



**1st ANNUAL
ALL-ONTARIO JUDGING COMPETITION
SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2015
ORANGEVILLE, ON**

COMPETITOR'S INFORMATION

Hosted By:





March 2015

All-Ontario Judging Competition Saturday, May 30, 2015

Congratulations on registering to be a Competitor for this competition!

Please find included in this package the following material:

- Registration form
- Waiver of liability
- Letter outlining the program
- Rules and Regulations for the competition
- A copy of the tentative competition schedule
- General competition information
 - Oral Reasons
 - Understanding Cuts

Please do not hesitate to call me for clarification on any of the program material.

I can be contacted by phone 226-230-2461; by fax 519-821-8810; by email

judgingcompetition@jfao.on.ca.

Yours truly,

Jessica Burgess

All-Ontario Judging Competition Committee Chair
Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario



ALL-ONTARIO JUDGING COMPETITION

COMPETITOR REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ BIRTH DATE: _____ AGE: _____

CITY/PROVINCE: _____ P.C.: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ SEX: Male _____ Female _____

COUNTY/JFAO CLUB: _____ CATEGORY (Please Select One):

JFAO Member _____

4-H Member _____

JFAO Alumni _____

JFAO Partner _____

General Public _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT, ADDRESS & TELEPHONE: (If different from above):

		# Required	Subtotal
Daily Activities:	Early Bird (Postmarked April 15, 2015)	\$20.00 x _____	= _____
	Regular (Postmarked by May 1, 2015)	\$25.00 x _____	= _____
Formal Awards Gala:	Early Bird (Postmarked April 15, 2015)	\$30.00 x _____	= _____
	Regular (Postmarked by May 1, 2015)	\$35.00 x _____	= _____
			TOTAL = _____

Registrations and Banquet reservations will not be accepted if postmarked after May 1, 2015

** Please make cheques payable to "Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario" **

Do you have any health and allergy concerns or problems that we should be aware of? Please indicate if you require any special diet.

NAME AND ADDRESS OR EMAIL OF LOCAL HOMETOWN PAPER (for promotional purposes):

PROGRAM AGREEMENT FORM

The All-Ontario Judging Competition will provide an opportunity for Junior Farmer Association of Ontario (JFAO) Members, 4-H Ontario members, JFAO Alumni, JFAO Partners, and general public to participate in a provincial program that combines a high-quality format in which to develop their judging skills. It is also important for the program to build and enhance the JFAO and 4-H Ontario images to the general public and to the companies and organizations that sponsor this activity.

The planning committee and volunteers of the program bear the responsibility of providing the best competition event possible, and of administering the program in a safe and conscientious manner. The success of the program is equally dependent on the competitors in assuming a mature and responsible behaviour while in attendance.

Maximum standards of behaviour for the program include:

1. Possession or use of non-prescription drugs and/or alcohol during day activities is not permitted.
2. Competitors are expected to attend all events in the competition for its duration.

Those who do not adhere to these standards may forfeit the privileges of the program. The competitor may also be ineligible to compete in future All-Ontario Judging Competitions, at the discretion of the committee.

I hereby understand that the competitor contact information will be used so that JFAO may display competition related material (results, competition booklets, etc.) to our visitors and the media.

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD, AND AGREE TO THE CONDITIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT, AND I AGREE TO WAIVE THE JUNIOR FARMERS' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO FROM ANY RESPONSIBILITY

DATE: _____

Signature of Competitor

If the JFAO, 4-H Member or Youth is
under 18 years of age, parent or
guardian must sign.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

I UNDERSTAND THAT NON-PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND/OR ALCOHOL ARE NOT PERMITTED. IF I AM CAUGHT WITH EITHER, I WILL BE EXCUSED FROM THE EVENT AND MAY BE INELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN THE FUTURE, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMITTEE

DATE: _____

Signature of Competitor

If the JFAO, 4-H Member or Youth is
under 18 years of age, parent or
guardian must sign.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Early Bird Deadline for application is April 15, 2015
Final Deadline for application is May 1, 2015

JUNIOR FARMERS' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO WAIVER OF LIABILITY

No claim for injury to any person or property shall ever be asserted nor suit instituted or maintained against the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario, the Orangeville Agricultural Society Event Centre, its officers or agents, by or on behalf of any visitor, or any person, firm or corporation or their agents, representatives or employees, having license or privilege to exhibit in the area or occupying any space therein.

