

MASTER SHOWMANSHIP

REVISED March 4, 2015

All winners of their respective species will bring in their own animal to show. The Master Showmanship will be held in the Fiber, Sheep, Swine, Auction, Main Livestock Show Rings and Grass Area behind Swine Barn.

In the Fiber Ring~ Fiber Goats, Pygmy Goats

In the Sheep Ring~ Meat Goats, Dairy Goats, Sheep

In the South Show Ring~ Dairy Cattle

In the North Show Ring~ Beef

In the Swine Show Ring ~ Swine

In the Auction Show Ring ~ Llamas/Alpacas

Grass Area Behind Swine Barn ~ Horses

Time~ Each class is limited to 6 minutes with 2 minutes travel time.

If the situation comes up, contestants who have won showmanship with a market animal and that animal had to be loaded out, it is the contestant's responsibility to find another appropriate animal to show and to let their Superintendent know.

All showmen will show all species. If there is no contestant in an age group in a species, then it is up to the Superintendent to supply an appropriate animal. The additional animal must be a 4-H animal. If none are available, then an open class animal will be used; unless there are not enough animals entered in the shows.

The Master Showmanship Committee reserves the right to remove an animal(s) for safety reasons and replace it with another of the same species.

Awards- Provided by Washington County Livestock Association and individual sponsors.

Show Coordination- The Master Showmanship Committee.

Sign-Up- There will be a sign-up sheet located at the 4-H Office. Contestants are responsible for signing in and picking up their arm band number, contestant's bio sheet (to be returned to the office), and any other information (if needed). This must all be done and turned back in by Saturday 7PM.

Packets- The Master Showmanship Committee will supply the packets to the 4-H Office. Superintendents will be in charge of making the necessary changes to the packet prior to County Fair. Also a short participant biography sheet will be handed out to each contestant; it needs to be completed **BEFORE** Master Showmanship. This will be read out loud to the audience. The packets are located on the 4-H website.

Eligibility- Champions from each species are eligible to compete. Champions have the right to decline showing in Master Showmanship, in the event that this happens the Reserve Champion will be eligible to go in their place. In the event the Reserve Champion declines, no contestant will participate for that age group. If a contestant is Champion in 2 species, they must choose one to represent. The Reserve Champion will be eligible to go in place of the Champion in the alternate species.

Scoring (points) - There will a maximum of 10 points possible per rotation. Scores will run from 0 to 10 (10 highest). Judges may use half points where applicable (with 10.0 being the highest). In the event that a contestant refuses to show the specie, they will be given a score of 0. You must show the animal to get any points for that round. In the event of a tie, the committee will review the scores from all the species of the contestants and the one with the highest ranking in the most species will be the winner.

i.e. Joe Bob's scores look like this:

Swine-10	Dairy Cattle-9	Beef-10
Pygmy Goats-8.5	Sheep-8	Llamas-9
Fiber Goats-5	Dairy Goats-10	Horses- 10

Total of 79.5 points.

Jane Doe's scores looked like this:

Swine-8	Dairy Cattle-9	Beef-9
Pygmy Goats-6.5	Sheep-10	Llamas-10
Fiber Goats-10	Dairy Goats-7	Horse- 10

Total of 79.5 points.

Joe scored higher in Swine, Pygmy Goats, Dairy Goats, and Beef.

Jane scored higher in Fiber Goats, Sheep, and Llamas.

Our Master Showman would be Joe Bob.

Scoring (Cards) - Each judge will have 1 sheet with all the contestants' numbers on it.

This is just an example for armbands:

Dairy:

Junior: 11
Intermediate: 12
Senior: 13

Beef:

Junior: 21
Intermediate: 22
Senior: 23

The first number is the specie, Dairy would be 1 and Beef would be 2. The second number is the age group, 1 would be Junior, 2 would be Intermediate, and 3 would be Senior. This will help keep track of the contestants.

How the show will run:

A half an hour before the show we will have a quick Master Showmanship meeting with the contestants and their group leaders in the Swine Ring. All participants **MUST BE** dressed & ready to show at that time. Attendance is required. We will go over the rules, rotation map, and answer any questions.

We will have a Judges orientation half an hour before the show in the Sheep Ring. We will go over our expectations at that time and answer any questions that may arise. Superintendents must have their contestants and animals in the ring by **NO LATER** than 5 minutes before the show starts. We will rotate clockwise. Each class will have 6 minutes with 2 minutes to rotate. The last rotation will be the contestants showing their own animal. We need to emphasize that we need to stay on time! Once the show is finished the Superintendents will collect the score sheets and turn them into a central location. During the Beef rotation an MC will be reading the participant biographies. One timer will be used. Time will be called over the loud speaker and 2 way radios (if available).

Contestants participating in Master Showmanship must stay with their group leader when moving from species to species. **There will be no talking, reviewing papers, cell phones, texting, or contact with people outside the ring. Parents will not be allowed to walk with the group, they may walk behind, but no communication with the participants until the contest is over. Anyone caught not following these rules will be considered ineligible to win.** It will be at the Master Showmanship Committee's discretion.

Superintendents are in charge of the following:

- ~ Making sure their contestants sign up at the 4-H Office.
- ~ Assigning an adult group leader to guide their contestants to each specie, keep their showmen in their group and help enforce the rules that are stated above.
- ~ Getting a Judge and a handler for each animal.
- ~ Providing animals in the case there is no contestant for their specie. The additional animal must be a 4-H animal. If none are available, then an open class animal will be used; unless there are not enough animals entered in the shows.
- ~ Making sure their contestants and animals are in the show ring on time.
- ~ Collecting the finished score cards and turning them into their ring manager.
- ~ Making sure we stay on time.

****If the Superintendents are not able to be with their contestants, another Leader or Superintendent needs to be there and know what is going on and how the show is to run.**

Winners will be announced at the Awards Ceremony on Sunday evening.

Scores will not be posted

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Judges Guide

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Judges-

- There will be a Judges orientation a half an hour before Master Showmanship in the Sheep Ring. We will be going over our expectations.
- Questions will be asked to all contestants. The questions can only come from the information sheet for that species. The Judges will be asked not to change the questions midway through.
- There is a 6 minute time limit and we need to stay within that allotted time. There is 2 minutes to travel. In the pig show ring, the Swine Judge has the option to take one pig and showman out at a time. This will prevent pig fights.

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****Once you have judged all species please turn your score sheet into your Ring Manager.**

**Thank You for your time
and support!**