

Rangitaiki Group Boy and Girls Agricultural Club Rules

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Contributing schools are Awakeri, Otakiri, Thornton and Matata Public Schools

DIVISIONS: Calf, Lamb and kid goat classes in junior, intermediate and senior divisions as follows;

Juniors: 5, 6 and, 7 year olds as at 1st August

Intermediate: 8, 9 and 10 year olds as at 1st August

Seniors: 11 years and over as at 1st August

Calf Classes: Combine divisions in Leading, Child Effort and Breed type

Lamb Classes: Combined divisions in Leading, Most Obvious Pet and Best Reared

Kid Classes: Combined divisions in Leading, Most Obvious Pet and Best Reared

ANIMALS: No sick animals are permitted. Ministry for Primary Industries (Biosecurity NZ) advice must be followed regarding calves to reduce the spread of Mycoplasma bovis

Calves Must be born on or after 15th July
 Must NOT be clipped or plucked
 May be washed with shampoo or soap
 May be Bull or Heifer calves

Lambs Must be born on or after 15th July
 Must NOT be washed or have any shampoo on them as ANY stage
 Must be tail docked unless it is a specialist breed that does not dock tails, or
 if there is known and sound reasoning for not docking the tail
 Male and female lambs are acceptable

Kids Must be born on or after 15th July
 Must NOT be clipped or plucked. Hoof trimming is allowed
 May be washed with shampoo or soap etc
 May be doe, wether or buck kids

GENERAL RULES;

1. Group Day Participants are only eligible to attend if they won 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in their respective class at their own schools Agricultural Day. Schools can only enter 4 children for each class*. If schools choose to award equal place getters, they can still only send 4 children in each class; individual school to make decision who to send on Group Day. Only one animal per group day participant is allowed.
*Thornton exception in Calves can enter 3 girls and 3 boys from each class
2. Lamb and Kid divisions have combined boy and girl classes
3. All eligible place getter names shall be emailed through to the Group Day school no less than 1 day before Group Day. -Any late entries will not be permitted.
4. Adults are required to vacate the tie up areas when directed as judging commences at 10am. The only people allowed behind the rings are school stewards for their respective school. At no time should adults be seen grooming any animals on the day. Helping to wash after transit is acceptable.
5. Each school group will have a separate tie up area for calves, lambs and kid goats. Each school shall provide 1-2 stewards in each division to look after their school participants.
6. Judges rulings are final except where a clerical error has occurred. All complaints are made to the Chief Steward.
7. All calves must have a NAIT ear tag.

RING SPECIFICATIONS;

Calf rings – 15 x 15m

Lambs and Kid rings – 10 x 10m. Front of ring must have netting only and no scrim so that spectators can see. No spectators are permitted to lean over scrim.

Jumping Rails for goats – 3 rails 4 x 1 maximum height 30cm or any other material no higher than 30cm.

CALF JUDGING GUIDELINES:

Leading

1. The calves are led in an anticlockwise manner around the ring.
2. The calf must be on right hand side of the child.
3. Child must walk at a steady pace around the ring. Do not jerk the halter or lead. You should walk or stand at the calves shoulder and not too far forward of the calf.
4. Leading and tethering halters are permitted.
5. The right hand should grip the rope/lead, palm upwards and 10-12cm from the halter
6. The left hand should grip the rope/lead knuckles upward, leaving a loop of slack lead between the hands. This loop should reach the knees.
7. There should be a tail end of the lead/rope which should be folded neatly (not looped) into your left hand.
8. All control should be made by the right hand.
9. At the stop standard, wait 3 seconds, look at the judge and then continue when the judge acknowledges.
10. At the third standard, the child must lead its calf in a clockwise manner around the standard and continue to the exit.
11. Points may be taken off if there is an unscheduled stop unless the calf is relieving itself, being on the wrong side of the calf, calf touching any standards, going around the third standard the wrong way, walking in a crooked line, touching your calf in anyway, hooking your fingers through any halter or rings on the halter and running with the calf. If the calf refuses to move you may hit the calf with the left hand back motion using the short (previously folded end) of the lead behind your back. No penalties will be given for a startled calf because of spectators actions.

Child Effort

1. Points may be deducted for lice, dirty ears, and dirt/manure in the coat/tail or legs, loose hairs, any clipping or trimming of tails, dirty hooves or rubbing/patches of skin from having too tight a halter or calf cover.
2. Children shall be tidily dressed. Clean overalls and gumboots are allowed, must wear covered shoes for safety reasons.
3. Leads and halters should be clean.
4. The judge will ask questions of each participant as to the care and grooming of their calf.

Breed Type

1. Calves are separated into 4 types of calves. These are 3 dairy types and one beef breed type, and final decision is at the discretion of the Chief Steward on the day.
2. No movement of calves between dairy type classes will be allowed at Group Day.
Light Breed: (Heifer calves only) Jersey.
Heavy Breed: (Heifers calves only) Ayrshire, Friesian.
Cross Breed: Jersey Cross, Friesian Cross (LIC breed code submit in on entry)
Beef Breed: Are Hereford, Angus, Belgian Blue, Simmental and all other beef breeds and crosses thereof. All male/bull calves and beef breed heifer calves only.

