1st Annual Nebraska State Fair 4-H Cattle and Goat Fitting Contest

When: Saturday, August 26, 2023, 7:00 PM CST
Where: Five Points Bank Arena
Who: 4-H Exhibitors with eligible animal entries at the 2023 Nebraska State Fair 4-H Livestock Show
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Deadline to Register: Thursday, August 10 at 8 PM CST
Registration Fee: $30/team
Maximum Registered Teams: 20 per species
Note: Registration will be completed by the local Extension Office through an online form.

Goat Fitting Contest Regulations

The contest will be open to the first 20 registered teams. Teams will be registered through their local County Extension Office through an online form. All teams must consist of exhibitors with eligible entries at the 2023 Nebraska State Fair 4-H Show. Each team must be comprised of the following regulations:

- Each team member must be from the same county or an adjacent county to complete a team.
- Each team must be comprised of two members.
- Each team must have at least one member 13 and under (Intermediate division at the NSF).
- One team member must provide the animal used in the contest (see animal guidelines below). The other team member is not required to be a goat exhibitor.

Goat Fitting Contest Rules

1. The goat fitting contest will be 30 minutes in length. A 10-minute warning will be given. At the end of the 30-minute allotted time, clippers down and work stopped.
2. The animal must be provided by the team, being an eligible goat entry at the 2023 Nebraska State Fair 4-H Show. The animal must also be owned by one of the team members.
3. Each animal must be completely clean and dry.
4. Limit of two plug-in outlets per team.
5. Students will be judged based upon the following criteria:
   1. Quality of workmanship
   2. Team Skills – Compatibility & Organization
   3. Compatibility of the use of various types of grooming equipment and supplies.
6. Exhibits will be evaluated based upon a three-judge system. Neatness of individuals and area will be in consideration.
7. Prizes won in the fitting contest MAY NOT be returned to the sponsor of the product for a different product.
8. Contestants will be required to attend a mandatory meeting prior to the contest.
9. Contestants must have their equipment (including stand) set up 30 minutes prior to the contest.
10. When the time is up, one team member will present their animal before the judges. The judges will make comments and announce awards.

NOTE: In case of power outage for one or more stands, a horn will be sounded and all work halts on all teams.
Beef Fitting Contest Regulations

The contest will be open to the first 20 registered teams. Teams will be registered through their local County Extension Office through an online form. All teams must consist of exhibitors with eligible entries at the 2023 Nebraska State Fair 4-H Show. Each team must be comprised of the following regulations:

- Each team member must be from the same county or an adjacent county to complete a team.
- Each team must be comprised of three members.
- Each team must have at least one member 13 years and under (Intermediate division at the NSF).
- One team member must provide the animal used in the contest (see animal guidelines below). Other team members are not required to be beef exhibitors.

Beef Fitting Contest Rules

1. The beef fitting contest will be 40 minutes in length. A 10-minute warning will be given. At the end of the 40-minute allotted time, clippers down and work stopped.
2. The animal must be provided by the team, being an eligible beef entry at the 2023 Nebraska State Fair 4-H Show. The animal must also be owned by one of the team members.
3. Each animal must be completely clean and dry.
4. Limit of two plug-in outlets per team.
5. Students will be judged based upon the following criteria:
   1. Quality of workmanship
   2. Team Skills – Compatibility & Organization
   3. Compatibility of the use of various types of grooming equipment and supplies.
6. Exhibits will be evaluated based upon a three-judge system. neatness of individuals and area will be in consideration.
7. Prizes won in the fitting contest MAY NOT be returned to the sponsor of the product for a different product.
8. Contestants will be required to attend a mandatory meeting prior to the contest.
9. Contestants must have their equipment (including chute) set up 30 minutes prior to the contest.
10. When the time is up, one team member will present their animal before the judges. The judges will make comments and announce awards.

NOTE: In case of power outage for one or more chutes, a horn will be sounded and all work halts on all teams.

Contest is in partnership between Nebraska State Fair and Nebraska 4-H.