

Livestock Judging

The Tanana Valley State Fair Association recognizes its role in education and that qualified and impartial judges are the most important part of the process.

Quality judging is recognized as one of the keys to quality exhibits at the Fair. The other key is exhibitor understanding of how things are judged. The following is an explanation of the two methods of judging used at the Tanana Valley State Fair.

DANISH: The DANISH system of judging uses an established standard of perfection as the basis for judging. Each exhibit is judged individually in comparison to the standard. The judge then decides whether the exhibit is deserving of a Blue Award (Excellent), Red Award (Good), White Award (Worthy), or no award. It is possible and in fact quite common, to have several Blue Awards in the same lot. 4-H and FFA classes are judged on the Danish System.

AMERICAN: THE AMERICAN system of judging is a competitive system. Exhibits are placed before a judge or group of judges who rank the exhibits. The exhibits are then awarded prizes based on the quality of the exhibits. A standard of quality is employed here also, but the exhibits are judged against the standard as well as each other. Most often, the best exhibit receives a First Prize ribbon, the next best exhibit a Second Prize, and so forth. However, the judge may determine that there is no exhibit worthy of First Prize and would award the best exhibit a Second Prize or even no prize at all. A judge is not required to award any prizes at all, but may not award the same prize to more than one exhibit (i.e. no ties allowed). Open class judging in Livestock is done on the American System.

RIBBONS AWARDED

Danish		American	
Blue	Blue	First	Blue
Red	Red	Second	Red
White	White	Third	White
Class Champion	Purple	Fourth	Yellow
Grand Champion	Theme Colors	Fifth	Green
Cloverbud	Rainbow	Sixth	Pink
		Seventh	Light Green
		Class Champion	Purple
		Grand Champion	Theme Colors
		Participant	Lavender

PURE BREED JUDGING: Purebred registration papers must be available if required, and must include animal identification. Add the name of the breed to the lot number on the stall card. At least three animals of the same breed for large animals and five animals of the same breed for small animals must be entered to be eligible for a Best of Breed ribbon.

TVSFA PROTEST POLICY

Please read the Protest Policy completely before submitting a formal protest.

If an exhibitor feels the rules and/or procedure regarding his or her entry into the Tanana Valley State Fair have been improperly followed or interpreted, a protest may be submitted to the Fair Office. Questions regarding entry should be addressed to the Division Superintendent. **No appeal based on alleged incompetence of the judge(s) will be considered.** Decisions of the judges are final.

Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to confer with the Division Superintendent and/or Competitive Exhibits Manager prior to initiating a formal protest. Should a resolution not be reached after conferring with the Superintendent and Manager, a formal protest must be submitted in writing within 24 hours of the event or of the results being made public.

Protests must plainly state the cause of complaint or appeal. Protests will be accepted only from exhibitors or parents or guardians of exhibiting minors directly affected by the outcome of judging being protested. All protests shall be accompanied by a \$25 protest fee that will be returned if the protest is upheld.

The Protest committee convenes within 24 hours of receiving a formal complaint. Interested parties will be notified of the time and place and will be given the opportunity to submit evidence. The protest Committee is designated by the Board of Directors to consist of:

- 1 Board Member
- Division Superintendent for that area or other expert
- Competitive Exhibits Manager or other staff member

The decision of the Protest Committee is final.

All protests require a \$25 protest fee that will be returned if the protest is upheld.

Judging results for all entries received July 31 or August 5, 2010 are made public at noon opening day of the Fair, August 6, 2010. Judging results for entries received on August 10, 2010 are made public at noon on August 11, 2010.