

***LIVESTOCK
CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT AT
SLE***

RULES AND REGULATIONS

TEAM COMPETITION



ALABAMA FFA ASSOCIATION

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Livestock Career Development Event is to measure the students' knowledge in the following categories: To make accurate observations of livestock; To determine the desirable traits of animals; To make logical decisions based on these observations; To discuss and to defend their decisions for their placing; To instill an appreciation for desirable selection, management and marketing techniques; To become proficient in communicating in the terminology of the industry and the consumer; and to identify the criteria used in grading livestock.

OVERVIEW

FFA District and State Livestock contest are held in conjunction with SLE Rodeo. SLE rules are listed below however, there will a few differences which are listed under **CLARIFICATION TO SLE RULES:**

**2024 Southeastern Livestock Expo Livestock Judging Contest
Wednesday, March 6th, 2024 Garrett Coliseum Complex
1555 Federal Drive
Montgomery, Alabama 36107**

SLE GENERAL RULES

1.) ELIGIBILITY:

Competition is open to Youth, 4-H and FFA Members, and Agricultural Colleges in the United States. There is no limit on the number of teams that may come from a State, 4-H Club, or FFA Chapter, or University or College. Contestants cannot be entered on more than one (1) team.

Junior 4-H/FFA Division:

4-H and FFA members that are between 9 and 13 years old on January 1, 2024. There will not be a Novice Division, but those under 4-H age (less than 9 years old as of January 1, 2024) wishing to participate will be eligible to "move up" and compete in the Junior 4-H/FFA Division.

Senior 4-H/FFA Division:

4-H and FFA members that are between 14 and 19 years old on January 1, 2024

NOTE:

Even if a Senior 4-H/FFA Division Participant has judged at the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest (NAILE-Louisville, KY) or the National FFA Livestock Evaluation CDE (National FFA Convention-Indianapolis, IN) they are **still** eligible to judge in the SLE Senior 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest if they meet the age requirement stated above.

Collegiate Division:

This contest is open to Agricultural Colleges in the United States offering a B.S. or A.S. degree in Agriculture.

2.) Entries:

Entries must be completed **ONLINE** by **11:59 PM SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25th** at [SLE Livestock Judging Contest \(slerodeo.com\)](http://slerodeo.com). **MAIL-IN ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. WHILE PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES CAN BE MADE AFTER THE 25TH, NO NEW ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE 25TH.** Entry fees are \$25 per person (credit card or check) if paid online/postmarked by February 25th. **IF PAYMENT IS POSTMARKED AFTER THE 25TH, OR DELIVERED AT THE CONTEST, ENTRY FEE WILL BE \$30 PER PERSON.**

Make check payable to: Southeastern Livestock Exposition.

Mail checks to:

Southeastern Livestock Exposition
Attn: Reid McGuire 201 S. Bainbridge St.
Montgomery, AL 36104

3.) The Junior 4-H/FFA Division and the Senior 4-H/FFA Division will consist of a maximum of four (4) members per team and a minimum of three (3) members per team with the top three (3) scores constituting the team score. States, 4-H Clubs, and FFA Chapters may have multiple teams and alternates. Junior age 4H/FFA members will be allowed to “move up” and participate in the Senior Division.

4.) Each Collegiate Team shall consist of up to six (6) contestants from each college or university. The top five (5) high scoring individuals will constitute the team score. Universities and Colleges may have multiple teams and alternates.

5.) CLASSES:

Junior 4-H/FFA Division: 6 placing classes and 3 sets of 10 questions.

Senior 4-H/FFA Division: 12 placing classes and 4 sets of oral reasons.

Collegiate Division: 12 placing classes and 8 sets of oral reasons.

6.) Teams are to report to the Garrett Coliseum Lobby to check in, and immediately be seated in the Coliseum stands.

7.) You **WILL NOT** be able to add Contestants the day of the Contest, but you may substitute.

9.) All contestants must have #2 lead pencils. All contestants must bring their own notebooks or paper for taking notes for oral reasons and questions. Participants will be provided a contestant number that will identify them throughout the duration of the Contest. **Scantron Sheets will be used for ALL Divisions.**

10.) Talking or conferring during the contest is prohibited. The contestant cannot wear any markings, clothing items or jewelry that reveals identity or area of residency. **Personal communication devices are prohibited.**

Contestants talking to anyone, but a group leader may be disqualified.

11.) Contestants will be allowed twelve (12) minutes to evaluate all classes. Signals will be given to start the class and at various intervals to indicate time remaining. When the final signal is given, contestants will turn their back to the class.

12.) Lunch will be provided for all contestants during a break period in the contest. Coaches and leaders should plan to meet their contestants at the conclusion of their contests. **REMEMBER, the Junior 4-H/FFA Division will conclude before lunch time and the other Divisions will not conclude until later in the afternoon.**

13.) The Executive Committee of the Southeastern Livestock Judging Contest will interpret and enforce all rules contained here within and will rule on any other matters that may occur, of which, their decision will be final.

CLARIFICATION TO SLE RULES:

We need to clarify some of the SLE Judging/District and State Livestock CDE rules and how they will be enforced on the FFA side.

1. You can bring as many teams as you want under the jr. and sr. division. (Remember you are paying for those teams)
2. You must indicate with Alabama FFA, which team you would like to compete for district and state Banners. Once we receive your registration, we will give your further instruction on how you will indicate your District/State team. The selected team will use your Chapter ID and the others will be assigned a different number. The other teams will not receive any Alabama FFA banners regardless of how they perform.
3. The team you select to compete for Alabama FFA District/State **cannot** have competed at nationals.