

DEPARTMENT #53 – SHOWMANSHIP

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Rules

- A. **Exhibitor must show his/her own animal.**
- B. Independent Juniors and Grange members should enter under their appropriate 4-H age group.
- C. All exhibitors are required to wear the official show uniform. For more information on show dress, please refer to the INSTRUCTIONS TO EXHIBITORS at the beginning of the youth livestock department. Independent juniors must wear white pants and shirt.
- D. Animals used in showmanship must be shown in individual classes.
- E. **ANIMALS MAY NOT BE BROUGHT ON GROUNDS SPECIFICALLY FOR SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES.**
- F. Exhibitor's age on all showmanship classes is as of January 1st.
- G. Any contestants winning first or second in a showmanship class that makes them eligible for Round Robin must notify the Livestock Office if they will be unable to compete in Round Robin.
- H. Contestants who place first and second in their age group will compete in one final class as a group (*where applicable*). The first and second place winners of this class will then participate in Round Robin.
- I. See specific Divisions for judging times.
- J. Animals will arrive and depart according to the division in which they are entered.
- K. *Novice classes: These classes are for those who have never shown that specie of livestock before (as of January 1). 1st & 2nd place winners in this class advance to the run-off round.*
- L. The same animal used in the age class must be used in the run-off.
- M. Pre-entry into showmanship is required. Exhibitors must enter showmanship by close of entries.
- N. Junior Exhibitors with a disability may request reasonable accommodations be made by notifying the Entry Office in advance.

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JUNIOR ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP

1. Open to qualifying Exhibitors (those that placed 1st and 2nd in their age appropriate class or the run-off class). Senior 4-H Round Robin is for 14 years and up and Junior 4-H Round Robin for exhibitors ages 9 - 13. First & second place winners are the only ones eligible to compete.
2. **Judging:**
 - **Large Animal** – Friday, August 11 10:00 a.m. – Dorfman Ring
 - **Small Animal** – Saturday, August 12 at 10:00 a.m. – Dorfman Ring
3. **The Sonoma County Fair will provide all animals for use in the Round Robin competitions.**
4. Should an exhibitor qualify in more than one specie, (*ex: placing 1st in beef showmanship and same exhibitor placing 2nd in sheep showmanship*) no other exhibitor will be considered to replace him/her to participate in contest.

Division 5301 – Large Animal Round Robin

FFA/4-H/Independent Junior contestants will be required to show each specie of beef cattle (*market & breeding*), dairy cattle, dairy goats, market goats, sheep (*market & breeding*), swine (*market & breeding*), and horse. 1st and 2nd place winners in their showmanship class are the only ones eligible to participate in Round Robin Showmanship. Fair to provide all animals.

Division 5302 – Small Animal Round Robin

Contestants will be required to show each specie of rabbits, poultry, covies, pygmy goats, and dogs. Contestants planning to participate must notify the Fur & Feathers Superintendent following the show. A time of 5 minutes will be allowed for showmanship in each specie. Fair to provide all animals.

Judging

Judges will score each contestant on a point system of 1 - 10, with 1 being low and 10 high.

In the event of a tie score between 2 or more exhibitors, the tie will be broken in this order:

- A. The exhibitor with the highest score on the specie that qualified him/her for Round Robin.
- B. The exhibitor with the most consistent set of scores.

Example:	Contestant #1	6	7	10	8	=	31
	Contestant #2	8	7	9	7	=	31

Contestant #2 would be the winner.

- C. Different questions will be used for each contest.

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Belt Buckles will be awarded to all winners.

Large Animal Showmanship Awards

4-H Junior Exhibitors 9-13 yearsR.O. Shelling Grain and Feed
4-H Senior Exhibitors 14 years & upby R.O. Shelling Grain and Feed
FFA Exhibitorsby The John Jordan Foundation

Small Animal Showmanship Awards

4-H Junior Exhibitors 9-13 years by Larry & Karyn Pulley
4-H Senior Exhibitors 14 years & up by Larry & Karyn Pulley
FFA Exhibitors by Sonoma County Fair

All awards to be presented at Awards Ceremony.

ADULT SHOWMANSHIP

Judging:	(in date order)
Horse	Saturday, July 29, following show – Chris Beck Arena
Rabbit	Thursday, August 3, following show – Fur and Feathers Building
Dairy Cattle	Friday, August 4, following show – Jamison Ring
Mkt. Lamb & Goat	Friday, August 4, following show – Wilford Ring
Breeding Swine	Saturday, August 5, following show – Dorfman Ring
Market Steer	Wednesday, August 8, following Show – Jamison Ring
Poultry	Tuesday, August 8, following show – Fur & Feathers Building
Dairy Goat	Tuesday, August 8, following show – Wilford Ring
Breeding Beef	Wednesday, August 9 following show – Jamison Ring
Breeding Sheep	Wednesday, August 9, following show – Wilford Ring
Market Hog	Wednesday, August 9, following show – Dorfman Ring
Pygmy Goat	Friday, August 11, following show – Dorfman Ring

Contest Rules

- A. Exhibitor must be 18 years of age or older, and not a current Sonoma County Fair Junior Exhibitor.
- B. Bulls, rams, or boars will be permitted at the discretion of the junior ambassador committee advisors.
- C. Entrants must be physically able to show and keep the animal under control.
- D. Showmanship and good sportsmanship conduct is expected of all entrants.
- E. Entrants must use animals currently on exhibit at the fair.
- F. No pre-registration is required.
- G. Gift certificates will be awarded at ringside to all winners.

**Employees of the Fair are ineligible to compete in Adult Showmanship.*

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SCORECARD FOR JUDGING SHOWMANSHIP IN GENERAL

Appearance of Animal	40%
Condition	(10)
Grooming and/or Clipping	(20)
Cleanliness	(10)
Appearance of Exhibitor	10%
Showing In the Ring	50%
Moving or Leading	(15)
Posing.....	(15)
Show Animal to Best Advantage.....	(10)
Poise, Alertness and Attitude.....	(10)
TOTAL	100%

SCORECARD FOR JUDGING RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

Carrying Rabbit to and From Judging Table.....	10%
Examination of Rabbit	60%
With Rabbit in sitting position.....	(10)
Check ears for canker and ear mark	Check toe nails
Run hand over body to check for blemishes	Check tail for defects and carriage
Check front legs for crooked bone	
Turn Rabbit over on back	(20)
Check eyes	Check sex
Check teeth	Check rear legs for straightness
Run hand over body to check for blemishes	
Return to sitting position.....	(10)
Groom by brushing with hands	
Pose Rabbit.....	(20)
Show ear mark	Be sure tail is carried properly
Place animal in natural position	Straighten ears
Show body type	Maintain posed position
Brush down with hands	Change to any position as directed
Answer any questions	
Condition of Animal	(10)
Appearance of animal	Healthy appearance
Body type	Lack of defects
Free from molt	
Appearance of Showman	20%
Neatness	Well groomed
Actions	Graceful Clean
Neatly dressed	Confident Polite
Natural	
TOTAL	100%

SCORECARD FOR JUDGING POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP

Appearance of Exhibit	40%
Condition	(10)
Grooming	(20)
Cleanliness	(10)
Appearance of Exhibitor	10%
Showing in the Ring	50%
Handling	(15)
Posing.....	(15)
Showing exhibit to best advantage.....	(10)
Poise, Alertness, and Attitude.....	(10)
TOTAL	100%