I hereby authorize the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario to use any photographs of me taken as part of this competition to be used for promotional use of this program on their websites or in publications as deemed necessary by JFAO.

We require signatures indicating that competitors agree to these conditions.

I, _____ HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE TO THE
Name of Competitor (please print)

CONDITIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT, AND I AGREE TO WAIVE JFAO FROM ANY
RESPONSIBILITY.

DATE: _____

Competitor's Signature

If the 4-H Member or Youth is under
18 years of age, parent or guardian
must sign.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

RETURN TO JFAO OFFICE ALONG WITH THE COMPETITION REGISTRATION FORM



March 2015

Dear Competitor:

Congratulations on signing up to represent your county at this year's 1st Annual All-Ontario Judging Competition. This competition is held **Saturday, May 30, 2015**. **Please read all of the material carefully, as there is very important information about the competition.**

THE PROGRAM

The program is a competition format. You are expected to come prepared to compete and to judge multiple species of livestock and crops and complete quizzes. There will be information boards present at each station to assist those who are unfamiliar with judging.

An outline of the program is included in this package. Our program depends on partnership dollars, as the registration fees collected do not cover all of the costs of this program.

THE PARTNERS

The majority of the costs are covered by the partners of this program. We encourage you to thank them whenever the opportunity arises.

THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The All-Ontario Judging Competition is planned and organized by a committee of volunteers of the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario Membership. The program is facilitated by the planning committee and volunteers.

REGISTRATION FEE – There are registration fees which are applicable. These fees can be found on the *Competitor Registration Form*. The daily fee includes lunch and a token of appreciation for all competitors. The Formal Awards Gala includes dinner, banquet, and admission to the dance, which will follow the awards banquet. **Please mail your registration fee (made payable to the Junior Farmers Association of Ontario), along with your registration form, to the Junior Farmer's Association of Ontario office.** Accommodations and transportation are at the expense of the Competitor.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to and from the competition and Awards Gala are at the expense of the Competitor.

ACCOMMODATIONS

While the competition is a day-long event, we encourage you to stay for the evening's Formal Awards Gala. Accommodations are at the expense of the competitor. We have blocked off 25 rooms under the name "Judging Competition" at the **Best Western Plus Brampton, 30 Clark Boulevard, Brampton, ON** until **April 29, 2015** at a rate of \$95.99 + tax per night. Hotel Phone No. 905-454-1300. It is located about 35 minutes from the Orangeville Agricultural Society Fairgrounds. The hotel has a heated pool,

complimentary breakfast, and free parking. **Please Note: Competitors are responsible for booking and paying for their own accommodations.**

MEALS

Lunch will be supplied if you have purchased a Daily Activities registration. Dinner is included in your Formal Awards Gala ticket. If you require a special diet, please note it on your registration form.

REGISTRATION

Competitors - Please complete the attached Registration, Program Agreement Form, and Waiver of Liability and return it to the JFAO Office with a cheque payable to the "Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario" or "JFAO", for the applicable fees, by the specified date, as outlined on your Competitor Registration Form.

Registration is at the Orangeville Agricultural Society Event Centre at 9:00 am on Saturday, May 30, 2015. This is the official start of the competition.

EMERGENCIES

If your family must contact you in the case of emergency while at the competition, a message can be left for you, by calling Jessica Burgess at 226-230-2461, or emailing judgingcompetition@jfao.on.ca.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, please contact the Jessica Burgess at 226-230-2461 or E-Mail: judgingcompetition@jfao.on.ca.

We look forward to seeing you at the 1st Annual All-Ontario Judging Competition!

Sincerely,

Jessica Burgess

All-Ontario Judging Competition Committee Member
Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario



All-Ontario Judging Competition RULES AND REGULATIONS

Objectives of the Competition

1. To provide an opportunity for Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario (JFAO) Members, 4-H Ontario members, JFAO Alumni, JFAO Partners, and general public from across Ontario to attend and participate in the All-Ontario Judging Competition and compete in an Ontario Provincial competition.
2. To foster the future development of young judges for the agricultural industry in Ontario.
3. To provide a high-profile and competitive judging experience.

