

13. DAIRY CATTLE HANDLER'S

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- A. PURPOSE – Evaluate members' abilities to properly show dairy cattle. Judging is based on poise of the handlers and their abilities to display the animal to their best advantage, maintain the animal in its most advantageous post, exhibit effective restraint and move the animal as requested by the event ringmaster.
- B. OBJECTIVES
- 1) Contestant will only show animals selected by the Showmanship Committee and may NOT show their own animal. Contestant will be expected to show several animals during the contest.
 - 2) In making the placement and awards, the Judge will consider the following points:
 - Personal appearance of Contestant, including neatness and cleanliness
 - Presentation of the animal in the ring.
 - Control of animal by contestant.
 - Skill and knowledge in showing animal during the show.
 - Poise and calmness of contestant during the show.
 - Timeliness: being on time at the correct location at all times.
 - Animal's physical condition and conformation will NOT be considered in the judging of this contest. ONLY the contestant's performance shall be considered.
- C. ELIGIBILITY
- 1) Career Development Event will consist of two levels of competition
 - Junior Level, grades 6 – 8
 - Senior Level, grades 7 – 12
 - 2) MAXIMUM participants will be 32. Schools that have more than four contestants may be asked to drop one or more of their contestants so that the event does not exceed 32.
 - 3) Contestants may be asked to come back at the end. Please do not leave show ring and bleacher area until told to do so.
 - 4) The **top 4** contestants will go on as a team to compete at Eastern States Expo in Springfield, MA. The **first-place individual** will also go to compete at the National Convention.
- D. EVENT RULES
- 1) Dairy showmanship will be occurring at the same time as the Dairy Cattle Evaluation CDE. Students cannot compete in both Dairy Evaluation and Dairy Handler in the same year.
- E. ATTIRE
- 1) Personal appearance of contestant, including neatness and cleanliness is important
 - 2) Wear white pants and shirt. Wearing work boots/shoes is recommended
 - 3) State or chapter FFA t-shirts are acceptable
 - 4) Harnesses will be provided with contestant numbers.
- F. LOCATION
- 1) Dairy Judging Area - Dairy Cattle Building. Thursday, August 31
 - 2) Registration starts at 8:00 a.m.
 - 3) Event starts at 8:30 a.m.