



## SC 4-H Meat Goat Project

### *Skill-A-Thon Contest Rules and Regulations*

#### **General Information:**

1. The contest will be held at the SC Meat Goat Project Final Show.
2. Registration must be completed on the day of the event. Registration/Check-In time will be announced a month before the event. There will be no registration fee.

#### **Contestants and Eligibility**

1. The contest is open to all SC Meat Goat Project participants.
2. Contestants will be divided into four age divisions:
  - a) Ages 5-8 years old
  - b) Ages 9-10 years old
  - c) Ages 11-13 years old
  - d) Ages 14-18 years old
3. Youth do not have to have a team to compete. The contest will not provide team awards.
4. Reference Materials: All information covered in this contest may be found in one or more of the following publications:
  - a) SC Meat Goat Project Guide (available on the project website, [www.scmeatgoatproject.com](http://www.scmeatgoatproject.com))
  - b) SC Meat Goat Project Care Guide (available on the project website, [www.scmeatgoatproject.com](http://www.scmeatgoatproject.com))
  - c) SC Meat Goat Project Glossary of Terms (available on the project website, [www.scmeatgoatproject.com](http://www.scmeatgoatproject.com))
  - d) Questions judges ask throughout the show season.
  - e) Equipment and tools (catalogs available on Sullivan Supply, Inc- <https://www.sullivansupply.com/> and Weaver Livestock- <https://www.thewinnersbrand.com/>)
  - f) Forages (<https://goats.extension.org/goat-pastures-and-forages/>)
  - g) Grains and feeds (<https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/nutritional-feeding-management-of-meat-goats#:~:text=Lush%20leafy%20forage%20and%20browse,meal%20and%20corn%20gluten%20feed.>)

#### **The Contest**

1. Examination Phase – approximately 50 points – This Phase of the contest is a multiple-choice written test.
2. Station Phase - approximately 50 points – This Phase will consist of a series of stations or tables where (at each) all contestants will respond to the requirements of the station. Each contestant will have 2 minutes at each station. Examples of stations that may be used include (but limited to):
  - a. Identification of:
    - i. Various types of meat goat equipment (actual or pictured) a
    - ii. Grains and forages used in meat goat rations, including various forms or methods of preparation
    - iii. Internal and external parasites based on actual samples, pictures, life-cycle charts, and/or damage caused
    - iv. Blemishes and unsoundness (birth defect, any cause lameness)
    - v. Ages of meat goat based on teeth
    - vi. Anatomy may include external, skeletal, internal organs, parts of the gastrointestinal tract, male and female reproductive organs, detailed anatomy of the foot, and detailed anatomy of the lower limbs
  - b. Use of pulse rate, respiration rate, temperature, dehydration, anemia, etc., to assess meat goat health.

## **Awards**

1. The awards will be announced:
  - a. Project Kickoff Fun and Practice Judging Contest – Awards ceremony will be held after all the contests.
  - b. Project Final Show Judging Contest- At the Project Awards Banquet
2. Awards will be announced after the contest.