Eligibility

1. **Competitors must be: a current JFAO Member (15-29 years of age as of January 1st of the year of the competition); a current 4-H Ontario Member (9-21 years of age as of January 1st of the year of the competition); a JFAO Alumnus; or, a current JFAO Partner. All others will be considered 'General Public'.**
2. All competitors must complete and sign a registration/program agreement form.
3. Competitors must pay a registration fee to the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario. Registration/Program forms and applicable fees must be **sent to the JFAO Office by the dates specified in the Competitor Registration Form.**
4. There is a limit of 280 competitors in the program. Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served bases. **Competitors may compete more than once in the program, with the exception of the Grand Aggregate winners, who cannot return to the competition in future years.**

Judging

1. Participants will compete in judging livestock, crops, and Lifeskills classes and provide oral reasons in those classes identified. There will be no demonstrations provided. Participants will also complete quizzes.
2. A total of 12 minutes per class is allotted to judge each class.
3. Once the Judging part of the competition finishes, all competitors are expected to remain part of the group for the remainder of the competition.
3. Competitors caught working together or seeking coaching during the competition will be **disqualified**.
4. No prior written documentation will be allowed when judging classes.
5. **No electronic devices will be allowed during the competition. i.e.: cell phone, camera, etc. Any competitors caught with such devices will be disqualified.**

Oral Reasons

1. Each competitor will give oral reasons in those classes identified.
2. Oral reasons will be given following the completion of placing classes.
3. They will be presented to the class judge(s).
4. Notes are acceptable. However using notes may have an effect on your score.
5. The animals or grains/forage may not be present during the oral reasons presentations.

Scoring

1. The official judge's decision is final.
2. Aggregate scores will be based on total scores of the classes and quizzes - plus scores of oral reasons.
3. Ties will be broken by the official judge. In the event of a tie in the aggregate, the higher standing will be given to the higher total score in oral reasons.

Awards

1. **If a competitor wins more than one award, they will be eligible to receive only one award. That would be the award that is of a greater value.**
 - Top Competitor in each of the following categories will be awarded a certificate and prize:
 - Junior 4-H Member (9-11 years of age)
 - Intermediate 4-H Member (12-15 years of age)
 - Senior 4-H Member (16-21 years of age)
 - JFAO Member
 - JFAO Alumnus
 - JFAO Partner
 - General Public
 - Top Competitor in each of the following categories will be awarded a certificate and prize:
 - Livestock
 - Crops
 - Lifeskills
 - ID Quiz
2. Top JFAO Club – The average score of all competitors will be used for calculating the winning club. The winning JFAO Club will receive \$100 and a commemorative plaque.
Top 4-H Association – The average score of all competitors will be used for calculating the winning 4-H Association. The winning 4-H Association will receive \$100 and a commemorative plaque.
Top County – The average score of all competitors (4-H, JFAO related, partner, or open) from the county specified on their registration, will be used for calculating the winning County.
3. The Program Committee's decision will be final.

Conduct

1. Competitors are expected to attend all planned events during the duration of the program. The program commences at 9:00 AM, Saturday, May 30, 2015.

2. Competitors are not allowed to leave the program site without permission from the Program Director.
3. Possession or use of illegal drugs/and or alcohol is not permitted. Competitors possessing drugs or alcohol will be disqualified from the program and sent home.
4. Competitors are expected to conduct themselves in a respectable manner at all times, as they are representing JFAO and 4-H from their local county/association.
5. Competitors caught working together or seek coaching during the competition will be disqualified.
6. Competitors caught using or in possession of electronic devices (i.e. Cell Phone, Camera, etc.) during the competition will be disqualified.

Liability

1. No claim for injury to any person or property shall ever be asserted nor suit instituted or maintained against the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario, the Orangeville Agricultural Society Event Centre, its officers or agents, by or on behalf of any visitor, or any person, firm or corporation or their agents, representatives or employees, having license or privilege to exhibit in the area or occupying any space therein.

Dress Code

FOR DAILY ACTIVITIES:

Males are required to wear a suitable dress shirt, tie, along with appropriate pants and footwear. NO BLUE JEANS OR RUNNING SHOES. BLACK jeans are acceptable,

Females are required to wear a shirt with collar and sleeves, along with appropriate pants and footwear. NO BLUE JEANS OR RUNNING SHOES. BLACK jeans are acceptable.

