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DEAR DAIRY JUDGING TEAM & COACH,

Accelerated Genetics/Select Sires and the Vernon County Agricultural Society will be hosting the **24th Annual Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest**, Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 9 a.m. on the Vernon County Fairgrounds in Viroqua, Wis.

Enclosed you'll find registration information including the rules and contest form. Please return the registration form **by September 7, 2017 and include payment**. Checks should be made payable to **East Central Select Sires**.

Mail to:

Accelerated Genetics/Select Sires, Charlene McCauley, E10890 Penny Lane, Baraboo, WI 53913

Email registration to: cmccauley@accelgen.com

For questions call: 608.355.5481

If hotel accommodations are part of your plans, we strongly advise that you book a room as soon as possible, since our contest is held during the Vernon County Fair. Below are hotel options to consider in the area:

Vernon Inn & Suites - Viroqua - 608.637.3100 / 800.501.0664 • www.vernoninnandsuites.com

Old Towne Motel - Westby - 608.634.2111 • oldtownemotel@yahoo.com

Central Express - Westby - 608.634.2230 • www.centralexpress.biz

(The block of rooms for Central Express will be released on August 17, 2017.)

You and your team are encouraged to visit the fair, however, no one is allowed in the barns until the contest is complete.

Upon receipt of your registration, we will send directions and additional contest details. If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Charlene McCauley at 608.355.5481 or cmccauley@accelgen.com

We hope you will plan to join us for the 2017 Accelerated Genetics/Select Sires Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlene McCauley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charlene McCauley
Communications Specialist



2017
Accelerated Genetics/Select Sires
24th Annual Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest

The 24th Annual Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest will be held in the Dairy Cattle Arena of the Vernon County Fairgrounds in Viroqua, Wis. The contest will begin promptly at 9 a.m. Sunday, September 17, 2017.

September 7: Entry Deadline

September 16: 7:00 p.m. – Coaches Reception
7:30 p.m. - Dinner

Westby House, Westby, WI

September 17: 8:30 a.m. - Contestants Gather
9:00 a.m. - Dairy Cattle Judging Contest Begins

Vernon County Fairgrounds Cattle Arena

12:30 p.m. - Lunch for contestants, coaches, and
registered non-contestants. (separate seating areas)

Church of Christ, Viroqua, WI

1:15 p.m. - Begin Oral Reasons

Church of Christ, Viroqua, WI

4:00 p.m. - Dairy Bar Reception & Team Photos
5:00 p.m. - Awards Banquet

Church of Christ, Viroqua, WI



2017 Accelerated Genetics/Select Sires Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Contestant Eligibility:

A contestant must be enrolled in an accredited program at a Short Course, Vo-Tech or University degree program of study.

If a student competes in the contest as a Post-Secondary/Vo-Tech team member and then that student transfers to a four-year University, that student may compete in the contest a second time as a member of that four-year University team.

A student is **ineligible** to be a contestant if he/she has **(1)** been an official judge of dairy cattle at a fair or show, or **(2)** taught dairy judging in a college or secondary school, or **(3)** been an employee or paid consultant of a breed organization, breeding service or similar unit, for which his/her duties include evaluation of dairy cattle for type (excluding internships).

If the eligibility of any student is protested, such protest may be made in writing at the arena side the day of the contest before the contest begins. The protest must be accompanied by a check for \$25, which will be returned if the protest is sustained. In case the protest is not sustained, the \$25 shall be forfeited. Substitutions of contestants may be made during contest registration.

Composition of Teams:

Each team shall consist of four (4) members representing the Vo-tech or agricultural college in which they are regularly enrolled. Teams with three (1-3) members will also be permitted. No school will be allowed to enter more than three (3) teams. Accelerated Genetics/Select Sires reserves the right to limit schools to two teams, if necessary.

Non-Contest Participants:

Since this contest is designed as a training exercise for Vo-tech and colleges, an unlimited number of other students (non-contest participants) will be allowed to place the classes. Coaches are to make their own arrangements for scoring the placings and reasons of these individuals. Teams bringing non-contest participants should register them on the Entry Form. Entry fees for non-contest participants is \$20 per individual and includes lunch and banquet tickets.

Entries:

Please send the enclosed entry blank to Accelerated Genetics/Select Sires, Attn: Charlene McCauley, E10890 Penny Lane, Baraboo, WI 53913, **by September 7, 2016**. A non-refundable fee of \$75 per team and \$20 per non-contest participant must accompany entry made payable to **East Central Select Sires**. Entry fee includes lunch and banquet tickets for all entered participants (team members and non-contest participants); and the coaches dinner, lunch and banquet tickets for one coach per school.

Responsibility of Superintendent:

The superintendent shall have complete charge of the contest. He or she shall see that all rules and regulations governing the contest are carried out and that the contest is conducted with fairness to all concerned. The superintendent shall decide all questions that may arise in connection with the interpretation of the rules.

