell their own carcass animal. Individuals may wish to take the meat home for their own consumption. A slaughter and processing fee will be charged for each animal.

4-H'ers enrolled in this activity must submit the appropriate forms prior to the event to ensure space at the slaughter plant for their animal. See section “X” for exact forms and deadlines associated with this activity.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

This mandatory activity is required by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, the Scioto County Agricultural Society and the Scioto County Junior Fair.

All 4-H members enrolled market beef, market sheep, market swine, market poultry, market rabbit, any goat project and all dairy cattle projects (and wishing to exhibit and compete at the Scioto County Fair or the Ohio State Fair) must be verified as attending a Scioto County Quality Assurance (Q.A.) Session for the current year and complete a Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) for their animal. Session information and forms will be available from the Extension Office and club advisors.

Youth who do not attend a Scioto County Q.A. Session, and/or complete a DUNF for their market or lactating animal, are ineligible to compete and exhibit their animal at the Scioto County (or State Fair) in these project areas.

4-H Advisors must inform youth of these rules and guidelines. However, it is the responsibility of the youth (and their parent or guardian's) to see that they attend a Q.A. Session and complete a DUNF. **No make-up Q.A. Sessions will be offered in Scioto County.**

DUNF forms will be distributed to club advisors at the pre-fair meeting or will be available at the Fair. Completed forms will be collected as the market animals are weighed and at check-in for goats and dairy cattle. All animals must be residue free at time of show, sale and slaughter. All forms must be properly completed and signed by the exhibitor and their parent in order for them to be valid and acceptable.

Contact the Extension Office if you have any questions concerning these requirements.