

2020 EASTERN CAROLINA SHOWMANSHIP CIRCUIT

Heifers, Lambs, Hogs, Goats

We would like to thank **Farm Credit Association of North Carolina** for their continued support of the Circuit. This year, they will provide one scholarship to a deserving senior recipient of the ECSC.

Eligibility

Youth who plan to participate in the circuit must go to this [website](#) to complete the google form to register & order a t-shirt size. This form does **not** register you for any shows. Youth who attend at least 3 shows will be eligible for a t-shirt.

Because of uncertainty due to COVID & possible weather events, 75% of the shows will be counted for points if there is a cancellation. **If all planned shows occur, scores will be 5 out of 7 for all four species.**

Age Divisions for all Four Species, based on exhibitor's age as of January 1, 2020

Novice: 7 and under

Junior: 8-11

Intermediate: 12-14

Senior: 15-18

A participant may elect to move up to the next age division (example: Joe is 13 but would like to show as a Senior). **To move up into an older age group, the participant must notify Tanya Heath in writing or via email at tmheath@ncsu.edu before August 24th, 2020, (including circuit champions).** Once a participant is placed into an older age division, he or she must show in that division at all the 2020 circuit shows that he or she attends (no exceptions). Participant may only move up one age division (i.e. Novice Lamb cannot show with Senior Lamb).

Awards

The circuit will award trophy belt buckles to top showman in each of the 4 age divisions for heifers, lambs, hogs, & goats. Showmanship is based on a cumulative point system. Embroidered jackets will be given to the reserve champions in each age division. Additional awards will be provided to participants placing third (3rd) through fifth (5th) in each age division. Tee shirts will be given to all youngsters that complete a minimum of three (3) sanctioned events in the circuit.

Scoring System

The scoring system is based on an accumulation of points. Points in each age division will be as follows:

- a. Showpersons in each age division will receive points as follows:

1st - 15 points

2nd - 13 points

3rd - 11 points

4th - 9 points

5th - 7 points

6 Points will be given to any child that makes finals in a show that has enough entries to warrant go-rounds.

All others - 5 points

- b. Participation in 3 shows qualifies showman for tee-shirt.

- c. *An individual's top 5 scores will count toward year-end awards for all species (or 75% of shows if any shows are canceled).*

Scholarship

Seniors in high school, who have competed in at least 3 shows in the current year, may apply for the circuit scholarship. Scholarship Application will be available at the following link: <https://edgecombe.ces.ncsu.edu/>

Tie Breakers

In the event that two participants are tied:

1. **Head to Head competition will be considered in breaking the tie.**
2. **All the dropped scores will be added.**
3. If still a tie, an additional belt buckle will be given, if participant is a first-time winner.

General Rules

- Shows are coordinated by different entities. [CDC](#) has provided guidelines to assist in the safety of all who participate and support youth livestock shows. Shows that have Extension staff involved must strictly follow the Cooperative Extension Guidelines which includes:
 - No one with a fever or symptoms of COVID- 19, or known exposure in the prior 14-days, is permitted in the establishment,
 - Follow the 3 W's: Wear, Wait & Wash. Face masks will be required in and around the ring, follow physical distancing guidelines (6 ft. apart), wash hands or use hand sanitizers.
 - Shows will also be videotaped or live streamed to reduce the number of people at the show.
- Please check with each show on their rules and/or safety protocols, as they may vary.
- Champion & Reserve Champion awards may be won more than once in each age division with no restrictions.
- Sanctioned shows held on Monday through Thursday must have showmanship competition first and no penalty shall be given to participants that do not participate in the animal judging (leave early).
- **If a Circuit participant or any member of their immediate family is barred from competition at any of the sanctioned events, for any reason, that participant shall be ineligible for any and all Circuit awards in the current year.**
- Updates can be found at the [Eastern Carolina Showmanship Circuit Facebook](#) page. If questions arise regarding cancellations due to inclement weather (i.e. hurricanes), please contact your local county Extension office. The contact person for the show in question will email the other county Extension offices.
- If you have specific questions about the circuit, contact the species coordinators.

For more information regarding the circuit, please visit the website below:

<https://edgecombe.ces.ncsu.edu/>

