



To: Livestock Judging Team Coaches

From: Greg Young, Livestock Director

Subject: 2012 Dixie National Beef Judging Contest

The Dixie National Livestock Show cattle judging contest has become one of the premiere collegiate judging contest in America. The facilities, qualified officials, good classes and great organization are the reasons that this contest is undergoing tremendous growth. We would like to issue you an invitation for your livestock judging team to participate in this outstanding contest.

The contest will be held February 11, 2012 at 7:30 a.m. in the Equine Center on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds. Enclosed is a copy of the rules and an application. Please return the completed application if you plan to participate by February 2, 2012.

I have reserved a block of rooms at the Quality Inn (601-969-2141). The hotel is located just across the street from the fairgrounds on Greymont Street. To make reservations, please call and request the block of rooms for the Dixie National Beef Judging Contest. Reservations will need to be made prior to February 2, 2012. The Awards Breakfast will be held at the Trade Mart on the fairgrounds.

We are making every effort to make this a great contest and we certainly hope that your team can be here to make this contest a success.

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DIXIE NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE BEEF JUDGING CONTEST

Superintendent: Tommy Shields

Asst. Superintendents: Kipp Brown, Rick Brown, John Gieseemann

SCHEDULE:

February 10 - 7:00 p.m. - *Coaches Meeting – at (Trade Mart) on the fairgrounds

February 11 - 7:30 a.m. - Contest - Expo Center

February 12 - 8:00 a.m. - Awards Banquet – Trade Mart

*Coaches who do not attend the coaches meeting must notify the Dixie National Livestock Office by February 10, 4:30 p.m., of their intentions to either enter or withdraw from the contest. Failure to do so will result in automatic disqualification.

RULES:

1. There will be a contest for senior colleges and a contest for community colleges. Contestants will judge the same classes together, but will give reasons to different reason takers. Scoring will be separate for senior colleges and community colleges.
2. All senior colleges and community colleges in the U.S., which offer a degree or program in animal science, are eligible to enter.
3. All rules concerning Senior and Community Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contests as adopted by the National Coaches Association will be strictly adhered to unless otherwise stated.
4. Teams may be entered in this contest by filing an entry application or letter to the Dixie National and by sending the entry fee of \$15.00 per contestant to the Dixie National Livestock Show, Beef Judging Contest, P.O. Box 892, Jackson, MS 39205. The team coach certifying that all members of the team are eligible for entry in this contest must sign this application for entry officially. Entry deadline is February 2, 2012.
5. Each senior or community college will be permitted to enter (1) team. Each team will consist of no less than five (5) and no more than seven (7) contestants with the top five (5) scores overall designated for team scoring in each division and overall placing. Alternates will be allowed to compete for individual honors.
6. Coaches will designate their team members at the coaches meeting on February 10, 7:00 p.m.
7. Eligibility of contestants: Contestants will be regularly enrolled in a senior or community college, which offers a degree or program in animal science.
8. Senior College contestants entering this contest will not be eligible to enter future Beef judging contests at the Dixie National with the exception of a community college contestant entering later as a senior college contestant. Community College contestants are eligible to judge a second year.
9. No team member or coach will be allowed to enter the show barns 24 hours prior to the contest.
10. There will be a total of twelve (12) Classes to judge and reasons will be given on 8 classes.
11. Classes will consist of Market, European, British and Brahman breeds.
12. It will be attempted to have a minimum of one (1) performance class per each breeding division. If records are available they will be utilized in all breeding classes. At least one (1) performance class in each breeding division, if available, will be a reasons class.
13. On each class, the contestants will be allowed 15 minutes to make their observations, record their placings, and take notes to assist them in oral reasons. Contestants will be notified two (2) minutes before time is up, when at such time they will automatically hand their cards to the group leader.
14. After placing all classes in the contest, the contestant will appear before the official judge to give oral reasons substantiating their placings on the eight (8) designated reasons classes. Each contestant will be allowed two (2) minutes to give their reasons on each class. A contestant will not be allowed to hold any paper, card or device of any kind that will assist them in giving their reasons before the judge.
15. The final scores will be based on 50 points on each placing or 50 points on each set of reasons.
16. No contestant will wear any uniform, college colors or belt buckle or shall they in any way signify to the official judge their identity or the identity of the college they represent.
17. While the contest is in progress, there is to be no conferring between contestants or between contestants and coaches or anyone else, except as directed by the Superintendent or his representative.
18. Ties will be broken by a method determined by the Superintendent. No duplicate awards will be given.
19. Senior College coaches may be used to take Community College contestants' reasons.
20. Contestants or any coach found in violation of these rules will be barred from future competition and their team disqualified from any and all awards. The decisions of the Superintendent on all matters concerning the contest will be final.

APPLICATION FOR ENTRY

**DIXIE NATIONAL SENIOR INTERCOLLEGIATE
Or
DIXIE NATIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE (circle one)**

NAME OF SCHOOL _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

NAME OF COACH _____

NAMES OF CONTESTANTS:

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

Do you plan to attend the coaches' meeting - yes/no (circle one)

Is entry fee (\$15.00 per contestant) enclosed - yes/no (circle one)

Signature of this application by the judging team coach certifies that all team members are eligible for entry in this contest and further, that you and team members agree to abide by the General Rules and Regulations of the Dixie National Livestock Show that may pertain to you or your team members.

Livestock Judging Team Coach