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JUDGING INSTRUCTIONS

THE JUDGING CARDS FOR THIS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOULD BE ON BLUE COLOURED PAPER.

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The National Agricultural Shows Australia (ASA) Dairy Cattle Young Judges Championship (National Championship) through competition provides education and experience for future judges for Agricultural Shows and industry alike.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. To be eligible to compete in the National Championship, each Competitor must have lived, worked or attended school within a Nation/ State/ Territory they represent in the previous three (3) months and can only represent one Nation/ State/ Territory at a National Championship in any given Calendar year.
2. Competitors must be fifteen (15) and under twenty-five (25) years of age on first (1st) May in the year of the Competitor's Nation/ State/ Territory Championship Final. Competitors under the age of eighteen (18) must be accompanied by a chaperone.
3. Each year, one (1) Competitor is to represent each State/ Territory and one (1) Competitor to represent any affiliated National organisation (e.g. New Zealand).
4. The Computer Scoring Program and the Hormel Slide are to be used at the National Championship Final for calculation of the points and placings.
5. The Championship Judge must not have access to any Master Score Sheet prior to the announcement of the winners of the National Championship.
6. At no time during the National Championship should a Competitor talk with the Championship Judge unless directed to do so by the Ring Steward.
7. Nation/ State/ Territory Secretaries must inform the ASA Secretariat of the title, name, address, date of birth, age, contact numbers (phone and mobile) and email address of **their** Competitor in Judging Championships going on to a National Championship Final. The ASA Secretariat will advise these Competitors of the venue and times of the National Championship Final.
8. The winner and runner-up of the National Championship should be requested to do a report on any travel tour they undertake to validate sponsorship money.
9. The winner is ineligible to compete again after winning the final of the National ASA Dairy Cattle Young Judges Championship.
10. Competitors will be eliminated from the National Championship if the Judge's Steward considers they are receiving outside assistance including the use of unauthorised devices.

PROCEDURE FOR RUNNING THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. a). Three (3) Classes of animals are judged by Competitors. One (1) Class judged at a time.
b). Each Competitor may select his/ her Class for the Oral presentation.
2. Animals in each Class must be identified by 'breastplates' numbered one, two, three, four (1, 2, 3, 4), and **not** A B C D with relevant age, weights and measurements on them. This is essential when using the Computer Scoring Program and Hormel Slide.
3. All Competitors will take part in the Oral judging and use the card/ sheet marked 'Oral Class'. Before the commencement of the Oral presentation, each Competitor is required to give instruction to the Ring Steward to place the ribbons on the cattle in their placement order.

Ribbon colour order being Blue – First (1st), Red – Second (2nd), White – Third (3rd), Yellow – Fourth (4th).

4. Visual judging will take place first. Competitors will be allowed eight (8) minutes to judge the four (4) animals and to complete each Visual Judging Card.
5. Each Competitor in the Oral Class is allowed two (2) minutes to speak, explaining his/ her placing from their nominated group of animals. **Penalty points apply** – One (1) point should be deducted for every ten (10) seconds or part thereof over the allotted two (2) minutes.
6. The winner of the National Championship is marked out of a maximum of two hundred (200) points: fifty (50) points for the placings in each of the three (3) Classes, and fifty (50) points for the Oral Class.
7. Competitors in the Oral Class are scored on their ringcraft, accuracy of observation, their comparative statements, speaking ability and general presentation and dress.
8. In the case of a dead heat the Competitor with the highest total points for Visual judging will be declared the winner, or if there is still a dead heat the Championship Judge will have the final say. All tie-break details are to be confirmed by the Judge's Steward.

PARADING OF ANIMALS

1. Animals to be paraded one, two three, four (1, 2, 3, 4) in that order in a clockwise direction for two minutes.
2. Animals then lined up head to tail for two (2) minutes.
3. Animals led around one more circuit for two (2) minutes.
4. Animals to be lined up side by side for remaining two (2) minutes.
5. Judging Cards to be handed in at the end of eight (8 minutes.)
Maximum total time eight (8) minutes.

