



Block & Bridle Club

The Pennsylvania State University
 Department of Dairy and Animal Science
 312 W. L. Henning Building
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January 30, 2009

Dear Livestock Judging Team Coach:

The Penn State Livestock Judging Team and The Penn State Block and Bridle Club cordially invite you to the Annual Spring Livestock Judging Workout. The event will be held at The Penn State Snider Ag Arena on **Saturday, March 21, 2009**. The schedule will be as follows:

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| 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. | – Registration |
| 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. | – Welcome, Contest grouping and instructions |
| 9:30 – 12:00 p.m. | – Judging |
| 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. | – Lunch |
| 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. | – Reasons (Jr. Advanced and Collegiate Professional) |
| 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. | – Discussion of classes (Jr. Beginner and Collegiate Amateur) |
| Approx. 4:00 p.m. | – Official Reasons |

Each team will consist of **four members with all four scores contributing to the total team score**. Contestants in the Advanced division will be required to give three sets of oral reasons. This division is intended for contestants who have given reasons previously in practice or contest situations. Contestants in the Beginner division will not give any reasons; however, a thorough discussion of each class will be conducted in the afternoon to provide beginners with a more thorough educational experience. An organization may enter as many teams and individuals as they desire. Contestants not part of a team may compete as individuals and will be eligible for individual awards.

There will be at least 2 cattle classes, 2 swine classes, and 2 sheep classes. We may incorporate data on any of the classes, and reasons may be taken on performance classes. Contestants will be divided into groups and each group will have 15 minutes to judge each class. There will be no talking during the contest and participants will not be permitted to use judging materials. A lunch will be served to all contestants at the Ag Arena.

- 1. Return the enclosed entry blank by March 4, 2009. A non-refundable fee of \$10.00 per person (including contestants and chaperones) is due with each entry form.**
- 2. All participants will be pre-registered, so you must provide the names on the enclosed entry blank. Names can be deleted on the day of the contest, but no contestants may be added.**
- 3. Official reasons will be given at the completion of the contest, but to ensure accuracy, all results and awards will be mailed the following week.**

All correspondence should be sent to the Attention of: **Chris Molinaro**, Penn State Block and Bridle Club, 312 W. L. Henning Building, University Park, PA 16802. If you have any specific questions please contact Ken Kephart during normal business hours at (814) 863-3671. Hope to see you in March.

Respectfully,

Chris Molinaro
 Enclosure: Entry Blank