Champion Judging:

1. All division (1st place junior, 1st place intermediate and 1st place senior) for leading and child effort classes will be re-judged (previous points can be considered) by all three ring judges to find a Supreme Leading Champion, Reserve Leading Champion and Supreme Child Effort Champion, Reserve Child Effort Champion
2. The second place getters in each division may be re-judged to get the reserve champion or the unsuccessful entrant of the championship shall be chosen as the reserve champion.
3. Breed Type – there will be no Champion or Reserve Champion ribbons awarded.
4. There is no Overall Best Calf at Group Day

LAMB JUDGING GUIDELINES:

Most Obvious Pet

1. Stage 1 – calling- a steward holds the lamb and the child walks to the first standard and then calls it. The lamb must go around the first peg.
2. Stage 2 – follow – The child walks along and the lamb follows behind. The pace should be walking pace and the lamb needs to go around the second peg.
3. Stage 3 – catch – Run along to the 3rd peg with your lamb running after you. Stop and catch the lamb, attach the lead and wait until judge gives you a nod.
4. Points may be deducted for the lamb not going around the pegs and running when they are supposed to be walking.

Leading

1. Lambs are led anticlockwise around the ring outside the pegs.
2. At the middle peg, the participant stops their lamb and counts to three. They then resume leading the lamb around the ring.
3. At the last peg, they stop again and wait for the judge to give the nod to exit the ring.
4. The lamb should be about 10cm off the child's right leg and is led on the right side.
5. The lamb should walk at its normal pace.
6. The lambs' legs should be in line with the child's legs.
7. The child and lamb should walk in a straight line.
8. The lead from the lambs' collar should not be too tight or too loose.
9. The right hand should grip the lead palm upwards 10-20cm from the lambs head. The left hand should grip the lead, knuckles upwards leaving a loop of slack lead between the hands.
10. All control should be exercised by the right hand.
11. Points may be deducted for touching the lamb, hitting the lamb with anything, releasing the right hand grip on the lead at any time, jerking on the halter or dragging the lamb, unscheduled stopping unless it wants to relieve itself and being on the wrong side of the lamb.
12. The judge is looking for the co-ordination and co-operation of the child and the lamb and may amend the routine to separate possible place getters.

Rearing

1. The lambs are judged as a saleable product. Judges will ask child what breed/sex of lamb, what it is fed and what age it is.
2. The judge will judge the child and lambs general disposition to each other, how the lamb leads and co-operation with the child.
3. The judge will judge the condition and growth of the lamb taking into consideration the age of the lamb. The judge will judge the amount of brushing and attention the lamb has received, how clean and what the general appearance of the lamb is.
4. The tail area maybe sponged or trimmed for cleanliness. The ears, flanks and under the front legs maybe cleaned with a damp cloth.
5. Points maybe deducted for lice and washing using soap or shampoo.

Champions:

1. The 1st place getter of each division (junior, intermediate and senior) will compete against each other for the Champions in Leading, Most Obvious Pet and Best Reared classes. Previous points can be considered.
2. The second place getters may be considered to get the reserve champion or the unsuccessful entrant the championship shall be chosen as the reserve champion.
3. All three champions in Leading, Most Obvious Pet and Best Reared classes will compete for Overall Supreme Champion Lamb. Previous points can be considered.

KID GOAT JUDGING GUIDELINES:

Most Obvious Pet

1. Stage 1 – calling – A steward holds the Kid and the child walks to the first standard and then calls it. The kid must go around the first peg.
2. Stage 2 – follow – The child walks along and the Kid follows behind. The pace is as you choose walking/running pace and the Kid needs to go around the second peg.
3. Stage 3 – catch – Run along to the 3rd peg with your Kid running after you. Stop and catch the Kid.
4. Points maybe deducted for the Kid not going around the peg.

Leading

1. The right hand should grip the lead palm upwards 10=20cm from the goats head. The left hand should grip the lead, knuckles upwards leaving a loop of slack lead between the hands. There should be 30-45cm of tail end of rope which should hang from the left hand.
2. The Kids are led anticlockwise around the ring outside the pegs.
3. Free walk to the jumping rails, jump the jumping rails and then jump along the stepping stones (tree stumps) until you get to the plank and walk the kids along the plank and then jump off. Exit the ring.
4. The plank should be fixed at one end and the other end left free and be raised so that the kid jumps off.

Rearing

1. The judge will judge the child and kids general disposition to each other, how the kid leads and co-operates with the kid.
2. The judge will judge the condition and growth of the kid taking into consideration the age of the kid.
3. The judge will judge the amount of brushing and attention the kid has received, how clean and what the general appearance of the kid is.
4. Points maybe deducted for lice and untrimmed hooves.

Champions:

1. The 1st place getter of each division (junior, intermediate and senior) will compete against each other for the Champions in Leading, Most Obvious Pet and Best Reared classes. Previous points can be considered.
2. The 2nd place getters may be considered to get the Reserve Champion, or the unsuccessful entrant in the championship shall be chosen as the Reserve Champion.
3. All three Champions in Leading, Most Obvious Pet and Best Reared classes will compete for Overall Supreme Champion Goat. Previous points can be considered.