JUDGING CARDS

1. Judging Cards are simple in design. All that is required by Competitors is to place animals in order from one to four (1 to 4). Judging cards must be completed in the allocated time.
2. It is essential that one (1) Championship Judge officiate for all Classes.
3. The Championship Judge, when filling out his/ her Master Card, is to note a numerical difference (split) between placings per Class, as directed in the instructions for use of the Hormel Slide. At a National Championship the following guidelines apply the split should be no greater than five between placings, with a maximum split of 12 in total. The Hormel Slide shows the degree of penalty (splits) as related to the degree of difference between placings and the Competitor is scored accordingly.
4. The Oral Section Guideline may be retained by the Competitor. It is designed to ensure Competitors use comparative details in their Oral description of the Class. The Work Sheet is to note the features of each animal and the reason it was placed in its position.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TIMING

To maintain the interest of Competitors, the animals and the spectators, it is important this entire National Championship is completed in approximately one and a half [1½] hours. The timing should be as follows: -

Visual Judging

Judging three [3] Classes – Eight [8] minutes each 24 minutes

Judging cards must be completed in the allocated time.

Changeover times 3 minutes

Data Reader Steward to finalise Competitors Visual score 3 minutes

Oral Judging

Note: All Competitors, except one should be taken out of hearing range of the Judging Ring

Six [6] Competitors placings – One [1] minute each 6 minutes

Six [6] Competitors' oral tests – Two [2] minutes speaking 12 minutes

Changeover times 8 minutes

Comments from Championship judge on Oral Class 9 minutes

Announcement and Presentation of Awards 10 minutes

Total Time 75 minutes

In order to maintain the impetus of the National Championship, immediately the Championship Judge has completed his/ her final comments, the National Championship results should be ready to be announced and the Awards and Presentations made.

COMPETITION CARDS

COMPETITORS VISUAL PLACING CARD [Visual/ Physical Class]

Judging cards must be completed the allocated time.

Competitor's No:				
Breed:				
Placings:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Max. Points [50]

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COMPETITORS VISUAL PLACING CARD [Visual/ Physical Class]

Judging cards must be completed the allocated time.

Competitor's No:				
Breed:				
Placings:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Max. Points [50]

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COMPETITORS VISUAL PLACING CARD [Visual/ Physical Class]

Judging cards must be completed the allocated time.

Competitor's No:				
Breed:				
Placings:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Max. Points [50]

CHAMPIONSHIP JUDGE ORAL/ VISUAL ASSESSMENT CARD

[Oral Class]

Competitor's No: Selected Breed:

Class					Score	Max. Points
Competitor's Placing						
Oral Order: (a) Accuracy of observation (b) Ability to compare animals (c) Speaking ability (d) Presentation and dress						15
						15
						10
						10
SUB TOTAL						
PENALTIES						
TOTAL						50

RESOURCES

ORAL SECTION GUIDELINES

All Competitors will take part in the Oral Judging and use the card/ sheet marked 'Oral Class'. Upon entering the Judging Ring each Competitor will give instructions to the Ring Steward to place the ribbons on the animals in their placement order. Ribbon colour order being Blue – 1st, Red – 2nd, White – 3rd, Yellow - 4th.

Competitors are allowed one (1) minute to parade the animals for one (1) circuit of the ring and to place them in the order of merit. Competitors are allowed two (2) minutes to clearly express their oral reasoning to the Championship Judge and spectators the reasons they placed the animals in a particular order. **Penalty points apply** – One (1) point to be deducted for every ten (10) seconds or part thereof over the allotted two minutes.

Competitors should then have their reasons organised and emphasise the most important points they wish to make. When giving the reasons, the main objective is to inform the Championship Judge that the Competitor has seen and compared each animal in the Class. It is important to make comparisons between animals rather than describe individual animals. Commence the Oral reasoning as follows: -

'I placed this Class four, one, three, two [4, 1, 3, 2]'

Give the most important reasons first and remember to use comparative terms. Where necessary the Competitor can then follow with:

'In the top pair I placed four (4) ahead of one (1) because four) 4{.....'

