

## **Wyoming State 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl Contest**

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This Contest is hosted at the University of Wyoming campus in Laramie, Wyoming.

### **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE –**

#### **CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY**

Youth entries are submitted by either the family or County 4-H Educator and verified through zSuite.

A team will consist of 3- 4 members with the addition of an alternate. Recommended procedure for Quiz Bowl team member substitution is as follows:

1. Each team may name an alternate, and the alternate is expected to attend all rounds of competition in which their team participates.
2. An alternate can be substituted at the conclusion of any phase in a round. No substitutions are allowed within a phase, unless the moderator deems that an individual cannot continue in the competition.
3. If an alternate enters play, he/she must remain in the contest for the rest of that contest.
4. Substitution during the contest needs to be approved by the moderator. In the event that a four-member team enters the competition and one member is unable to continue the competition and there is no designated alternate, the resulting three-member team will be allowed to continue; however, they will forfeit the Phase 1 questions directed toward the fourth team member.

Counties will designate the individuals that make up teams consisting of 4 contestants. Junior team designations can be from junior or intermediate age divisions, while senior teams must be from the senior age division.

Youth will compete in the appropriate age division based on their 4-H age eligibility:

Seniors: age 14 – 18 (as of January 1 of current year)

Intermediates: age 11 – 13 (as of January 1 of current year)

Juniors: age 8 – 10 (as of January 1 of current year)

## **OFFICIALS**

1. Moderator: The moderator assumes complete direction of the contest, asks all questions, designates contestants to answer questions, accepts or rejects all answers as guided by the judge(s), and may seek interpretation of questions and answers from the judges or contestants. The moderator should be knowledgeable in Quiz Bowl procedures, guidelines, and regulations.
2. Judge: A judge can be anyone with a strong background in the subject matter of the Quiz Bowl. The judge will accept or reject any question and/or answer and have the option of explaining the answer. The judge(s) may ask for clarification from a contestant. When possible, at least two judges should be used for Quiz Bowls covering multiple species.
3. Timekeeper: The timekeeper will monitor elapsed time for each timed event and will indicate to the moderator when time has expired. The timekeeper or the moderator will handle the controls of game equipment, depending on the set-up of the equipment.
4. Score Keeper: One or two scorekeepers will keep a running score on each match. One scorekeeper will maintain scores visible to the moderator and contestants, and if possible, the viewing audience. If a second scorer is available, he/she will maintain a written record of all scoring transactions. It is recommended to have two scorekeepers.

## **GENERAL RULES**

1. Teams will be notified prior to the Quiz Bowl when and where they should report.
2. Team Captain: A team captain is designated and should be seated nearest to the moderator (seat 1), who is positioned between the two teams. The captain will remain the captain throughout the contest and will always be seated closest to the moderator.
3. Viewing: Contestants cannot view matches until their team has been eliminated from competition. After their team has been eliminated, contestants may view matches but must remain quiet throughout the event.
  - a. No cell phones or electronic devices are allowed in the contest room. Other specific rules about public and participant viewing will be announced at orientation, just prior to the Quiz Bowl competition.

4. To preserve the fairness of this contest and the integrity of all the contestants who have dedicated their time and effort, no notetaking, recording devices, cameras, mobiles, or computers will be allowed in the contest room(s).
  - a. Failure to observe this rule will result in dismissal from the contest area and possible disqualification of the team.
5. Contest Equipment: Each contestant will be given the opportunity to test the proper functioning of game equipment.
6. Timeouts: Team captain, moderator, judges, scorers, or Quiz Bowl committee members may call for a timeout for clarification of rules, scoring, question and/or answer, or to allow for unexpected problems. Timeouts may be called only after a question has been answered and before the start of the next question.
7. Protests: When a protest is raised, the moderator will call for a timeout. The moderator and judge(s) will consider the protest. In all cases, the decision of the moderator and judge(s) is final. Two minutes are allowed for protests.
  - a. Protest protocol: The team member will raise their hand to be recognized by moderator or judge. Once recognized by the contest judge or moderator, the member may give appropriate contest material to validate protest. At no time should a coach or team member approach the moderator, judges table. or scoring table. Any prohibited approaching by coach or team member will result in immediate dismissal.
  - b. Only one member of a team may protest a question or an answer. The protest may only take place at the time a question is read or during the answer given. Once the moderator has begun the next question, the protest is not valid.
  - c. If a protest is sustained, the moderator will take one of the following actions as deemed appropriate:
    - i. If a question is protested before an answer is given and the protest is sustained, the moderator will discard the question. No loss or gain of points for either team.
    - ii. If an answer is protested (either correct or incorrect), at least one of the judges and the moderator, will determine the validity of the protest. Points will be added or subtracted as appropriate.
    - iii. If a question is protested after an answer is given (correct or incorrect), at least one judge and the moderator, will determine the validity of the protest question. The question may be discarded at no loss of points, or the question may be allowed with the appropriate gain or loss of points, as in the situation above.

