



Ohio Cattlemen's Association
STOCKMANSHIP
Competition

The OCA BEST program's Stockmanship Competition is a points division of the BEST program. It provides a pathway for youth to participate in the BEST program without showing an animal. It expands participants' knowledge of cattle and provides youth with an opportunity to showcase their abilities and talents outside of the show ring. It is open to all Ohio youth regardless of if they show cattle during the BEST show season. The Stockmanship division is comprised of beef industry-focused educational competitions that are held in conjunction with BEST shows.

2024-2025 OCA BEST Stockmanship Contest Rules

1. Participant Eligibility

Only Ohio residents who are eight years old as of January 1, 2025 but are not older than 21 years of age as of January 1, 2025 are eligible to participate and accumulate OCA BEST points. Anyone who has reached 22 years of age before 1/1/25 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.

2. Stockmanship Requirements

BEST Stockmanship participants will pay a one-time Stockmanship participation fee of \$60, if they do not already have cattle nominated for the BEST program. Stockmanship youth participants must also have a current \$75 family OCA membership. Individuals may sign up for the Stockmanship program at any point throughout the season.

If an existing BEST youth 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 2024-2025 BEST program, they should create their username and profile at best.ohiocattle.org and elect to participate in the Stockmanship division.

2024-2025 OCA BEST STOCKMANSHIP CONTESTS

- **Prepared Speaking - Saturday, December 28, 2024 @ 9:00 AM**
 - Held at Saddle & Sirloin Spectacular | Circleville, Ohio
- **OCA BEST Skill-a-thon - Saturday, January 4, 2025 @ 9:00 AM**
 - Held at Scarlet & Gray Midwest Showdown | Columbus, Ohio
- **Salesmanship - Saturday, January 25, 2025 @ 9:00 AM**
 - Held at Clark County Cattle Battle | Springfield, Ohio
- **Meats Contest - Saturday, February 8, 2025 @ 9:00 AM**
 - Held at DTS Cupid Classic | Circleville, Ohio
- **Judging Contest – Date TBD**
 - Held at Ohio Beef Expo | Columbus, Ohio

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

3. Registration

Registration will be open prior to each contest but will close the Monday before the contests. **There are no late entries accepted.** The Ohio Beef Expo Judging Contest early registration will close February 28, 2025 and late registration will close March 9, 2025. There will be no onsite registration.

2024-2025 Registration Deadlines

- Prepared Speaking – Monday, December 23, 2024
 - Register here: https://ncba-uvwn.formstack.com/forms/stockmanship_prepared_speech_contest
- OCA BEST Skill-a-thon – Monday, December 30, 2024
 - Register here: https://ncba-uvwn.formstack.com/forms/stockmanship_oca_best_skill_a_thon
- Salesmanship – Monday, January 20, 2025
 - Register here: https://ncba-uvwn.formstack.com/forms/stockmanship_salesmanship
- Meats Contest – Monday, February 3, 2025
 - Register here: https://ncba-uvwn.formstack.com/forms/stockmanship_meats_contest
- Judging Contest – Early registration deadline February 28, 2025 and late registration March 9, 2025.
 - Register here: https://ncba-uvwn.formstack.com/forms/stockmanship_judging_contest_ohio_beef_expo_copy

4. OCA Membership

To receive BEST points, the OCA BEST Stockmanship participant 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 Stockmanship participants, the OCA membership must be paid at the time the BEST Stockmanship participation fee is paid. OCA memberships are family memberships and must be renewed 12 months after the membership is paid. OCA dues are \$75.00. If more than one junior within a family participates in the BEST program, only one OCA membership is required.

OCA Membership Link: <https://www.ohiocattle.org/membership/become-a-member>

5. Beef Quality Assurance

Each OCA BEST Stockmanship participant must complete a Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) educational program by no later than April 1, 2025 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.

See 2024-2025 OCA BEST Rules for more details here: <https://www.ohiocattle.org/best/best-rules>

6. Points

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:

Events	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place	5 th Place	6 th Place	7 th Place	8 th Place	9 th Place	10 th Place	Participation
Prepared Speaking	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	1
OCA BEST Skill-a-thon	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	1
Salesmanship	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	1
Meats Contest	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	1
Judging Contest	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	1

Ties will be broken based on the raw score of the OCA BEST Skill-a-thon contest

7. Contest Regulations

Once a Stockmanship participant enters the judging area, they **CANNOT** leave. If they leave, they will forfeit any further participation in that respective contest. Participants are not permitted to bring study materials or electronic devices (including but not limited to cell phones and smart watches) into the judging area. Participants are only allowed one attempt to answer. Once an answer is submitted or placed there will be NO second chances. **Parents are NOT permitted in the judging area for any reason.**

Participant Learning Restrictions

DOCUMENTATION IS **REQUIRED** TO RECEIVE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CONTESTS.

Accommodations (e.g. timing, reading assistance, etc.) are available upon receiving formal documentation of needs. Facilitators will do their best to accommodate a Stockmanship participant's specific needs as documented.

Learning Accommodation Form: <https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:6c513263-5b6e-44b8-9056-71b4a7e1a7c3>

8. Awards

Please note that individual awards for qualifying events will be presented at the contest. Overall Stockmanship awards will be presented at the OCA BEST Banquet on May 3, 2025. 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 and complete their Beef Quality Assurance training by April 1, 2025.

For more information or questions, contact:

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