

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY 4-H & FFA MARKET LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE

2023-2024 Master Showmanship Rules

(Revised June 2024)

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****The General Rules and Regulations provided by the Rockingham County Fair Association apply to the Market Livestock Show and Sale. All exhibitors, parents, and volunteers are expected to be familiar and follow the rules and regulations provided here and by the Association. General Rules and Regulations are available on our website at RockinghamMas.org, Fair Office, or on the Fair's website (rockinghamcountyfair.com).****

1. **Exhibitor Eligibility:** Only the Champion Senior Showman of each specie (Market Hog, Market Goat, Market Lamb, Market Steer, and Dairy Steer) are eligible to compete in the master showmanship.

a. If a Senior Showman wins champion showman in more than one species, they must pick one specie to represent in Master Showmanship. Whichever species that champion showman will not represent, then the Reserve champion will fill that spot.

b. Competing in the master showmanship is optional. If a senior showman of a specie decides not to participate, then the next highest placing individual will have the opportunity.

c. Once an exhibitor has won master showmanship, they will no longer be eligible to compete in master showmanship another year.

2. **Contest Format:**

a. Round 1: Interview with Exhibitor

i. Each exhibitor will go through a short interview with the judge. Questions will range in topic to include but not be limited to livestock, production, personal experiences, etc. Interview will take place prior to the Showmanship Showdown.

b. Round 2: Showmanship Showdown

i. Market Steer Showmanship

ii. Market Goat Showmanship

iii. Market Lamb Showmanship

iv. Market Hog Showmanship

v. Dairy Steer Showmanship

c. Round 3: Audience Question

i. Each exhibitor will select a question at random to answer on the microphone to the judge and audience in attendance.

ii. Each question will be read aloud, and contestants have a moment to think before answering.

3. **Animals Used in the Showmanship Showdown**

a. Animals to be used for the Showmanship Showdown will be selected by the Master Showmanship Committee and Specie Chairman.

b. Only animals weighed in for the Market Animal Show and Sale will be utilized.

c. Animals will be assigned to the exhibitor by a random drawing (will not use the exhibitor's own animals).

d. If the exhibitor does not own the proper show equipment (i.e. Show Stick, Pig Whip, etc.) the committee will help the exhibitor acquire them.

e. Consent from the owner shall be obtained before any livestock is used in the contest.

4. **Guidelines**

- a. Appropriate, professional showmanship attire is highly encouraged.
- b. Contestants are responsible for securing training prior to the contest.
- c. Each class in a particular species will be judged according to guidelines and practices of acceptable showmanship for that species.
- d. The judge(s) will be judging on the individual's showmanship ability and not on the presentation (fitting/cleanliness) of the animal.
- e. The judge(s) will be solely judging contestants on showmanship.
- f. Judges' decisions shall be final.

5. **Scoring**

- a. Scoring will be point based. The exhibitor with the most points at the conclusion of the show will be the winner.
- b. Points per Round
 - i.Round 1: Interview- Max of 25 Points
 - ii.Round 2: Placings per round per specie- Max 80 Points
 - 1. 1st Place- 25 Points
 - 2. 2nd Place- 20 Points
 - 3. 3rd Place- 15 Points
 - 4. 4th Place- 10 Points
 - 5. 5th Place- 5 Points
 - iii.Round 3: Audience Question- Max of 25 Points
 - iv.Total Max Points- 175 Points