



2019-2020 OCA BEST Stockmanship Contest Rules

1. Exhibitor Eligibility

Only Ohio residents who are eight years old as of January 1, 2020 but are not older than 21 years of age as of January 1, 2020 are eligible to accumulate OCA BEST points. Anyone who has reached 22 years of age before 1/1/20 is ineligible. To be eligible for the BEST program participants and their immediate family members must be in good financial standing with OCA. Good financial standing includes but is not limited to prior year's unpaid accounts with OCA or any BEST sanctioned show or unpaid accounts resulting from a BEST rule violation. All prior unpaid accounts must be paid in full prior to making BEST nominations. BEST participants must continue to be in good financial standing with OCA and each BEST sanctioned show throughout the program year to be eligible to receive BEST awards and to be listed in the BEST final points. The BEST Committee reserves the right to place BEST participants on a cash only basis at all BEST sanctioned shows based upon past violations of this rule.

2. Stockmanship Requirements

New for the 2019-2020 BEST show season, there will be a Stockmanship division of OCA's BEST program offered for Ohio youth. This new opportunity was developed in an effort to further youth's knowledge of cattle throughout the state and to allow youth to showcase their abilities and talent outside of the show ring.

The Stockmanship division will be comprised of beef industry-focused events and competitions that are in conjunction with BEST shows and OCA events. This division of the BEST program is open to all Ohio youth regardless of if they show cattle during the BEST show season. If an existing BEST participant would like to sign up for the Stockmanship division, they will do so under their BEST user profile at best.ohiocattle.org for no additional cost outside of existing cattle nominations. If age-eligible individuals would like to participate in the Stockmanship division but don't have any cattle enrolled in the 2019-2020 BEST program, they should create their username and profile at best.ohiocattle.org (if they don't have an existing account either BEST or non-BEST) and elect to participate in the Stockmanship division. Non-cattle exhibiting BEST Stockmanship participants will need to have a current \$75 family OCA membership and will pay a one-time Stockmanship participation fee of \$60. Individuals may sign up for the Stockmanship program at any point throughout the season.

2019-2020 Stockmanship Contests

2019-2020 OCA BEST STOCKMANSHIP ELIGIBLE CONTESTS

- Salesmanship - held at the Scarlet & Gray Midwest Showdown – Saturday, January 4, 2020
 - Sign up at www.ohiocattle.org by Dec. 20, 2019
- Quiz Bowl - held at the OCA Annual Meeting - Saturday, January 11, 2020
 - Sign up at www.ohiocattle.org by Dec. 27, 2019
- Fitting Contest - held at the DTS Cupid Classic – Sunday, February 16, 2020
 - Sign up at www.ohiocattle.org by Feb. 3, 2020
- Judging Contest - held at the Ohio Beef Expo – Friday, March 20, 2020
 - Sign up at www.ohiocattle.org by March 9, 2020
- Cattlemen's Challenge Written Test - available at the Annual Meeting or any BEST sanctioned show in the show office.

**Individual contests may prorate the number of awards based on the number of participants.*

Stockmanship contests will include their own registration for each event and top-placing awards will be given at each Stockmanship event. Please note that individual and team awards for qualifying events will be presented at the contest. Overall Stockmanship awards will be presented at the OCA BEST Banquet on May 2, 2020. The top five individuals in the following divisions will be recognized: Beginner, Junior, Novice, Intermediate and Senior. Age breaks will follow that of the BEST program's showmanship rules. To qualify for the end of year Stockmanship awards, the participant must have completed two contests, be a current OCA member by Jan. 1, 2020 or at the time of Stockmanship sign-up, and complete their Beef Quality Assurance training by April 1, 2020. Stockmanship participants may complete their BQA at any session offered at a BEST sanctioned show, online at BQA.org or at YQCA.org.

A cumulative points scale for the Stockmanship division will be utilized for overall finishes and end of year point tabulation.

