



**2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL  
ALL-ONTARIO JUDGING COMPETITION  
SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016  
ANCASTER FAIRGROUNDS, ON**

**COMPETITOR'S INFORMATION**

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All-Ontario Judging Competition  
Saturday, May 14, 2016  
Ancaster Fairgrounds (630 Trinity Rd S, Jerseyville)

Congratulations on registering to be a Competitor for this competition!

Please find included in this package the following material:

- Registration form
- Waiver of liability
- Letter outlining the program
- Rules and Regulations for the competition
- A copy of the tentative competition schedule
- General competition information
  - Oral Reasons

Please do not hesitate to call me for clarification on any of the program material. I can be contacted by email [judgingcompetition@jfao.on.ca](mailto:judgingcompetition@jfao.on.ca) and will respond to your inquiries within 24 hours.

Yours truly,

**Alex Mitchell**

All-Ontario Judging Competition Committee Co-Chair  
Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario



## ALL-ONTARIO JUDGING COMPETITION

### COMPETITOR REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

*Fill out ONE of the below forms:*

<b>JFAO Members</b>	<b>4-H Members</b>
<p><b>Age Category (Check one):</b>            Current member: _____            Alumni (between the ages of 15 and 29): _____            JF Club: _____</p>	<p><b>Age Category (Check one):</b>            Senior (16-21): _____            Intermediate (12-15): _____            Junior (9-11): _____            4-H Association: _____</p>

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:

\_\_\_\_\_

# Required

**Early Bird Registration** (Postmarked by **April 22**): \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Awards Banquet Ticket** (Postmarked by **May 6**): \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$: \_\_\_\_\_

- Registration after April 22nd will be accepted **online only** or by **walk-in sign-up** and will cost \$30.00
- The Awards Banquet will be held off-site at the Copetown Community Centre. Transportation from the Judging Competition to the Awards Banquet is **not provided**
- Please make cheques payable to “**Junior Farmers’ Association of Ontario**”
- Do you have any health/allergy/dietary concerns we should be aware of?

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### **PROGRAM AGREEMENT FORM**

The All-Ontario Judging Competition will provide an opportunity for Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario (JFAO) Members and 4-H Ontario members to participate in a provincial program that combines a high-quality format in which to develop their judging skills. It is also important for the program to build and enhance the JFAO and 4-H Ontario images to the general public and to the companies and organizations that sponsor this activity.

The planning committee and volunteers of the program bear the responsibility of providing the best competition event possible, and of administering the program in a safe and conscientious manner. The success of the program is equally dependent on the competitors in assuming a mature and responsible behaviour while in attendance.

Standards of behaviour for the program include:

- Possession or use of non-prescription drugs and/or alcohol during day activities is not permitted.
- Competitors are expected to attend all events in the competition for its duration.

Those who do not adhere to these standards may forfeit the privileges of the program. The competitor may also be ineligible to compete in future All-Ontario Judging Competitions, at the discretion of the committee.

I hereby understand that the competitor contact information will be used so that JFAO may display competition related material (results, competition booklets, etc.) to our visitors and the media.

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I HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD, AND AGREE TO THE CONDITIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT, AND I AGREE TO WAIVE THE JUNIOR FARMERS' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO FROM ANY RESPONSIBILITY

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

If the JFAO, 4-H Member or Youth is under 18 years of age, parent or guardian must sign.

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN



Dear Competitor:

Congratulations on signing up to represent your county at this year's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual All-Ontario Judging Competition. This competition is held **Saturday, May 14, 2016**. **Please read all of the material carefully, as there is very important information about the competition.**

### **THE PROGRAM**

The program is a competition format. You are expected to come prepared to compete and to judge multiple species of livestock and crops and complete quizzes. There will be information boards present at each station to assist those who are unfamiliar with judging. An outline of the program is included in this package. Our program depends on partnership dollars, as the registration fees collected do not cover all of the costs of this program.

### **THE PARTNERS**

The majority of the costs are covered by the partners of this program. We encourage you to thank them whenever the opportunity arises.

