

2022 Showmanship Showdown (Formerly Known as Round Robin)



General Rules: Showmanship Showdown provides an opportunity for the Grand Champion Showman from each species to partake in a head-to-head showmanship competition to be named Overall Showman for either large and/or small animal honors at the fair. In this competition, each contestant will rotate from species to species.

The Showmanship Showdown competition will consist of the following divisions:

Small Animal- poultry, llama/alpaca, rabbits, dog, cavy, pack goat, and goat

Large Animal- horse, steer, junior beef, swine, dairy feeder, and lamb

Eligibility: Exhibitors that won (Grand Champion Showman) of their species will be eligible to compete in Showmanship Showdown. In the event that a contestant wins Grand Champion Showman in more than one species in a given year, the contestant will be able to choose the species he/she wishes to show and represent. Once the Grand Showman has made his/her decision, the Reserve Champion will be eligible to participate in the competition.

In the Large Animal Showmanship Showdown, contestants will show each species of horse, steer, dairy feeder, junior beef, lamb, and swine.

In the Small Animal Showmanship Showdown, contestants will show each species of cavy, rabbit, llama/alpaca, goat, pack goat, dog, and poultry.

Once a Grand and Reserve from both the large division and small division are determined, there will be an additional competition to determine the Overall Showmanship Showdown winner. The Grand from each division will draw from a hat an animal from the other species division that will return to the final round of competition. The 2 animals drawn along with the 2 top Grand contestants will compete again to determine the overall showman. Please note the small species contestants will be drawing from the large animal division and the large animal contestants will be drawing from the small animal division to show in the final round of competition. After score sheets are tallied, an overall showman will be announced.

Scoring of Showmanship Showdown:

Every contestant will show each specie for a limited amount of time. At the end of the time limit, the contestant will move on to the next specie.

Each exhibitor will begin the competition with the animal he/she qualified with. Contestants are expected to enter the ring dressed according to their project specifications.

The competition will conclude once each contestant has shown each species.

There will be a separate judge for each species. Each judge will be provided a judge's scoring sheet. The judge will be the Reserve Champion Showman from each species along with an adult chosen by the Showmanship Showdown team (a knowledgeable/qualified adult within the species). In the event that the Reserve Champion Showman partakes in the competition, then another 4-Her of that species will be chosen by the Showmanship Showdown team to step in as the judge.

Each contestant will be judged on his/her showmanship skills with each species of animal in the small or large animal divisions. A final round of competition with the Grand from each division (small and large) will compete to determine the overall showman.

Judges will use a numerical scoring system to evaluate each contestant according to each species shown. Judges will evaluate contestants using the following criteria: appearance, eye contact, confidence & poise, control of animal, animal maneuvering, knowledge & communication. The ultimate winner will be determined by the total number of points earned over all of the species shown. The top 2 contestants (Grand) will move on to the final round of competition.

Animals used in the competition will be chosen by the Showmanship Showdown team. If an animal becomes unruly, it will be replaced with a back-up. Showmanship Showdown team/community will ensure animals are at the designated area for show day.

****Tie Procedure:** Scores will be dropped for the showmanship species from which the contestant entered first. If a tie continues, then subsequent highest scores will be dropped until the tie is broken.

Awards: One belt buckle will be awarded to the Overall Showmanship Showdown contestant. There is no limit as to how many times a contestant can compete in Showmanship Showdown. However, a 4-Her is eligible to receive the award (belt buckle) once in his/her 4-H career.