Overall Stockmanship Point tabulation is as follows:

Event	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place	5 th Place	Participation Points	Other
Salesmanship	100	80	60	45	30	25	
Quiz Bowl	100	80	60	45	30	25	
Fitting Contest	100	80	60	45	30	25	
Judging Contest	100	80	60	45	30	25	
Cattlemen's Challenge Written Test							Beginner & Junior – 4 points for each correct answer. Novice & Intermediate - 2 points for each correct answer Senior – 1 point for each correct answer.

The Beginner and Junior Cattlemen's Challenge Written Test will consist of 25 questions; Novice and Intermediate – 50 questions; and Senior – 100 questions.

End of year ties will be broken based on the number of Stockmanship contests the participant completed. The participant finishing the greatest amount of contests will break the tie. Individual OCA BEST Stockmanship contest rules and full details are located at ohiocattle.org under the Events & Programs Tab.

CATTELMEN'S CHALLENGE WRITTEN TEST

1. Contestants must be BEST participants competing in the Stockmanship Division
2. Participants will take a written test during the allotted time at the OCA Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet or at any OCA BEST Sanctioned Show
3. OCA BEST Stockmanship Participants will be eligible to take the test one time.
4. Tests will be different for each opportunity to take the test.
5. Tests will be taken in the show office under supervision. All phones, notes and study materials must be left out of reach of the BEST participant while they take the test.
6. The Beginner and Junior Cattlemen's Challenge Written Test will consist of 25 questions scored at 4 points per correct answer; Novice and Intermediate – 50 questions scored at 2 points per correct answer; and Senior – 100 questions scored at 1 point per correct answer.
7. The contest is only for individuals. There are no teams.
8. Cattleman's Challenge Written Tests will be scored and points posted accordingly at the end of the season.

INDIVIDUAL SALESMANSHIP RULES

The main objective of Individual Sales is to give juniors a glimpse at a real-life situation of selling while promoting the importance of communication skills, marketing technique and an understanding of performance, pedigree and market information.

1. Contestants must be BEST participants competing in the Stockmanship Division
2. Individuals will compete in their corresponding age divisions (same as showmanship): Beginner, Junior, Novice, Intermediate, Senior
3. Individuals must register for the contest online at www.ohiocattle.org
4. Presentations will be from 3-6 minutes long. The objective of each individual will be to convince the judges that they should purchase their entry.
5. Individuals may present any item that is related agriculture, i.e.: an animal, semen, embryo packages, etc.
6. Participants will be discounted for using notes.
7. The order of presentations will be determined by OCA staff and will be posted prior to contest.
8. Visual aids may be used during the presentation. **No live animals will be allowed to be used in the contest.**

Points will be awarded as follows:

- Knowledge - 25 points
- Ability to communicate - 25 points
- Organization - 25 points
- Overall effect - 25 points (Salesmanship, Creativity / Originality, Believability)

Ten points will be subtracted from the total if judges detect the use of notes. Two points will be subtracted for each minute a presentation goes less than three minutes or more than six minutes.

Judging will be by a two-member panel of judges based on 100 points maximum from each judge. Each judge will then rank the individuals based on points allocated.

Participants should register online at www.ohiocattle.org by December 20, 2019.

QUIZ BOWL RULES

1. Contestants must be BEST participants competing in the Stockmanship Division
2. Teams will consist of four members and must be comprised as follows:
 - a. 1 Beginner
 - b. 1 Junior OR Novice
 - c. 1 Intermediate OR Novice
 - d. 1 Senior
3. Teams must sign up during the designated registration period to be eligible to compete.
4. The first match will consist of one 10 question round. Any member may answer any question.
5. The second match will consist of two rounds. One 12-question round where anyone can answer a question, and then a second eight-question match-up round (where only the first member of each team can answer the first question, the second question answered by the second person in each team and so on.)
6. The third and final match will consist of two rounds. There will be one 12-question round where any member can answer, one 12-question round for one-on-one competition
7. Before answering a question, a contestant must push a button which will trigger a light and horn. The moderator will acknowledge the first person pressing the button. Only the called upon contestant may answer the question.
8. After the moderator asks each question, teams will have 15 seconds to press the button to answer the question. After being called upon, the contestant will then have 10 seconds in which to respond. In the case of someone answering a question before being called upon, that team will lose one point.
9. Contestants will have 10 seconds to answer each question in the first and second rounds. Each match will have the same questions for all competing teams.
10. Each correct answer will result in one point for that team.
11. If an incorrect answer is given, the other team will be given a chance to answer the question.
12. In case of a tie, a batch of three questions that can be answered by any member of the team. If a team answers incorrectly, the other team may answer to receive full credit.
13. Study guides will be available at www.ohiocattle.org.

