Virtual Beef Show Entry Instructions

Virtual Livestock Shows

Virtual livestock shows provide 4-Hers the opportunity to showcase their livestock projects with other 4-Hers and learn from judges in a safe environment. Your county’s virtual show will give 4-Hers and their livestock the opportunity to be professionally evaluated and be recognized for their hard work, knowledge, and passion.

Minnesota 4-H Virtual Show Format Consists of a Two-Part Series

Part 1 - The Show

In the first part of the virtual judging the 4-Her will be showing their animal for a video recording and/or photo. Showing the animal for the camera is done when it works best for the 4-Her and their family. This video and/or photos will be uploaded prior to the second part of the virtual show. When recording your video, you should treat this part of the virtual judging experience like you would a typical show. You should be dressed in show attire, have your animal clipped and bathed, and in show ready condition.

Part 2 - The Judging

During the conference judging experience 4-Hers will have their submitted video and photos which will be evaluated by a judge who will be given time to provide feedback. During this portion of the experience, 4-Hers will be able to view other entries and read the judge’s response.

During the interview process, 4-Hers will have submitted their answers to the questions on FairEntry. The judge will review your answers and provide feedback and ribbon placing based on your interview answers.

Video Submissions

If you are using a cell phone or tablet to record your presentation you will want to film it in horizontal orientation so that you can best utilize the space provided. Yourself and your animal should fill the video frame, but should not overflow outside of the edges. This will be best achieved when you film holding your phone or camera horizontal. When filming it is important to be at eye level with your subject. During the video recording, 4-Hers should treat the camera and the person holding it as the judge. The video should be filmed in horizontal orientation and remain approximately 15 feet from the animal.

Video Needs

1. At least 60 seconds and may NOT exceed 90 seconds.
2. Tattoo and identification MUST be included in the first 10 seconds of the video.
3. Videos may not be altered or photoshopped in any way.
4. Videos may not have anyone talking or coaching the exhibitor.
5. Show animals must be clean, clipped and fit for show as they would be normally for our in-person show.
6. 4-H’ers must exhibit their own animal.
7. The animal should be the main focus of the video.
Record Pattern

Sample Video - https://mediaspace.umn.edu/media/t/1_vz0bb1dn

- START with the animal set up in the profile show side.
- Proceed to walk the animal forward as if in a show ring, for about 20-30 ft.
- After walking approximately 20-30 ft., turn around and proceed to walk back towards the camera. (It may be helpful to mark a spot so that you know how far to walk, where to turn around, and where to stop.)
- After returning back to the approximate area of where you began, stop and set up the animal.
- Once the animal is set, the person holding the camera should slowly circle the animal while the animal and the 4-Her remain still.
- STOP recording. Your video should not exceed 60 seconds.

Photos

The 4-Her and animal should fill the photo, and should not overflow outside of the edges. This will be best achieved by holding your phone or camera horizontal. When photographing livestock, it is important to be at eye level with the animal.

1. Side view

2. Front view

3. Rear view

4. Top view taken elevated from behind
Judging

The Judge will be given the pictures and videos ahead of the Judging Day for reviewing and placing within the classes. On Judging Day via FairEntry the Judges will be given time to review the videos and gain information from 4-Hers to conclude his/her final decisions in placing the class. On the Judging Day, you will not be showing your animals, the judge will only be judging on the videos that have submitted. When the judge has completed their evaluation of the class, they will share their results and reasons. At the conclusion of the evaluation classes the Judge will conduct showmanship classes.

Showmanship

To participate in showmanship, you must register in your appropriate showmanship class and resubmit ONE of your videos that were entered for class evaluation.