

## **DEPARTMENT L – CONTESTS**

**Rules:** See Rules Governing Entries, Exhibitions and Awards and General Rules.

### **DIVISION 1 – LIVESTOCK JUDGING**

Superintendent - Tammy Hyatt – [tammyhyatt.mi@gmail.com](mailto:tammyhyatt.mi@gmail.com)

Friday, Walker Barn Registration 9-9:30 am - Contest begins at 9:30 am

1. Participants will judge 2 classes of each species: beef, sheep, swine & 1 class of market goats.
2. Seniors will give one set of oral reasons on the class the judge selects.
3. Contestants will be split by age.

Class 9901: Sprouts 5-7 years

Class 9902: Juniors 8-13 years

Class 9903: Seniors 14-19 years

### **DIVISION 2 – SWEEPSTAKES SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST**

Superintendents - Marie Curell and Kristine Bickel

Saturday, 6 p.m. Walker Barn

1. Departments: Horse, Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Goats (per Goats, Rule #11), Rabbits, Poultry and Dogs will compete in Sweepstakes Showmanship. The contest will be open to the Supreme Showman winner in each department if the winner has attained the age of 15 as of January 1. If the Supreme Showman is not 15, the advanced senior showmanship winner in that department will compete.
2. If an exhibitor wins in multiple areas, it is the exhibitor's choice as to which species he/she will show. The exhibitor must declare the species he/she will show by Wednesday by 8:00 pm to the species and sweepstakes superintendents.
3. Each showman will show all species in round robin format with each exhibitor showing his/her animal during the final round of competition. Prior to the final round, each exhibitor will have five (5) minutes to allow for the exhibitor to fit their animal.
4. In the interest of good sportsmanship, each exhibitor must assist fellow exhibitors in learning the showmanship of their particular species.
5. Each contestant will be judged on his/her ability to handle and present that animal to its breed standard. The contestants will be judged on their appearance, questions and ability to follow the judge's instructions.
6. Each contestant will be ranked 1st through 9th on each species by the judge.
7. The final placing will be based on total points with 1st place getting 1 point, 2nd getting 2 points, etc. contestant with lowest total points will prevail.
8. Ties will be broken as follows: Individual with the most 1st places will prevail; if a tie still exists, the individual with the most 2nd places will prevail and so forth.
9. All judges will be at least 20 years of age and will in no way be related to contestants in the contest. Judges will be current judges if available, or judges from surrounding counties.
10. Judges will be hired by the sweepstakes showmanship superintendents three months prior to the fair. Judges will receive a uniform packet of information including score sheets and expectations.
11. All sweepstakes participants must meet in the Walker Barn at 6:00 pm on Friday night of the fair.
12. If a contestant is not present at the time of show or is disqualified, a suitable replacement animal will be picked by the sweepstakes superintendent and species superintendent, so that all species will be represented and judged.
13. Any substitution and/or addition of animals in a species must be approved by both the species and sweepstakes showmanship superintendents.
14. Do not sign up for this class; winners from each area automatically are entered by Superintendents.

#### **Awards:**

Champion Showman, Reserve Champion Showman, 1st-6th

### **DIVISION 3 – CHALLENGED ME SHOW**

Saturday AM, Walker Barn

1. This contest/show is open only to Challenged Me Club members and their coaches.
2. Challenge Youth: must meet eligibility of the Challenge Me club and be enrolled in the Challenged Me club by the orientation deadline to participate in the Challenged Me show.

Class 9910: Challenged Me Showmanship

### **DIVISION 4 – EMSF ALL SPECIES SKILLATHON**

**Sunday, 2-5 pm - in EMSF Recreation dome**

Superintendent - McKenna Lynch-Weiss

1. Open to any Eastern Michigan State Fair exhibitor ages 5-19 as of January 1 of the current year.
2. Any specific rules will be outlined at the testing site.
3. Skillathon will be held during check-in on Sunday from 2-5 pm only.
4. Results will be announced at the completion of sweepstakes on Saturday.
5. Prizes will be awarded in each age category.
6. The Skillathon will include a written test consisting of questions related to any of the species shown at the fair (Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Goats, Rabbits, Poultry, Horses, and Dogs). The skillathon contest may also be comprised of practical tests such as breed, feed, or meat cut identification.
7. Contestants may not talk to each other. Questions for information or clarification of instructions should be directed to group leaders or officials. If contestants are caught talking or cheating, they will be removed from the contest.

Class 9920: Sprouts, 5-7 years

Class 9921: Junior, 8-10 years

Class 9922: Intermediates, 11-13 years

Class 9923: Senior, 14-16 years

Class 9924: Advanced Senior, 17-19 years

**Awards:** 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Place