Inappropriate dress code may have an effect when the final placings are done.

FOR FORMAL AWARDS GALA:

Males are required to wear a suit, suitable dress shirt, tie, along with appropriate pants and footwear. NO JEANS OR RUNNING SHOES.

Females are required to wear a formal dress, along with appropriate footwear. NO JEANS OR RUNNING SHOES.

In 2015 we are celebrating the 1st year that the Junior Farmer's Association of Ontario has offered a program that will help develop the skills of our young agriculture judges. The competitors have the opportunity to attend and participate in the 1st All-Ontario Judging Competition. The Orangeville Agricultural Society Event Centre offers the ideal venue for this competition, as it affords each individual the opportunity to judge livestock, crops, and lifeskills classes while creating friendships from around the province of Ontario.

The Orangeville Agricultural Society Event Centre is proud to play host to the JFAO and 4-H Youth and competitors attending this program and it is with grateful assistance from our partners, that we are able to provide a unique educational and competitive opportunity to the agricultural leaders of today and tomorrow.



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ALL-ONTARIO JUDGING COMPETITION SCHEDULE

March 2015 tentative

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2015 – DAILY ACTIVITIES

9:00 am	Registration Opens at Orangeville Agricultural Society Events Centre Orangeville, ON
9:45 am	Registration Closes; Introductions; Partner Recognition; Review of Rules
10:00 am	Classes will be: 4 Livestock, 4 Grains/Forages, 4 Lifeskills, 2 Quizzes Reasons will be given on classes listed with an asterisk, which will be distributed to registered competitors after May 1 st , 2015
12:00 pm	Lunch, Group picture
12:30 – 3:00 pm	Classes and Reasons Continue
3:30 pm	Conclusion of Daily Activities

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2015 – FORMAL AWARDS GALA

5:30 pm	Cocktail Hour
6:00 pm	Awards Banquet and Dinner Photos of Winners Dance to Follow
1:00 am	Dance Concludes

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Jessica Burgess 226-230-2461

ORAL REASONS

The ability to stand in front of a judge and explain your placing is not an easy task for most people. Practice is needed.

- Take notes while you are placing the class.
- Try to be accurate. Your statement must be true.
- Be brief. The most important point that you want to make is "Why" you placed an animal over the other. Through comparison, you tell why. You can describe until you are out of breath, but if you do not COMPARE, you will have wasted your time.
- List the difference between animals in order of importance. The most important items are listed first, followed by less important ones.
- Try to imagine the class-picture it in front of you. Refer to it as if it is standing there.
- Refer to the animals by the correct number. It becomes confusing to you and the judge if you use the wrong number. When referring to the sex of the animal use the correct pronoun (he/she).
- Use the market terms on a market class and breeding terms on a breeding class and put major emphasis on characteristics that are economically important (give good profits).
- Before starting to give your reasons, take off your hat, if you are wearing one, stand comfortably with your feet slightly apart. Your dress and looks will reflect your attitude. Be neat and well-groomed.
- Talk in a clear, concise, and pleasant tone of voice. Vary your tone to emphasize special points in the class. Do not read your notes - maintain audience eye contact.
- Use words that fit the situation and that are correct for the class. It has been stated that there is only two minutes of truth in any class. If you talk longer, you are probably adding false statements.
- Enjoy yourself and project a positive attitude.

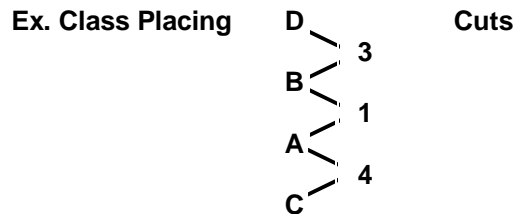
FOLLOW THESE STEPS FOR ORAL REASONS:

- First, be sure the judge knows your number in the contest. You might start off by saying: "I place this class of ..." (name of class; your placing, ex. 3,2,1,4).
- You may then introduce the class by saying: "I place 3 at the top of the class and over 2 because..."
- Compare the animals, giving the major points first and minor points last: "I place 2 over 1 because..." (say this if there is some point or points where 2 excels over 1).
- Compare each pair in the class in the same way (middle pair and bottom pair), "I place 4 last because...". Give reason, but also give credit for good points.
- Close your reasons by saying: "For these reasons, I place this class....". (Your placings-3,2,1,4).

