

# DAIRY CLIPPING

(Class #83)

## REGINALD & DONALD SCOTHORN MEMORIAL

### COMPETITION CHECKLIST



#### BEFORE THE COMPETITION:

Form a committee of four to six people who can be present during the competition. They can be leaders, senior members or interested parents. Each meeting must meet the Rule of Two if there are members present.

1. By July 31st, send a request to the Planning Committee for the current 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show ([info@4hnovascotia.ca](mailto:info@4hnovascotia.ca)) requesting the following:
  - a. A space for storing feed and bedding;
  - b. Adequate power source and lighting;
  - c. A list of producers who may supply a spare animal (if you do not plan to bring one to the show);
  - d. A table for supplies.
2. Arrange for a judge who is knowledgeable with clipping, conformation, and showmanship. They should be able to give helpful suggestions in the concluding segment of the event. Provide them with a copy of the rules of the competition, and include the time, date and location. Suggestions for judges - past 4-H members, leaders, farmers, etc.
3. The Regional Program Coordinator can provide you with a list of team numbers at least one week prior to the competition.
4. You will be responsible for providing a spare animal fitting the criteria in case one is not suitable for use.
5. Make sure bedding is available or will be supplied for the animals. Members from each county are responsible for bringing feed and hay for the animal they brought from their county. At the time of the meeting when the draw takes place, all feeding instructions will be told to the team that draws the other counties calf. From then on it is the teams' responsibility to feed and care for the calf that they drew until the conclusion of the competition. **Ensure someone from the committee feeds and cares for the spare animal throughout the weekend.**
6. Members are responsible to bring their own clipping and fitting equipment.
7. Prepare duplicate (one for each team member) back numbers for competitors. Assign each team a number and record it on their score sheet in place of their name.
8. At 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show, the prizes are provided by the Scothorn family. The Provincial 4-H office contacts the family to ensure that the prizes are there.
9. Bring paper and tags/numbers to enable the draw for animals to take place on Friday evening and ensure you have a person present to make the draw happen.

## **SUPPLIES PROVIDED BY ORGANIZING COUNTY:**

- Calf – The organizing county provides one extra calf in case one of the calves drawn has to be disqualified due to sickness or injury.
- Score sheets and report cards for each team.
- Back numbers for competitors.
- Pens and pencils, paper & tags.
- Halters/ties for calves.

## **DAY OF THE DRAW:**

1. Be ready for drawing of calf at the time indicated in the program on Friday night.
2. Bring tags or numbers for members to draw an animal.
3. Record each team's animal.

## **DAY OF THE COMPETITION:**

1. Arrive at the competition area at least 30 minutes before the competition begins. Have the calves in the designated area.
2. Have at least three people on your Committee to supervise the competition. They should know the rules and be available to assist the judge.
  - One to ensure there is some supervision of the competition Friday night.
  - One to ensure the draw is done Friday evening.
  - One person for the running in case of problems, questions, etc.
3. Collect table and other supplies provided for you.
4. Collect the clerking envelope with result sheet from the show office.
5. Be sure the judge is present 15 minutes before the competition to review the rules and expectations of the judge. Remind them that they can ask both participants oral questions if more information or clarification of the written report is needed. **The judge does not have to be present for calf assignment, and members can start preparations of their calf once draw takes place, but they can not clip the animal.**
6. Check off county teams and give them their report cards, back numbers, rules and assign calf.
7. Check that all calves are in area designated for the clipping competition.
8. County organizers of the competition must ensure that all animals do not exhibit signs of illness, contagious diseases, that they meet the requirements of the competition, i.e. required age range, no horns, hair growth, etc., and do not pose a safety concern.
9. Organizers should have one team member from each team show or walk the calf they brought for the draw in a mock class prior to the draw to ensure that all animals are safe to be handled and broken in a manner that meets requirements for the competition. The spare calf should also be walked in mock class in advance of draw.

10. Ensure all calves are fed, watered and cleaned out while at the show. Members are responsible for looking after feed, watering and bedding as they are scored on this, but you need to provide feed and bedding. If there are extra calves, a Committee person is responsible for those animals.
11. Assist judge with totaling scores.
12. Record results on clerking sheets and get to the show office as soon as possible. **Do not announce results as these are officially announced Sunday morning.**
13. Ensure members have cleaned their animal's barn area after the animals are removed from the area after the competition.
14. After the show make sure to clean up the competition area and have the calves removed from the grounds.

**Note: At 4-H NS AGM 2016** it was resolved that any score sheet from all Provincial level competitions shall be available by the end of the event upon request by the member participating in any competitions, whether livestock, life skills, public speaking or woodsmen.

#### **AFTER THE COMPETITION:**

1. Write a letter to the judge thanking them for their services.
2. After the show write to anyone who donated supplies thanking them for their donation.
3. Record recommendations for another year, including any problems encountered and forward this to your Regional Program Coordinator.
4. Submit Competition Expense Payment Form (and receipts) and Judges Payment Form to 4-H Nova Scotia by October 10<sup>th</sup>.