Participants should register online at www.ohiocattle.org by December 27, 2019.

FITTING CONTEST

1. All contestants must be BEST participants competing in the Stockmanship Division
2. Teams will consist of four members and must be comprised as follows:
 - a. 1 Beginner
 - b. 1 Junior OR Novice
 - c. 1 Intermediate OR Novice
 - d. 1 Senior
3. Team members may be substituted accordingly within the appropriate age division.
4. This contest will be judged by the officials chosen by the OCA BEST Stockmanship Officials.
5. Each team must provide its own animal for the contest. The animal is not to be groomed; but, should be washed and dried at the start of the contest. Animals will be checked before entering the competition area.
6. Each team must provide their own fitting equipment. Once the contest begins, no team member may leave the area and no additional equipment may be brought into the fitting area.
 - a. Teams in Heat 1 will be required to provide chutes to be used in all heats.
7. Each team member must fit a leg, use the clippers and blower.
8. All fitting and grooming techniques must be within the accepted practices for OCA BEST Sanctioned Shows.
9. Each team will be allowed 30 minutes to fit their animal.
10. Once the fitting area is designated for each team by the contest officials, the team may set up their grooming chute and supplies in their designated area. These items should be in place at least 5 minutes prior to the announced starting time of the contest.
11. Judges will circulate and question participants during the 30 minutes, and while the animal is in the chute. Once the animal has been groomed and time is called participants must stand at the front of the chute until released.
12. When time is up, one team member will parade their animal before the judges. The judges will make comments and announce the winners.
13. Judging will be by a three-member panel of judges based on 50 points maximum from each judge. Each judge shall total their score and rank the contestants in numerical order on the basis of their score. (Highest score first, lowest score last.)
14. The rankings (not the score) of the three judges shall be added for each team, and the final placings determined by the lowest composite rankings. Actual scores will be used only to break ties. In the event the participants are still tied, they shall be named co-winners and two awards will be given for that placing and none given for the following placing.
15. Animals may be watered, but no feed or hay will be allowed during the contest.

Points will be awarded as follows:

- Ability to fit - 25 points
- Organization of supplies & equipment - 5 points
- Participation of each team member - 10 points
- Overall effect - 5 points
- Knowledge & Response to Questions - 5 points

Participants should register online at www.ohiocattle.org by February 3, 2020.

JUDGING CONTEST

1. Registration for the contest is \$10.00 per individual and \$40.00 per team if registered by March 9, 2020. Team registration after March 9, 2020 up until the day of the contest will be double the entry fee, \$15.00 per individual and \$60.00 per team. ALL registrations must be made online at www.ohiobeefexpo.com.
2. Teams do not have to be from the same county or chapter. Teams can consist of 3 or 4 people, the 3 highest scores count for the team placing.
3. All participants should bring a Steno Notebook or clipboard and No. 2 sharpened pencil.
4. Competitors will be allowed 12 minutes to evaluate each class.
5. While the contest is in progress there will be no conferring between contestants or between a contestant and anyone else except as directed by the group leader.
6. Animals will be numbered from left to right as viewed from the rear.
7. Coaches and parents are not allowed to mingle with contestants after the contest has officially started. If they are viewing the contest they must remain in the seating area. Only contestants and contest personnel are permitted in the judging area.
8. A perfect score in the placing of a class will consist of 50 points.
9. Determination of placings when scores are tied:
 - a. If tied, the contestant or team having the highest score on questions shall be listed first.
 - b. If still tied, the contestant or team having the highest placings scores on question classes shall be listed first.
 - c. If still tied, the discretion of the committee will be used to break all ties.
10. If questions concerning the interpretation of the rules arise, the decision of the judging contest committee shall prevail.
11. Questions will be asked orally at the conclusion of the judging portion of the contest. Students will not be receiving a list of questions to answer while judging, but rather will be answering the questions based on memory.
12. Points for the OCA BEST Stockmanship division will be awarded individually to participants based on their overall judging contest finish.