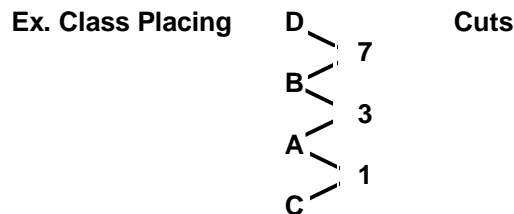
Understanding Cuts

Cuts are used to demonstrate the difficulty level in a class and to determine the score of your placing of that class.

In a class of 4 animals, hay samples, or apples, a cut is assigned between each pair in the official placing.



Placing D over B is a fairly easy placing, B over A is difficult, A over C is again, fairly easy.



Placing D at the top is very easy. Placing B over A is fairly easy and placing A over C is close or difficult.

When you assign cuts to a class, there are several rules to keep in mind:

- ☐ Your cuts may have any value from 1 to 8.
- ☐ The sum of the 3 cuts should be greater than 6 but must be no greater than 15.
- ☐ If the sum of your 3 cuts is 15, your middle cut must be not greater than 5.
- ☐ If the sum of your 3 cuts is 14, your middle cut must be not greater than 8.

These rules exist only to make your scoring out of 50 work!

Remember: Higher cuts mean easier placing. Lower cuts mean more difficult placing.

ANSWERS to SCORING THE CLASS: (a)47 (b)49 (c)45
(d)30 (e)19 (f)18 (g) 50.

MORE ABOUT CUTS

The official judge will determine the cuts on the class he/she placed. A change in the value of the cut will change your placing score.

Let's take a close look at the impact of the different cuts:

Ex. I Suppose the cuts are 1-2-1. The range of marks available to the contestants will be from 36 to 50 out of a possible 50.

Ex. II Suppose the cuts on the same class are 3-6-3. The range of marks available to the contestants will be from 8 to 50 out of possible 50.

<u>Placing</u>	<u>Cuts 1-2-1</u>	<u>Cuts 3-6-3</u>
D-B-C-A	50	50
B-D-A-C	48	44
B-D-A-C	48	44
A-C-B-D	36	8

The series of cuts in examples 1 and 2 both indicate a class which has a close top pair and a close bottom pair. The member with placing totally backwards from the official placing would receive a placing score of 36 in example 1 and a score of 8 in example 2. With the split of 3-6-3, more emphasis is placed on the ability of the individual to properly place the class.

USING CUTS TO SCORE YOUR PLACING

Once you know the official placing and the corresponding cuts, you can score your placing.

Ex. Official Placing D-B-A-C
Cuts 3-1-3
Your Placing A-D-C-B

Now let's compare your placing to the official placing. There are six possible pairs. Ask questions for each pair as you see them in the official placing. Answer the questions from your placing. Each time the answer is "No", you lose points.

Question #1 Did you place D over B?
Answer Yes, so you don't lose any points.

Question #2 Did you place D over A?
Answer No, so you lose 3 + 1 points.

Question #3 Did you place D over C?
Answer Yes, so you don't lose any points.

Question #4 Did you place B over A?
Answer No, so you lose 1 point.

Question #5 Did you place B over C?
Answer No, so you lose 1 + 3 points.

Question #6 Did you place A over C?
Answer Yes, you don't lose any points.

Now, total the points you lost. Subtract them from 50 to get your final placing score.

$$\text{Total points lost} = (3+1) + 1 + (1+3) \\ = 9$$

$$\text{Your score} = 50 - 9 \\ = 41$$

Your score for placing is 41 out of a possible 50 points.

SCORING THE CLASS

Can you score a class manually? Give it a try.....

Official Placing	B-D-A-C
The cuts are	1-5-3

What is your score if you placed the class:

- a) B-D-C-A
- b) D-B-A-C
- c) B-A-D-C
- d) C-B-D-A
- e) C-A-B-D
- f) C-A-D-B
- g) B-D-A-C