- iv. Abuse of protest provisions may result in one or more of the following:  
Dismissal or replacement of the team member; dismissal of the entire team with forfeiture of any points or ranking.
  - v. Spectators, parents and visitors may not protest any questions, answers, or procedures during the course of play. They may, however, submit in writing to the contest officials any suggestions, complaints or protests at the conclusion of the contest.
8. No source of information is infallible. There may at times be answers given to questions in agreement with recommended sources, which are in fact erroneous. Every effort shall be made to eliminate these questions, but in the event of such occurrences, the judges and moderator may challenge the answer to the question. Upon unanimous agreement, judges and moderator may elect to accept only the correct answer or to discard the question with no loss or gain of points to either team.
  9. Team coaches may bring resource materials into the contest room. In the event of a protest, a team member or the coach of the team will have two minutes to use these reference materials to clarify the protest.
  10. Ties: If both teams are tied at the end of a contest match, the moderator will read additional toss-up questions until the tie is broken in a sudden-death round. Sudden death will follow normal game play and rules for a toss-up round.
  11. Aids and Materials: Teams may not use any prepared aids or other resource materials during a match. This includes (but not limited to) pens, pencils, notepaper, scratch paper, and calculators.
  12. Final Score: Once the moderator has declared a winner based on the total team point accumulation, there shall be no protests.
  13. In the event of an incorrect answer, the moderator **WILL NOT** read the correct answer.
  14. Questions will not be re-read.

## **METHODS**

1. The order of teams will be drawn at random. A bye system will be used if an odd number of teams enter the contest. The number of teams participating and the time allowed for the contest will determine the exact procedure followed.
2. Whenever time and space permit, a double elimination procedure will be used. Typically, if eight teams or fewer are entered, a double-elimination procedure will be used.
3. Each match will consist of three phases as described below. In all phases, only the first answer given is accepted and will be ruled as correct or incorrect.

#### **4. Phase One: One-on-One Phase**

- a. Phase One will consist of twelve (12) questions. Each question shall be addressed to contestants in the same seat position from each team, beginning with contestants in seat 1 (closest to moderator), followed by seat 2, 3, and 4 (furthest from moderator). The contestant to buzz in first and is acknowledged by the moderator earns the opportunity to answer the question.
- b. Answers must be started within 10 seconds after the question is read.
- c. Correct answers are worth 1 point. Incorrect answers are a 1 point deduction.
- d. No teammate assistance may be offered or received in this phase.

#### **5. Phase Two: Team Phase**

- a. Phase Two will consist of ten (10) questions. Each team will be asked five questions each on an alternating basis.
- b. Answers must be started within 10 seconds after the question is read.
- c. Correct answers are worth 1 point, with no deductions for incorrect answers.
- d. The team will be allowed to discuss questions before answering, but only the team captain (seat 1) can report the answer. If anyone other than the team captain answers or speaks past the ten-second mark, no points will be awarded.
- e. Team captain may defer to another team member but must inform moderator which member will answer.

#### **6. Phase Three: Toss Up / Bonus Phase**

- a. Phase Three will consist of toss-up and bonus questions with a total of sixteen (16) questions.
- b. Answers must be started within 10 seconds after the question is read.
- c. Toss Up Questions:
  - i. Any team member from either team may buzz in to answer a toss-up question.
  - ii. No teammate assistance may be offered or received in the toss up question.
  - iii. Toss-up questions are worth 1 point each, with a 1-point deduction for incorrect or incomplete answers.
  - iv. Every fourth question will be a toss-up question with a bonus attached.
- d. Bonus Questions:

- i. If a team correctly answers the toss-up question that has a bonus attached, the team will have an opportunity to answer a bonus question.
- ii. Answers must be started within 10 seconds after the question is read (starting an answer after the 10-second buzzer goes off is not acceptable).
- iii. The team may discuss bonus questions prior to answering, but only the team captain can report the answer. If anyone other than the team captain answers or speaks past the ten second mark, no points will be awarded.
- iv. If a team fails to answer the toss-up question, the bonus question **WILL NOT** carry forward to the next question.
- v. When a team fails to answer the question in the allotted time or answer the question incorrectly, the question **WILL NOT** be offered to the opposing team.
- vi. Team captain may defer to another team member but must inform moderator which member will answer.
- vii. Bonus questions are worth 3 points each, with no deduction for an incorrect answer.

#### 7. Team Participation Bonus Points

- a. To encourage full team participation, bonus points will be awarded in Phases 1 and 3 to the teams that have ALL team members correctly respond to a question other than bonus questions. This bonus shall be worth 2 points to either team that qualifies. Team Participation Bonus Points will not be awarded in Phase II or Sudden Death Round Tie Breaker. After having earned this team bonus once within a phase, both teams are eligible to earn additional bonus points by repeating the process specified for team bonus awards.
  - i. To obtain these bonus points, each member of the team seated at the time must have correctly answered a question. If a team member, already having answered a question correctly, is replaced by an alternate, it will be necessary for the alternate to also answer a question correctly before the bonus points may be awarded (if not awarded already).
  - ii. No team will be credited toward a team bonus with a member's second correct response until the first team bonus has been

awarded. Each time team bonus points are awarded, the team may again begin accumulating credits for team bonus points.

