

BEEF JUDGING CONTEST

DIXIE NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE BEEF JUDGING CONTEST

SUPERINTENDENTS

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ENTRY FEE (per individual) Entry fee must accompany entry..... \$ 20.00

SCHEDULE:

February 9 th	7:00 p.m. Coaches Meeting- Mississippi Cattlemen's Association
February 10 th	7:30 a.m. Contest - Expo Center
	Awards Banquet - 1 hour following critique, Location to be announced at the Coaches meeting

*Coaches who do not attend the coaches meeting must notify the Dixie National Livestock Office by February 9th, 4:30 p.m., of their intentions to either enter or withdraw from the contest. Failure to do so will result in automatic disqualification.

RULES:

1. There will be a separate contest for senior colleges and for junior colleges. Junior College freshman will compete in a separate division unless designated by coaches to compete on the sophomore team.
2. All senior colleges and junior colleges in the U.S. which offer a degree or program in animal science are eligible to enter.
3. All rules concerning Senior and Junior Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contests as adopted by the National Coaches Association will be strictly adhered to unless otherwise stated.
4. Teams may be entered in this contest by filing an entry application or letter to the Dixie National and by sending the entry fee of \$20.00 per contestant to:

Mississippi State University
Dixie National Beef Judging Contest
Attn: Dr. Brandi Karisch
Box 9815 Mississippi State, MS 39762.

Online payment is available at: <https://techoutreach.msucare.com/dixie-national-beef-judging-contest>

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5. This application for entry must be signed officially by the team coach certifying that all members of the team are eligible for entry in this contest. Entry deadline is January 20, 2018.
6. Each senior or junior college will be permitted to enter (1) team. Each team will consist of five (5) contestants designated for team scoring in each division and overall placing. Alternates will be allowed to compete for individual honors.
7. Coaches will designate their team members at the coaches meeting on February 10, 7:00 p.m.
8. Eligibility of contestants: Contestants will be regularly enrolled in a senior or junior college which offers a degree or program in animal science.
9. Contestants entering this contest will not be eligible to enter future beef judging contests at the Dixie National with exception of a junior college contestant entering later as a senior college contestant. Junior College contestants competing as freshman are eligible to judge a second year.
10. No team member or coach will be allowed to enter the show barns 24 hours prior to the contest.
11. There will be a total of 12 classes to judge and reasons will be given on 8 classes.
12. Classes will consist of Market, Continental, English, and Brahman breeds.
13. On each class, the contestants will be allowed 12 minutes to make their observations, record their placings, and take notes to assist them in oral reasons. Contestants will be notified two (2) minutes before time is up, when at such time they will automatically hand their cards to the group leader.
14. After placing all classes in the contest, the contestant will appear before the official judge to give oral reasons substantiating their placings on the 8 designated reasons classes. Each contestant will be allowed 2 minutes to give their reasons on each class. A contestant will not be allowed to hold any paper, card or device of any kind that will assist them in giving their reasons before the judge.
15. The final scores will be based on 50 points on each placing or 50 points on each set of reasons or questions.
16. No contestant will wear any uniform, college colors, or belt buckle or shall they in any way signify to the official judge their identity or the identity of the college they represent.
17. While the contest is in progress, there is to be no conferring between contestants or between contestants and coaches or anyone else, except as directed by the Superintendent or his representative.
18. In case of ties, the individual or team winner shall be determined by:
 - (1) High reasons score in division in which tie occurs.
 - (2) High reasons score in the overall contest.
 - (3) A coin toss between individuals or teams tied.
 - (4) Ties for high reasons awards will be broken and awarded to low placings score in overall contest.
19. No duplicate awards will be given.
20. Contestants or any coach found in violation of these rules will be barred from future competition and their team disqualified from any and all awards. The decisions of the Superintendent on all matters concerning the contest will be final.