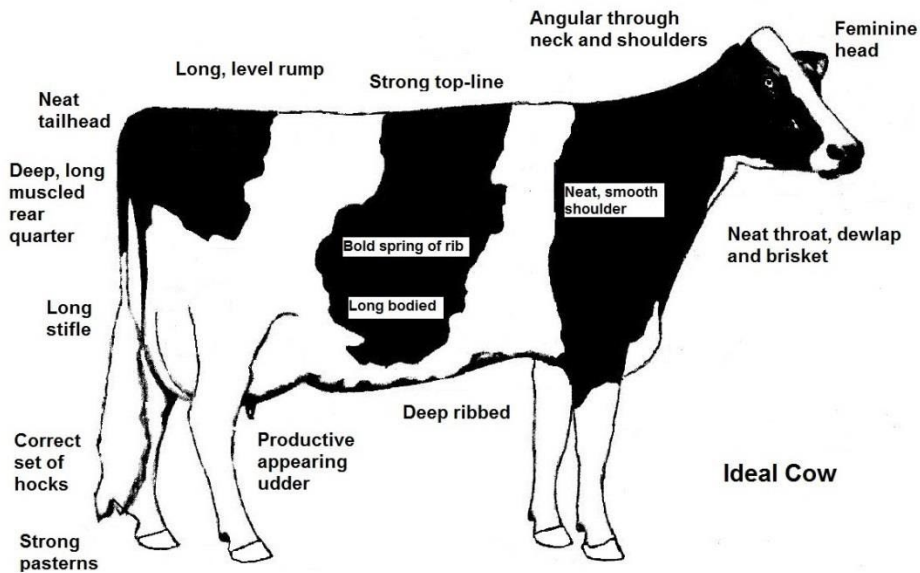
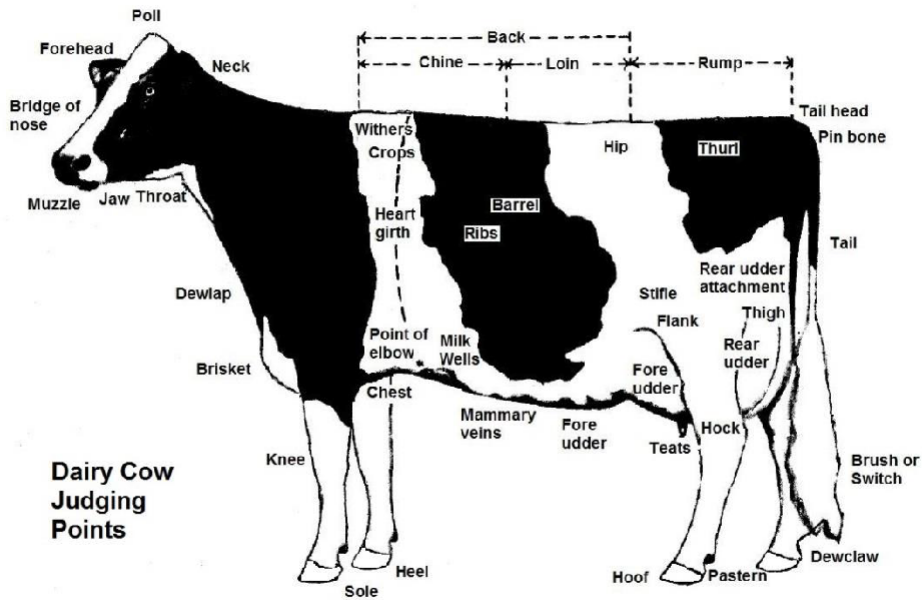
This demonstrates to the Championship Judge the accuracy of any priorities. Mention major faults if present.

Continue in similar manner by comparing the middle pair and finally the bottom pair. Remember: Speak clearly; Be Concise; Show conviction in the placings;

Introduction (important statements first, small points at the end) logical order (comparison of pairs) and conclusion;

DRESS - Competitors must be neatly and suitably attired, and male Competitors must wear a tie and long pants. Long hair is to be restrained and only minimal jewellery is acceptable. Closed in shoes are essential. Shorts, chewing gum and poor presentation is unacceptable and will be marked down accordingly.

JUDGING POINTS DIAGRAMS



NOTES FOR CHAMPIONSHIP JUDGE

In the selection of a Class of animals for the National Championship, the aim should be to get a group of four animals upon whose placing experienced judges, after careful inspection and consideration, would be likely to agree.