### **THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

The All-Ontario Judging Competition is planned and organized by a committee of volunteers of the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario. The program is facilitated by the planning committee and volunteers. **The All-Ontario Judging Competition is proudly supported by 4-H Ontario.**

**REGISTRATION FEE** – There are registration fees which are applicable. These fees can be found on the *Competitor Registration Form*. The daily fee includes lunch and a token of appreciation for all competitors. The Awards Banquet includes dinner, banquet, and admission to the dance, which will follow the awards banquet. **Please mail your registration fee (made payable to the Junior Farmers Association of Ontario), along with your registration form, to the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario office or register online.** Accommodations and transportation are at the expense of the Competitor.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Transportation to and from the competition and Awards Banquet are the responsibility of the competitor.



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## **MEALS**

Lunch is included in the cost of registration. Dinner is included in your Awards Banquet ticket. If you require a special diet, please note it on your registration form.

## **REGISTRATION**

**Competitors** - Please complete the attached Registration, Program Agreement Form, and Waiver of Liability and return it to the JFAO Office with a cheque payable to the “Junior Farmers’ Association of Ontario” or “JFAO”, for the applicable fees, by the specified date, as outlined on your Competitor Registration Form.

## **EMERGENCIES**

If your family must contact you in the case of emergency while at the competition, a message can be left for you, by calling Alex Mitchell at 613-633-0822, or emailing [judgingcompetition@jfao.on.ca](mailto:judgingcompetition@jfao.on.ca).

We look forward to seeing you at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual All-Ontario Judging Competition!



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## All-Ontario Judging Competition RULES AND REGULATIONS

### *Objectives of the Competition*

1. To provide an opportunity for Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario (JFAO) Members and 4-H Ontario members from across Ontario to attend and participate in the All-Ontario Judging Competition and compete in an provincial competition.
2. To foster the future development of the agricultural industry in Ontario.
3. To provide a challenging, thought-provoking, and competitive judging experience.

### *Eligibility*

1. **Competitors must be: a current or past JFAO Member who is 15-29 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of the competition or a current 4-H Ontario Member (9-21 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of the competition)**
2. All competitors must complete and sign a registration/program agreement form.
3. Competitors must pay a registration fee to the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario. Registration/Program forms and applicable fees must be **sent to the JFAO Office by the dates specified in the Competitor Registration Form.**

### *Judging*

1. Participants will compete in judging livestock, crops, life skills classes, and general knowledge and identification quizzes, and provide oral reasons in those classes identified. There will be no formal demonstrations.
2. A total of 12 minutes per class is allotted to judge each class.
3. Competitors will remain in their judging group for the duration of the competition, and will not mingle with other groups.
4. Competitors caught working together or seeking coaching during the competition will be **disqualified**.
5. No prior written documentation will be allowed when judging classes.
6. **No electronic devices will be allowed during the competition. i.e.: cell phone, camera, etc. Any competitors caught with such devices will be disqualified.**



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### **Oral Reasons**

1. Each competitor will give oral reasons in the identified classes.
2. Oral reasons will be given following the completion of placing classes. They will be presented to the class judge(s).
3. Notes are acceptable. However, using notes may have an effect on your score.
4. The animals or grains/forage may not be present during the oral reasons presentations.

### **Scoring**

1. The official judge's decision is final.
2. Aggregate scores will be based on total scores of the classes and quizzes, plus scores of oral reasons.
3. Ties will be broken by the official judge. In the event of a tie in the aggregate, the higher standing will be given to the higher total score in oral reasons.

### **Awards**

1. Individual Awards:
  - a. Top Competitor in each of the following categories will be awarded a certificate and prize:
    - i. Junior 4-H Member (9-11 years of age)
    - ii. Intermediate 4-H Member (12-15 years of age)
    - iii. Senior 4-H Member (16-21 years of age)
    - iv. JFAO Member
  - b. Top Competitor in each of the following categories will receive a certificate and a prize:
    - i. Livestock
    - ii. Crops
    - iii. Life Skills
    - iv. Quizzes
2. Top JFAO Club:
  - a. The average score of the Top 3 club competitors (minimum 3 competitors) will be used to calculate the winning club.
  - b. The winning club will receive \$100 and a certificate.