8. Scoring

**Phase 1:**

- a. Correct +1 pts.
- b. Incorrect, incomplete, or failing to respond within allotted time -1 pts.

**Phase 2:**

- a. Correct +1 pts.
- b. Incorrect, incomplete, or failing to respond within allotted time No deduction

**Phase 3:**

Toss Up:

- a. Correct +1 pts.
- b. Incorrect, incomplete, or failing to respond within allotted time -1 pts.

Team Bonus:

- a. Correct +3 pts.
- b. Incorrect, incomplete, or failing to respond within allotted time No deduction.

9. Pre-mature buzzing:

- a. When the buzzer is pushed before the question is completely read, the moderator will stop reading and that contestant or team must answer the question after being acknowledged. If the answer is incorrect or incomplete, 1 point will be deducted from the team's score. The judge(s) **WILL NOT** ask for clarification of answers in these instances. Answers must be complete and correct. If a multiple-choice question must be answered before all options are read, the contestant's answer must match the moderator's correct answer exactly, either by letter choice or the corresponding wording of the correct letter.

10. Both teams buzz at the same time:

- a. If the equipment allows a member of each team to buzz in at the same time or locks out all team members due to hitting the button at the same time, and the moderator cannot determine which team member buzzed

first, the question will be discarded and a new one will be selected by the judge(s).

11. The score of both teams will be announced at the conclusion of each Phase.

12. The judge(s) may ask for clarification of answers.

## **PROGRAM WIDE POLICY**

Please be sure to refer to the Wyoming 4-H Policy manual for overall Competition, Events and Activities Policies.

## **CONTEST AWARDS**

Awards will be provided in the following categories for individuals (Jr. Int. Sr.):

- Overall

Team awards will be provided in the following categories (Jr. and Sr Teams):

- Overall

The 1<sup>st</sup> place Senior Team will earn the choice of one of the following trips:

- Western National Round-Up – Denver CO, January 2027
- North American Livestock Exposition – Louisville KY, November 2026
- Arizona National – Pheonix AZ, December 2026

The 2<sup>nd</sup> place Senior Team will choose from the remaining two trips, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place senior team will win the remaining trip, if eligible.

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## **CONTEST RESOURCES**

- 4H 134R Swine Resource Handbook for Market & Breeding Projects – Ohio State University 4H 194R
- Sheep Resource Handbook for Market & Breeding Projects – Ohio State University 4H 117R
- Beef Resource Handbook for Market & Breeding Projects – Ohio State University 4H 135R
- Goat Resource Handbook for Marketing & Breeding Projects - Ohio State University
- Scientific Farm Animal Production An Introduction (11th Edition) by Thomas G. Field (Author), Robert E. Taylor (Author) \Can.be.found.both.in.hardcover.and.eTextbook.on.amazon.com;.

Additionally, there may be limited questions on dairy and small animal production, including poultry and rabbits, from these references:

- National 4-H Curriculum-Poultry 1-3 4H 228R
- Rabbit Resource Handbook – Ohio State University 4H 127R
- Dairy Resource Handbook 4-H 127R – Ohio State University

If you are in need of these resources, please contact your local Extension Agent to ask for the manual, or place an order from the Ohio State University website at: <http://estore.osu-extension.org>.

### **Current Resources:**

Questions may be based on current events in the beef, dairy, goat, sheep, and swine industries. Study major issues that have affected the livestock industry such as: animal diseases, exports, animal ID, environmental issues, and regulatory changes. The following online resources will be used to develop these questions:

- American Sheep Industry Association website at [www.sheepusa.org](http://www.sheepusa.org)
- National Cattlemen's Beef Association website at: [www.beefusa.org](http://www.beefusa.org)
- National Pork Board website at: [www.porkboard.org](http://www.porkboard.org) Pork Magazine (questions related to current industry issues) website at: [www.porkmag.com](http://www.porkmag.com)
- National Pork Producers Council (questions related to current industry issues) website at: <https://nppc.org/pork-industry-issues>
- Beef Magazine (questions related to current industry issues) website at: [www.beef-mag.com](http://www.beef-mag.com)

- American Boar Goat Association: [www.abga.org](http://www.abga.org)
- Poultry: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/27/2025/11/Poultry-Handbook.pdf> , [Poultry-Pullets.pdf](#) , [Poultry-RaisingTurkeys.pdf](#) ,

## **CONTEST AWARDS**

1st place Senior Team – will have the opportunity to attend the following National Contest:

- Western National Roundup, Denver, CO (January 2027)

Various items will be awarded to Junior and Senior teams and individuals.

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