

# **SHEEP 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.

## Sheep Showmanship



Always keep two hands on the sheep and keep the sheep 'sandwiched' between the showman and the judge. When switching sides, the showman should never walk behind the animal. When the judge is behind the animal (above), the showman stands in front of the sheep with his/her knee in the brisket. When the judge is in front of the animal (below left), the showman should stand to one side while holding the sheep's head in place. When the judge is on the side of the sheep, the showman should be on the opposite side (below right).

