

# **GOAT SHOWMANSHIP**

## ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP

The following divisions can participate in this contest: Beef Cattle, Goats, Sheep, Horses, and Swine.

### OBJECTIVES

The goal of the Round Robin is for the top showmen in each of the age divisions to compete for top overall showman awards in a fun and safe manner. Members will learn to work with other 4-H members, and gain showmanship skills for the other species.

### RULES FOR PARTICIPATION

1. Entrants are the Best Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showmen selected by the showmanship classes of the ten divisions listed above.
2. A Junior participant is defined as a member aged 7-9, Intermediate aged 10-13, and Senior aged 14-19 prior to January 1 of the current fair year.
3. The first place individual in the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Showmanship classes must be the person to represent that division UNLESS:
  - A. They qualified in more than one division and they will represent another division, OR
  - B. They wish to forfeit participation this year to allow another member the opportunity to compete.

In these cases the Division Chair will pass the honor on to the second place person. The third place person may only be used if the division chair deems that person to be qualified to compete.

4. If the first through fourth place showman for a division and grade category forfeit participation in the Round Robin, then the division is not eligible to participate that year in that grade category.
5. If a member's club leader or Round Robin Division Chairperson determines after practice that a member cannot safely show each of the animals, the member will not be able to show in the Round Robin. The next eligible member will represent that Division in the Round Robin grade category.
6. All showmen will wear clean, neat jeans, boots, and a button-up shirt (see current Fair Book rules). Safety is the primary concern. Club leaders should be responsible for ensuring proper footwear and attire is worn before participants enter the ring. All entrants must follow the directions of the Chairperson(s) once they have entered the ring.
7. Each entrant will be judged on his/her showmanship skills with each of the different animals brought into the ring for his/her age category. Participants will receive a score from each station; those scores will be totaled to determine the Round Robin Champion for each age division. Showmen will exhibit all the animals, including their own specie. Round Robin information packets will be available online to anyone who wants to view them.
8. Animals should be those used by the entrants, except if deemed unruly or unfit by the division chair, round robin co-chairs, or judges; in that case a similar animal will be substituted.
9. In the event of a tie both individuals will be recognized.

### AWARDS

Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be announced for the Junior, Intermediate and Senior exhibitors. All participants will receive ribbons, with Top Showmen receiving trophies.

## Goat Showmanship Guide

### **A. What side of the animal does the showman stay on?**

-The showman stays on the opposite side of the goat that the judge is standing. (Keep the goat between YOU and the JUDGE at ALL TIMES!)



### **B. How is the halter held?**

-The collar is held under the jawline by the start of the neck (Hold it firm, but not too tight)



### **C. How should the animal be squared?**

-Yes, the animal is squared. Place the front legs in a natural stance, perpendicular to the ground. Place the feet so that the legs are parallel to each other, no wider than the chest floor. Place the rear legs so that the hocks are directly below the pin bones, with the rear cannon perpendicular to the ground.

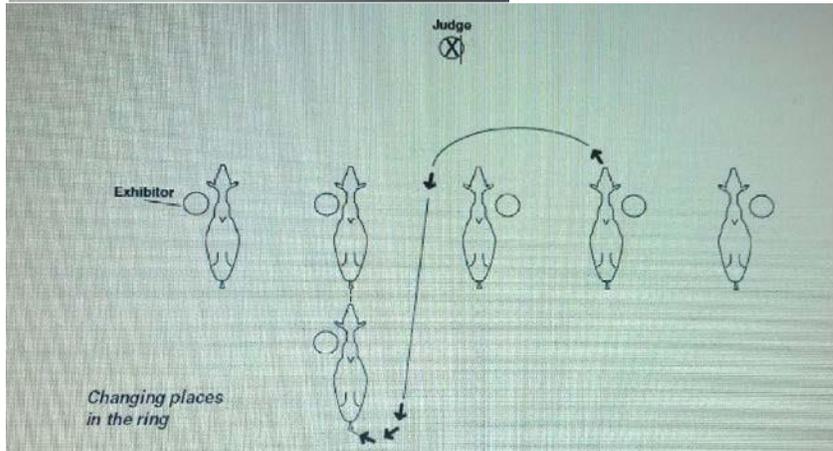
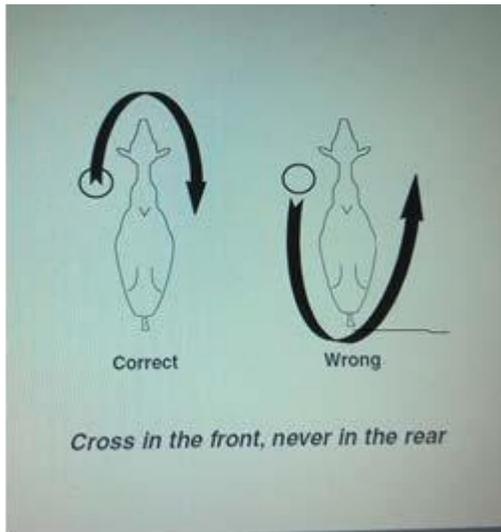


### **D. Only seniors- What tricks will the judges sometimes do?**

- The judge will stand in a position that you may get confused on which side to be on, so do your best and make sure the animal is between you and the judge.

**E. Patterns; How is the animal presented in the ring?**

-Switching sides in order to maintain the animal between you and the judge, moving in and out of other animals in line.



**F. Tips for staying in control of the animal**

- Hold the head at approx. 45 degree angle, walk at a normal pace, and leave space between you and the next exhibitor.