2021 Hutchinson Community College “Winter Classic”
Replacement for Kansas Beef Expo Livestock Judging Contest

Coaches and Participants,

I would like to welcome everyone to the 2021 HCC Winter Classic Livestock Judging Contest. The last 18-24 months have been challenging to say the least. It seems we are facing new and difficult obstacles daily. This holds true in all aspects of our lives. With the Kansas State Fair making renovations to the horse arenas on the southeast side of the grounds where we typically host our contests, we will not have access to any buildings at the state fairgrounds during the 2021 Kansas Beef Expo. Therefore, we explored other options and we have secured an awesome facility in Lyons, KS to host our 2021 Winter Classic event. This will take the place of the usual Kansas Beef Expo contest for 2021. We at Hutchinson Community College have remained committed to providing a great learning experience for your students and we are proud to serve as your contest host again this year, albeit in a new format and location for this winter.

HCC also plans to be hosting the HCC Blue Dragon livestock judging classic contest on Friday, April 15th 2021. Location will be determined later, but will most likely be back at the Kansas State Fairgrounds if construction plans go accordingly. Please keep this date in mind as you begin to look ahead to possible spring events to attend. Below you will find changes/updates for the 2021 winter contest highlighted.

**Contest Date:** Friday, December 10th 2021, 9:30 a.m. start time.

**Contest Location:** Bar K Bar Arena & Celebration Centre; 1145 E. US-56 Hwy Lyons, KS 67554

This facility is just as spacious if not bigger than the expo arena at the state fairgrounds for students to be spread out while judging and will be indoors and out of the weather. There will be a vendor in the arena offering concessions, and there are a handful of fast food options and sit down restaurants in Lyons to eat lunch if waiting on results and awards to get done. Teams coming in from out of state or further distances may look at hotel options in McPherson, which is about 30 minutes from the Bar K Bar arena in Lyons. Students will judge inside, but please dress appropriately for December weather.

**Registration:** [https://forms.gle/LdhkUGRxtoDvoFiT6](https://forms.gle/LdhkUGRxtoDvoFiT6) This link will take you to the entry form on Google forms.

8:00 - 9:00 a.m contest morning. You will pay for your teams/individuals, collect cards, and receive class information at this time. Please enter your teams NO LATER THAN 5 pm on Monday December 6th.

Changes to your teams can be made at registration on contest morning, but all students you plan to
bring need to be entered by 5 pm December 6th. We ask one coach, instructor, or parent come into make payment, collect contestants cards, and receive final instructions.

We want to be giving final instructions and breaking students into groups by 9:15 a.m. to start no later than 9:30. Please make arrangements to pay your entry fee the morning of the contest. Students will not be allowed to participate if entry fees are not paid.

**Entry Fee:** $5.00 per contestant Cash or check only. No credit cards accepted. *(Checks made out to: Hutchinson Community College Livestock Judging Team)*

**Classes:** You can expect a total of 8-10 classes. Any combination of breeding and market cattle, swine, sheep, and/or goats can be expected, depending on livestock availability. Expected progeny differences (EPD’s) may also be used on breeding classes.

**Questions:** New for 2021 – ALL contestants will be answering 10 total questions. 5 questions will be asked on one class and 5 on another for a total of 10 questions valued at 5 points a piece. One questions score out of a possible 50 points will be included to each contestants overall total. Those contestants also giving reasons can expect to answer questions on the two species they ARE NOT giving reasons on. For example, if Market Hogs and Breeding Does are the reasons classes, then Bulls and Market Lambs could be the questions classes.

**Reasons:** Reasons are anticipated to begin at 11:45 a.m. and conclude no later than 1:30 p.m. Lunch will not be provided. All teams competing in the reasons category will give 2 sets of reasons.

**Divisions:** Please clearly indicate on the entry form which division your students will be competing in. The senior division is for the 10-12th graders (Sophomores through Seniors in High School), intermediate division is 7-9th graders (7th grade through Freshmen in High School) and junior division is 6th grade and under. Within each age groups, students/teams can participate in reasons or the placings only division. Please note: even if you have “Greenhand” students that are older than freshmen in high school, they will need to be entered in the appropriate division in accordance with our rules.

- **A.** Senior Division (10th-12th Grades) – Reasons and Questions
- **B.** Senior Division (10th-12th Grades) – Questions
- **C.** Intermediate Division (7th-9th Grades) – Reasons and Questions
- **D.** Intermediate Division (7th-9th Grades) – Questions
- **E.** Junior Division (6th Grade and younger) – Reasons and Questions
- **F.** Junior Division (6th Grade and younger) – Questions

**Critique:** An official description of the classes with placings and cuts will be provided immediately after the conclusion of reasons.

**Results:** Mike Roeber will once again be scoring the contest. We appreciate Mike for coming down and doing an accurate and efficient job as always. We anticipate having results ready 2-3 hours after the
completion of the contest. Any awards won need to be picked up at the contest, or other arrangements need to be made. They will not be mailed out.

**Coaches and Advisors:** We will need coaches/advisors to serve as group leaders. Group leaders will be given a large manila envelope for contestants to drop cards in and that envelope will be collected by a contest representative at the conclusion of each class rotation to be taken to the scoring room. We will try to keep as many classes around after the contest for you and your students to re-visit if necessary.

**Expectations:** We expect there to be no talking amongst contestants during any portion of the contest, and no contestants are permitted to be on an electronic device of any kind. All contestants will receive one warning before being broken into groups on contest morning. Any contestants caught talking to anyone other than if asking their group leader a question, or on an electronic device will have their cards pulled and will be removed from the contest. Reasons contestants will not be permitted to talk to their teammates or other contestants at any point until after reasons are finished. If any contestant is caught talking during reasons or is on an electronic device, they will be removed from the contest. It is the responsibility of the coaches/advisors to relay the seriousness of the no-talking and no-electronics rules. There will be no wiggle room or gray area on this. Contestants will be removed from the contest if they are talking or on an electronic device; no questions asked.

We are looking forward to making this year’s event a successful one. Although this will be a different format and location for 2021, we feel it will still serve as a great learning opportunity for your students. Please feel free to contact me with questions concerning the contest.

Sincerely,

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