

MEMORANDUM

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TO: D6 County Extension Agents and County Extension Offices

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SUBJECT: 2017 D6 4-H Mohair Judging & Evaluation AND Wool Judging & Evaluation Contests

THE D6 4-H MOHAIR JUDGING & EVALUATION AND WOOL JUDGING & EVALUATION COMPETITIONS WILL TAKE PLACE TUESDAY, MAY 16TH AT THE SAN ANGELO STOCK SHOW SALE PAVILION, 50 E 43RD ST., SAN ANGELO, TEXAS. We will be collaborating with D7.

Schedule:

4:30-5:00 p.m. Check-in
5:00 p.m. Contests begin immediately followed by Awards Program

The 2017 Texas 4-H Roundup Rules and Guidelines will be followed. This document can be accessed at the Texas 4-H website, <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>, and is attached.

Contest resources can be accessed online at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/sheep/>. Two supplemental documents are also attached.

The D6 4-H Mohair & Wool Committee consist of Chase McPhaul (co-chair), Houston Dobbins (co-chair), David Disselhorst and Kailey Roberts. For emergencies, the day of the contest please contact Chase at 325-262-2551 or Houston at 210-862-1075.

All youth should be enrolled, approved and paid 4-H members on 4-H Connect. Contestant entry will be made through 4-H Connect during the timeframe of April 17-28. The registration fee is \$10 per contestant. The team members’ names will need to be provided for registration to be complete. It is the responsibility of someone on the county level to review and accept registrations. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCPETED, AND NO REFUNDS PROVIDED.** Note, changes requested to team makeup following the deadline will incur a \$25 fee.

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Age division is based on the current 2016-17 4-H year:

- Junior/Intermediate: grades 3, 4 and 5 (minimum age of 8, in addition to being in the 3rd grade)
- Intermediate: grades 6, 7 and 8
- Senior: grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 (maximum age of 18 as of August 31, 2016)

There is no limit on the amount of teams a county may enter. Teams may compete in one contest only, either wool or mohair. Designation will need to be made prior to the contest via 4-H Connect.

AT DISTRICT COMPETITION A TEAM MAY CONSIST OF A MIXTURE OF 4-HERS FROM THE JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE AGE DIVISIONS, BUT THEY WILL COMPETE ON THE INTERMEDIATE LEVEL.

This is a qualifying contest for state. The top three senior teams and individuals (if not on a top three team) may compete at Texas 4-H Roundup in College Station this June.

No printed materials can be used as an aid during the contest. Contestants are only allowed to have a clipboard and #2 pencils.

NEW THIS YEAR – Scantrons will be used during contest. A scanned example of both forms is attached. Scantrons will be provided to contestants upon check-in at the event. The Angelo State University Agriculture Department will run the forms and provide official scores for results.

Mohair Classes: Two classes of four fleeces each will be placed and reasons checked. Twenty mohair samples will be evaluated for fineness.

Wool Classes: Judge two classes of wool and complete an evaluation form on each. Evaluate 20 fleeces for grade, staple length and yield.

Ribbons will be presented. The top three individuals and teams in each age division will be acknowledged. Additional recognition may be provided at the discretion of the contest committee based upon sponsorship.

Individual and team photos (if taken) and results will be made available following the contest on the D6 4-H website, <http://d64-h.tamu.edu/>, under the Results tab.

Protest Guidelines:

- \$25 cash, and must be submitted in writing to a committee co-chair
- Must be received no later than 30 minutes following the conclusion of the awards program
- The Protest Committee will consist of the contest committee member and 4-H Specialist (when on-site)
- The committee will meet in private to review and make judgement
- All decisions of the committee will be final

Help Needs:

Any CEA or volunteer in a county 4-H program that plans to be on-site at the contest and is willing to assist the committee is asked to contact Chase McPhaul, pcmcphaul@ag.tamu.edu or 325-884-2335, by April 28th so appropriate plans can be made.