

Lot 9(A) – Round Robin Showmanship

Only Senior 4-H and FFA Grand Champion Showman are eligible to compete in the Round Robin Showmanship class.

If the Grand Champion Showman is unable to participate, they must notify the Superintendent by 5 pm the day prior (or sooner if known) to the Round Robin Contest. In the event an exhibitor is the Champion Showman in two or more species divisions, the exhibitor will choose which species to show in the contest. The Reserve will then be eligible to participate.

For safety reasons the animals best suited for Round Robin will be selected by the superintendent of that species regardless of ownership. Four (4) market hogs will be selected, and the showmen may select one to show. The animals to be selected must have been shown in the respective fair showmanship classes, sifted animals are not allowed. Champion Senior showmen in the species showmanship contests will compete further by showing each other's entries, such as the first-place winner in Beef will show the Swine entry, etc. They will be automatically awarded maximum points for showmanship in their species.

The following rules will apply:

1. Coaching by outsider will result in disqualification.
2. Contestants will enter the ring dressed neatly and appropriately for the species in which they qualified to enter the Round Robin. NO CHANGE of apparel once the contest begins.
3. Each Champion showman of his species will give a courtesy demonstration at the beginning of the contest. Judges may narrate and give pointers.
4. Each Champion will show the animals selected for the Round Robin and be judged for points.
5. Qualified judges will judge each species.
6. Contestants will be required to walk the different species around the ring and demonstrate control and set the animals up with the exception of the hog. Show sticks, bats, brushes etc. will be furnished with each animal as required to properly show each different species. Judges will use official score sheets to score their evaluation of each exhibitor. Judges will evaluate exhibitors using the following criteria: Control of animal, confidence, knowledge and appearance. Judges will ask questions of the participants.
7. Replacement of unruly animals – with the exception of the swine, a replacement animal will be available in the event of an unruly animal.
8. Prior to the contest three species will be designated as the tie breakers.
9. Scores will be tabulated by an official scorer.

10. One official handler will assist with the rotations.
11. The ring steward will announce movements; introduce contestants, judges, etc.
12. Scoring will be by species with a maximum of 20 points for each of the following:
 - (A) Ability to properly show animals (20 points maximum) _____ Does the contestant demonstrate the proper ability to show the animal?
 - (B) Knowledge and control of the animal (20 points maximum) _____ Does the contestant demonstrate general knowledge and the proper reasonable and customary activities in the control and performance of the animal?
 - (C) Presentation of animal by showman. (20 points maximum) _____ Does the showman demonstrate the proper aspects and techniques of presenting the animal for judging?
 - (D) Alertness and appearance of showman. (20 points maximum) _____ Does the showman demonstrate the proper appearance and alertness specific to the showmanship of the animal?
 - (E) Sportsmanship of showman. (20 points maximum) _____ Does the showman demonstrate the proper sportsmanship in relation to other contestants, the animal, the audience, and the judge? (100 maximum Points) _____
13. After winning Grand Champion Round Robin Showman once in a species in any prior year, that exhibitor must win Champion showman in another species before being eligible to show for Grand Champion Showman in Round Robin again.
14. A 4-H/FFA member may ONLY ENTER WITH ONE SPECIES. If qualified with more than one species, the RESERVE showman will represent that species which the Champion elects not to show.