3. Top 4-H Association:
  - a. The average score of the Top 3 association competitors (minimum 3 competitors of any age) will be used to calculate the winning association.
  - b. The winning association will receive \$100 and a certificate.
4. Top County:
  - a. The average score of the Top 5 competitors, including 4-H and JFAO members, (minimum 5 competitors) will be used to calculate the top county.
5. The AOJC Committee's decision will be final.

### **Conduct**

1. Competitors are expected to attend all planned events.
2. Competitors are not allowed to leave the site without alerting the committee.
3. Possession or use of illegal drugs/and or alcohol is not permitted.
4. Competitors are expected to conduct themselves in a respectable manner at all times.
5. Competitors caught working together or seek coaching during the competition will be disqualified.
6. Competitors caught using or in possession of electronic devices in order to cheat during the competition will be disqualified.

### **Liability**

1. No claim for injury to any person or property shall ever be asserted nor suit instituted or maintained against the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario, 4-H Ontario, or the Ancaster Agricultural Society, its officers or agents, by or on behalf of any visitor, or any person, firm or corporation or their agents, representatives or employees, having license or privilege to exhibit in the area or occupying any space therein.

### **Dress Code**

The dress code for the day events and the Awards Banquet is **business casual**.  
NO BLUE JEANS, HATS, OR RUNNING SHOES. Black jeans are acceptable.



## **ALL-ONTARIO JUDGING COMPETITION SCHEDULE**

### **SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016 – JUDGING COMPETITION**

8:30 am	Registration Opens at Ancaster Fairgrounds
9:30 am	Registration Closes; Introductions; Partner Recognition; Review of Rules
9:45 am	<b>Competition Starts:</b> Competitors will rotate through the classes
12:00 pm	Lunch, Group picture
12:45 pm	<b>Rotation Continues:</b>
3:30 pm	Conclusion of Judging and Livestock Final Placings given

### **SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016 – AWARDS BANQUET**

4:30 pm	Cocktail Hour
5:30 pm	Awards Banquet and Dinner
	Photos of Winners
	Square Dance workshop to follow



## **ORAL REASONS**

The ability to stand in front of a judge and explain your placing is not an easy task for most people. Practice is needed.

- \* Take notes while you are placing the class.
- \* Try to be accurate. Your statement must be true.
- \* Be brief. The most important point that you want to make is "Why" you placed an animal over the other. Through comparison, you tell why. You can describe until you are out of breath, but if you do not COMPARE, you will have wasted your time.
- \* List the difference between animals in order of importance. The most important items are listed first, followed by less important ones.
- \* Try to imagine the class - picture it in front of you. Refer to it as if it is standing there.
- \* Refer to the animals by the correct number. It becomes confusing to you and the judge if you use the wrong number. When referring to the sex of the animal use the correct pronoun (he/she).
- \* Use the market terms on a market class and breeding terms on a breeding class and put major emphasis on characteristics that are economically important (give good profits).
- \* Before starting to give your reasons, take off your hat, if you are wearing one, stand comfortably with your feet slightly apart. Your dress and looks will reflect your attitude. Be neat and well-groomed.
- \* Talk in a clear, concise, and pleasant tone of voice. Vary your tone to emphasize special points in the class. Do not read your notes - maintain audience eye contact.
- \* Use words that fit the situation and that are correct for the class. It has been stated that there is only two minutes of truth in any class. If you talk longer, you are probably adding false statements.
- \* Enjoy yourself and project a positive attitude.

### **FOLLOW THESE STEPS FOR ORAL REASONS:**

- \* First, be sure the judge knows your number in the contest. You might start off by saying: "I place this class of ..." (name of class; your placing, ex. 3,2,1,4).
- \* You may then introduce the class by saying: "I place 3 at the top of the class and over 2 because...".
- \* Compare the animals, giving the major points first and minor points last: "I place 2 over 1 because..." (say this if there is some point or points where 2 excels over 1).
- \* Compare each pair in the class in the same way (middle pair and bottom pair), "I place 4 last because...". Give reason, but also give credit for good points.
- \* Finish by saying: "For these reasons, I place this class....". (Your placings-3,2,1,4).