As a general rule, these should be either four [4] cows or four [4] heifers (they should be at about the same stage of lactation and/ or pregnancy).

A suitable group of animals might be made up of a fairly clear leader, a fairly obvious 'tail', and two [2] others that present a more difficult choice. They will be judged against the standard of what is considered a good dairy or beef type, rather than one that pays strict attention to specific breed points.

Where animals of widely different ages have to be used, the ages should be given and it should be made clear to the Competitors that each animal is to be judged on its present showing and not on which it has done or might do.

Prior to the National Championship the Championship Judge will select the animals to be judged – if required this can be done a day or two before the competition. On the day of the National Championship, the Championship Judge will decide on the correct placing of the animals in each Judging Ring and note on the Master Card.

At no time during the National Championship should the Championship Judge talk with a Competitor unless directed to do so by the Ring Steward.

In filling out the Master Cards, the Championship Judge is required to note a numerical difference between animals as directed in instructions for use of the Computer Scoring Program and Hormel Slide. Both the Computer Scoring Program and the Hormel Slide show the degree of penalty as related to the degree of difference between animal placings and the Competitor is scored accordingly.

A Competitor is in as good a position as is the Championship Judge to observe both the good and bad points or faults of the animals. But even if he/ she does so, he/ she may draw different conclusions because he/ she does not give those good and bad points the same importance as does the Championship Judge. This difference of opinion will be reflected in the Competitor's low score for placing, and he/ she should not be further penalised in the Oral Test if his observation has been accurate, and the Championship Judge considers the reasoning to be logical.

Each Competitor in the Oral Class is allowed one [1] minute to line up the animals in his/ her order of merit and two [2] minutes to state his/ her reasoning for the placings. If he/ she finishes in less than this time, but has said all that was needed to support his/ her case, he/ she should not be penalised. If he/ she exceeds the two [2] minutes, marks should be deducted from the maximum fifteen [15] points allowed for 'speaking ability'. One [1] point should be deducted for every ten [10] seconds over the allotted two [2] minutes.

At the conclusion of the National ASA Championship the Championship Judge is asked to give his/ her own reasons for the placing of the animals. If possible, with the animals present. Comment on the various oral and ringcraft styles of the Competitors may also be made.

As far as possible to maintain spectator and Competitor interest in the National ASA Championship, it is important that it is confined to a time limit. Championship Judges are asked to confine their comments to the times suggested in the 'Competition Procedure' for all cattle judging Competitions.

DRESS – Competitors must be neatly and suitably attired with either long sleeved shirt and jacket, and male Competitors must wear a tie and long pants. Long hair is to be restrained and only minimal jewellery is acceptable. Closed in shoes are essential. Shorts, chewing gum and poor presentation is unacceptable and will be marked down accordingly.

Championship Judge's Notes – Oral:

Cattle to be paraded one (1) time around the ring and Competitors then lines Exhibits up in order for comment. As Competitors have already judged animals when called into the ring to give oral reasons, one (1) minute to walk around ring, two (2) minutes oral.

MASTER SCORE SHEET

Date:

Breeds Used: (I)

(II)

Place:

(III)

Competitor's Name	No	Placing			Sub Total [150]	Oral Class		Penalties	TOTAL [200]	Placing
		(I) [50]	(II) [50]	(III) [50]		Breed Chose	Oral [50]			



REASON CARD FOR COMPETITOR'S NOTES

Class:

Placings: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th

*Please remember when speaking to say why you put first [1st] place over second [2nd], second [2nd] place over third [3rd], etc.

Exhibit 1	Good Attributes	Placing
	Faults	
Exhibit 2	Good Attributes	Placing
	Faults	
Exhibit 3	Good Attributes	Placing
	Faults	
Exhibit 4	Good Attributes	Placing
	Faults	

MASTER CARD - CHAMPIONSHIP JUDGE'S PLACINGS

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Breed:

Placings:

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NATIONAL ASA CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS SHEET

Awards to be presented in the following order:

Championship: _____

Award	Recipient Competitor	Jurisdiction	Awarded by
Third Place			
Runner-Up			
Winner			
Finalists			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

Judges Steward

Name	Signature	Date

Data Entry Steward

Name	Signature	Date

Data Reader Steward

Name	Signature	Date