Judging Contest Awards will include Recognition of Junior & Senior Division.

- Top Ten Individuals
- Top 5 Teams

Participants should register online at www.ohiocattle.org by March 9, 2020.

3. OCA Membership

To receive BEST points, the OCA BEST exhibitor and/or their family must also be current members of OCA. The OCA membership must be in the name of the BEST participant's immediate family. Immediate family is defined as a membership in the parents' name or the membership has the same address of record as the BEST participant. For new OCA BEST participants, the OCA membership must be paid at the time the BEST nomination is made. For renewing OCA members, all BEST participants will be required to have a current year OCA membership paid in full by January 1, 2020 to remain in the program and to continue earning BEST points, and to be listed in the final point standings and be eligible for awards. OCA memberships are family memberships and operate on the calendar year. OCA dues are \$75.00. If more than one junior within a family participates in the BEST program, only one OCA membership is required.

4. Beef Quality Assurance

Each OCA BEST participant must complete a Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) educational program by no later than April 1, 2020 to be eligible to receive BEST awards and to be listed in the BEST final points. There will be two ways to complete this requirement, either in-person or online.

In-person Training

To complete the BQA requirement in-person, BEST participants need to attend one of six planned BQA sessions that will be held at the AGR Holiday Classic, Scarlet & Gray Midwest Showdown, Clark Co. Cattle Battle, DTS Cupid Classic, Holmes Co. Preview and the Ohio Beef Expo. BEST participants are required to attend the entire BQA session from beginning to end to receive documentation of attendance. County Extension BQA programs do not transfer for the BEST QA requirement. Attendance at the BEST BQA program during any BEST sanctioned show meets the Ohio State Fair quality assurance requirements along with any packer requirements to complete a livestock sale at a Jr. Fair Livestock

Auction. It **MAY** also meet the exhibitor's county QA requirement; however, exhibitors are responsible for checking with their county extension educator to see if the QA offered by the BEST program will be accepted in their respective county. BEST participants **MAY** still be required to attend their own county QA program to participate in their county fair.

****The BEST Program DOES NOT accept county QA to qualify for the BEST program's requirement.****

Online Training

To complete the BQA requirement online, BEST participants may complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) course (modules and test) for their appropriate age or the modules at BQA.org. The online options can be found under <https://www.ohiocattle.org/best/online-bqa>.

YQCA.org

If the participant chooses to use YQCA.org, there is a cost of \$12 per online test and that payment can be made through YQCA upon registering for the online course. ****Please note – 4-H participants that have a current LearnGrow.com account may use that log-in information to register for the online YQCA course.**** Online YQCA test results will be provided to OCA via YQCA administrators to credit BEST participants with fulfilling their BQA requirement.

Please note that several national exhibitions and multi-specie shows are requiring QA to participate in their shows. Visit <http://yqca.org/fairs-shows/> for a complete list of shows and exhibitions that accept the YQCA program for their QA requirement.

BQA.org

If the exhibitor chooses to complete the online training at BQA.org, they will create a username / password if they haven't already done so. ****Please note that BQA certified individuals are only permitted to take the online option once every 3 years and will need to attend an in-person session at one of the BEST sanctioned shows.**