

4-H ROUNDUP MOHAIR JUDGING CONTEST GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION

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OBJECTIVE

The Mohair Contest tests a 4-H members knowledge and ability to determine the grade, rank, and categorize mohair. The contest provides an opportunity for youth to compete and develop skills that can be used on an angora ranching operation, within the mohair industry, or agricultural teaching field.

TEAM AND CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY

1. **NEW** The wool judging contest is a senior only (high school age 4-H members as of 9/1/2020) Invitational contest. Only 2 (two) teams per county will be eligible to compete. There is not a District Qualifier requirement, however, we encourage areas with heavy participation in Wool Judging consider offering contest opportunities.
2. Teams consist of three or four members. In teams in which there are four members, all will compete, but the member receiving the lowest score will be declared the alternate.
3. In the event of a team/individual tie, the tie breaker will be the team/individual with the highest rail score. If the rail score doesn't break the tie, then it moves to overall reasons, then placings, and finally reasons score from hardest to easiest placing class.

CONTEST METHOD OF CONDUCT

1. The contest will be divided into two areas: fleece evaluation of grading rail and mohair placing and reason classes.
2. The contest will be conducted using a scantron or evaluation sheet.
3. While completing the competition, there will be no conferring between contestants or between a contestant and anyone else except as directed by contest officials.
4. Contestants may use an unmarked clipboard and blank scantron or evaluation sheet. Contestants may bring no books, notes, measuring devices or other reference material into the contest area. Contest officials reserve the right to check contestant's clipboard and scantron to make sure they are blank. Violators are subject to contest dismissal.
5. Contestants should handle the fleeces with care and respect for fellow contestants. Fleeces should not be rough handled in any manner. Mohair locks should be pulled with care and only the minimum amount needed to complete

reasons. Contestants will be warned for inappropriate mohair handling and contestants can lose their privilege to handle fleeces or take samples.

FLEECE EVALUATION OF GRADING RAIL

1. The contest will consist of a 30-mohair sample rail for a total score of 300 points. The rail will be divided into two 15-mohair sample rails. Contestants will have 30 minutes for each 15-mohair sample rail.
2. The grading rail consists of six quality grades that are worth 10 points each. If the contestants are one box off from the official grade than the contestant is awarded 5 points; **except for kempy, which is an all or nothing grade.**
3. Contestants must determine the quality grade of each sample. Each row in Table 1 contains a mohair quality grade. For this contest, grades are categories by super kid, kid, yearling, fine adult, adult, and kempy. It is important that contestants do not remove a sample from the box that it is in.

PLACING CLASSES AND REASONS

1. Contestants will place four fleeces within a class based weighting the following characteristics: Finess and Uniformity (40%), Length (20%), Character (10%), Purity (10%), Condition and Yield (10%), Softness (5%), and Luster (5%). More detailed information is available within the Wool and Mohair Judging Manual (AS3-4.058).
<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/Judging-Wool-and-Mohair.pdf>
2. Each placing class is worth 50 points.
3. There will be four classes.
4. Contestants will have 15 minutes per class.

AWARDS

Individual and team awards will be announced after the contest. The top 3 overall teams and individuals will be recognized during the Wednesday Evening Assembly.

Top 5 Teams - Overall
Top 5 Teams - Mohair Rail
Top 5 Teams - Placings and Reasons

Top 10 Individuals - Overall
Top 10 Individuals - Mohair Rail
Top 10 individuals – Placings and
Reasons