

Kids & Cows - Fitting Contest Rules 2023

Age is determined as of the date of the show. Senior contestant must be 19 or under as of Oct. 14, 2023. Junior member must be 15 or under as of Oct. 14, 2023.

1.) The contest will be a team event. A minimum of two team members and a maximum of four. Teams will be formed by the workshop leader. Teams will be made up of Juniors and Seniors as determined by the workshop leader.

3.) Each member from the team must fit at least 1 leg of the animal by using a blower or clippers or fitting supplies. This leg cannot be redone or gone over by the other team members.

4.) Contestants will provide all needed items. All items used for the competition will need to be brought to the area and be set up and ready by 12:10 PM. Team Members are not allowed to leave the contest area during the competition to get additional supplies or items for fitting.

5.) The team will provide their own heifer or steer. Animals should be clipped before arrival at the show. The animal must be clean and dry with no previous fitting done before the contest that day.

6.) Teams will be identified by the judges. A. B. C. D. etc.

7.) Anyone wanting to compete in the fitting contest must attend the 3rd educational session to get signed up by 11:30 AM. At this session, a Kids & Cows committee member will review the rules, assign team numbers, and teams may get setup.

8.) All contestants must be in place and ready to begin the contest at noon. The competition fitting will begin at 12:15 PM and end at 12:50 PM. The time allotted for fitting will be 35 minutes.

9.) When the contest time is complete, the Senior will bring the animal to the show ring for further judging and questions. The remaining team members will stand beside the animal in the ring.

10.) There will be 3 judges. Judging will be done during the fitting and also at the end of fitting. There are 150 points possible per team with 50 points from each judge based on:

Team Work - 10 points

Fitting Techniques - 10 points

Participation of all members - 10 points

Organization - 5 points

Answer to judges' questions - 5 points

Final Appearance - 10 points

The team with the highest score will win 1st. In the case of a tie a final question and response will be given by one judge and that judge will determine the winner based on the Senior team member's response.

11.) Adults may not help, touch the animal, or assist team members except in the case of preventing injury.

Adults may not instruct the team members, but the judges may give encouraging advice.

12.) Team members may not use inappropriate fitting methods. All fitting and grooming techniques must be within the accepted practices of the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics.