Alberta YCSA Cattle Show – Rules

1. Provincial Classic

a) The Classic may consist of the following conformation classes in the Purebred/Fullblood divisions: Heifer Calf, Yearling Heifer, Bred & Owned Yearling Female, 2yr Old Female, Mature Female, Bull Calf, Yearling Bull.

b) The Classic may consist of the following conformation classes in the Commercial division: Heifer Calf, Bull Calf, Yearling Heifer, 2yr Old Female, and Mature Female.

c) Age of animals is based on January 1st of the competition year.

d) All entries in the Purebred/Fullblood classes must provide a CSA certificate of registration.

e) Registered and Recorded cattle must have a legible tattoo which conforms to CSA records to be eligible. Tattoos may be inspected by show officials at time of arrival.

f) All 2yr Old Females and Mature Females entered in the conformation classes must be accompanied by their natural calendar year calf(s).

g) Rules will be published on the entry forms specific to each Classic.

h) ET calves cannot be shown with their donor mothers.

i) Recipient cows cannot be shown with ET calves.

2. No artificial filling and/or use of tranquilizers will be allowed. Violation will result in immediate review by the Hearing Committee.

3. All livestock entries must be stalled by the published move-in time on the published move-in date. Livestock release follows the awards ceremony.

4. Ownership Rules

a) All entries in the Bred & Owned division must be bred by and owned by and registered as such under the entrants' name. A copy of the CSA registration paper must be provided during event registration.

b) All entries, excluding Bred & Owned, must be registered to the entrant, entrant's immediate family or entrant's immediate family farm, or registered as a 4H project of the entrant. A copy of the CSA registration paper or 4H certificate must be provided during event registration.

5. Parent participation is strictly forbidden. Violations will result in immediate dismissal from the competition or event. Senior members are encouraged to assist younger members.

Alberta YCSA Classes:

Entrants must have competed in the Sire Summary Quiz, Herdsman Quiz, and the Judging Competition at the scheduled competition times unless prior arrangements have been made, to be eligible to compete in showmanship and confirmation, or be allowed to fit cattle.

Participation
a) It is mandatory for all participants to participate in all events and activities at the Wild Rose Classic excluding the costume class and the conformation classes. Participation points will be given for participating in the events.

Team Grooming
a) Novice and Juniors will be in random pairs within their age groups. Seniors and Intermediates will be individual. Pee Wee's will be paired with a senior.
b) Participants will be given 20 minute to groom an animal.
c) Animal must be washed and dried before the competition.
d) Any fitting prior to the commencement of the competition will result in disqualification of the team/individual.
e) Teams must bring all of the necessary tools and products when entering the ring.
f) Score: Knowledge and skill 35%, Teamwork 25%, Use of Equipment 20%, Final Appearance 15%, Presentation of the Animal 5% = 100%

Showmanship
a) Entrants must be members of the YCSA.
b) Each entrant must use the same animal for all phases of the Showmanship Contest.
c) Entrants may borrow an animal from another YCSA member for the Showmanship competition.
d) The top 2 placing entrants from each age division are eligible to compete in the Supreme Final.

Show Team Judging
a) You will be put into random pairs within your age category. One person will be required to be a judge and the other the ring person. Appropriate dress is required.
b) There will be 2 pools: a non-competitive pool and a competitive pool. Partner's names within each pool will be randomly drawn.
c) Participants in show team judging will be scored individually and there will be an overall top ringman and top judge in each age category.
d) The judging competition may be made up of any or all of the following components: oral reasons, written reasons, show-ring judging, visual identification, and EPD judging.
e) Placing classes will be worth 50 points per class, reasons will be worth 50 points per class
f) Specific rules will be announced prior to each judging competition.
g) While the competitions are in progress there shall be no conferring between contestants or between parents and/or advisors and contestants.
h) Contestants must remain with their assigned groups throughout the entire contest unless otherwise directed by the YCSA Coordinator or an attending Show Official.

Sire Summary Quiz

a) The quiz will consist of multiple choice and true/false questions.

b) A maximum of 1 hour will be allowed.

c) All necessary materials will be provided.

d) Conferring with other contestants, use of notes or any other form of cheating will be grounds for disqualification of a contestant.

e) Provincial/Regional Quizzes will be different than those at the National.

Herdsman Quiz

a) The quiz will consist of multiple choice and true/false questions.

b) A maximum of 1 hour will be allowed.

c) All necessary materials will be provided.

d) Conferring with other contestants, use of notes or any other form of cheating will be grounds for disqualification of a contestant.

e) Provincial/Regional Quizzes will be different than those at the National.

Public Speaking

a) Contestants will speak on a pre-assigned topic.

b) All contestants will be present in the competition area 15 minutes prior to the competitions scheduled start time.

c) Speeches will be 3 to 7 minutes in length.

d) Score: Knowledge 20%, Organization 10%, Presentation 40%, General Effectiveness 30%= 100%

Sales Talk

The Sales Talk uses a live setting complete with animal or a photo (no larger than 8X10) and potential buyer(s) being the judge(s). The purpose of this contest is to evaluate the effectiveness of the presentation and the contestant's ability to merchandise cattle.

a) Contestants may use a heifer/cow or a photo (no larger than 8X10) as the subject of the Sales Talk. Contestants may use a heifer/cow other than their own. The contestant may hold or tie the heifer/cow, or have another entrant hold the animal during the talk. The heifer/cow is not to be fitted.

b) Immediately preceding the talk, contestants will be required to provide the judges with a registration certificate for the animal being "sold". The judges will use the registration certificate to evaluate the accuracy of pedigree and performance information provided by the contestant and to also ask questions.

c) Scoring: Knowledge of the animal they are selling (25%), ability to relate important information about the heifer/cow (25%), organization and style (25%), poise and delivery (25%) = 100%

d) Sales Talk will be 5-7 minutes in length. Time elapsed will be indicated during the contest so that contestants are aware of the time constraints.

Marketing

a) Scenarios for all age categories will be given at the beginning of the marketing competition.

b) This competition is done individually, conferring with other contestants, use of notes or any other form of cheating will be grounds for disqualification of a contestant.

Interview Competition

The interview competition gives participants the opportunity to enhance their interview skills and to prepare an effective resume.

a) Contestants must be seniors.
b) Contestants must submit in 25 words or less the position for which they intend to interview.
c) Contestants are required to supply an updated resume and dress appropriately for the interview. Interviews will last approximately 15 minutes. After the interview is complete, there will be a one-on-one critique of the interview and applicants resume.
d) Judging will be based on Interview Skills (50%), Resume (25%), and appearance/overall effectiveness (25%).

Always Smiling Photography Contest

a) One entry per exhibitor.
b) Photo must be taken by the member exhibiting it.
c) Photo must be unedited