Contest Judges:

The breed judge will be responsible for the official placing and grading cuts of classes of their breed. They will also listen to, and grade, the oral reasons. A consulting judge will be available to assist in the selection and placing of classes.



CONTEST PROCEDURE AND RULES

Reporting Time:

All contestants shall report to the superintendent at the Dairy Cattle Arena on the Vernon County Fairgrounds at 8 a.m. on the day of the contest, where upon they will receive full instructions regarding the routine and details of the contest. Contestants will have an opportunity to ask questions at this time.

Judging Materials:

Contestants will be supplied with placing cards. Clipboards with notepaper will be complimentary of Accelerated Genetics/Select Sires and the Vernon County Agricultural Society and can be inspected by the Superintendent at anytime during the contest. **(1) There is to be NO conversation among contestants, or between contestants and coaches, during the course of the contest. (2) There are to be NO cell phones or electronic communication devices allowed on contestants during the course of the contest.** Infractions of this rule will result in immediate disqualification.

Inspection of Cattle:

Team members shall be divided into a sufficient number of groups to provide suitable opportunity to view and judge the animals. Each group of contestants will be guided and supervised by an assistant superintendent. Contestants shall not place their hands on any animal at anytime during the contest.

No member of any team shall be allowed in the cattle barns nor have the privilege of inspecting any cattle on the fairgrounds prior to the contest.

Judging Time:

Contestants will be allowed 15 minutes to place each reasons class and 15 minutes for placing-only classes.

Contest Classes:

Ten classes of four females per class shall be judged. The classes may be selected from the following breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, and Milking Shorthorn.

The animals shall be exhibited in such a manner that all contestants may have a fair chance to examine them. The animals in each class will be numbered one to four inclusively.

Reasons:

Contestants shall give oral reasons no more than two minutes in length for their placings of five classes. Before the contest starts, the contestants will be notified by the superintendent of the classes for which reasons are to be given. Oral reasons will be given following lunch.

Method of Scoring & Determination of Awards:

Ratings shall be based upon a possible score of 50 points for each class placed and 50 points for each set of reasons. With 10 classes placed and 5 sets of reasons given, there would be a possible total score of 750 points per contestant.

The final rank of each contestant in each breed shall be determined by totaling that contestant's scores on placing and reasons for that breed. The individual rank for all breeds shall be determined by adding all scores for the contestant. For teams with four (4) members, the team member with the lowest total score for all breeds will be dropped for calculation of team scores, but that member will be eligible for individual awards.

The team ranking for each breed shall be determined by totaling the scores on placings and reasons of each of the top three team members for that breed. In like manner, the team ranking for all breeds shall be determined by combining the scores of the three team members for all breeds.

In case of a tie, the individual or the team ranking highest in reasons shall be awarded the prize in question.



Coaches Meeting:

A meeting of all coaches will be held at the Westby House, Westby, WI at 7:00 p.m. on **Saturday, September 16, 2017**, the evening prior to the contest.

- (1) Every team must have a coach or designated representative attend the coaches meeting.**
- (2) Every team must provide contestant names to Charlene McCauley by 7:00 p.m., Saturday, September 16.** The time and location of this meeting will be confirmed upon receiving your registration.

Dairy Bar Reception & Awards Banquet:

Church of Christ, Viroqua, WI, September 17, 2017

Dairy Bar Reception - 4 p.m.

Team Photos – 4-5 p.m.

Awards Banquet - 5 p.m.

Questions:

For any questions regarding the general rules and regulations of the contest, please refer them to Angie Lindloff at 608.355.5424 or Jerome Meyer at 262.949.5854.



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2017 ENTRY FORM Accelerated Genetics/Select Sires Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest

UNIVERSITY: _____

COACH (ES): _____ / _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

EMAIL: _____ HOTEL RES. AT: _____

_____ YES, please enter our team(s) into the Accelerated Genetics/Select Sires Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest under the rules and regulations enclosed with this registration packet.

TEAM #1: _____ Members TEAM #2: _____ Members TEAM #3: _____ Members

- ENTRY FEES:**
- \$75 PER TEAM (Up to 4 members per team, includes coach)
 - \$20 PER NON-CONTEST PARTICIPANT

Number of Teams: _____ @ \$75.00 = \$ _____

Number of Non-Contest Participants: _____ @ \$20.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL REMITTANCE: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: **EAST CENTRAL SELECT SIRES** and mail to Charlene McCauley, E10890 Penny Lane, Baraboo, WI 53913. For entry questions: call 608.355.5481, email cmccauley@accelgen.com or Fax: 608.356.4387.

ENTRY DEADLINE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

PLEASE CHECK ONE: Check Enclosed
 Check coming from the University/College.
 Use Credit Card Information Below

Name on Credit Card: _____

Signature of Card Holder: _____

Address for Credit Card: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Credit Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ 3-digit Security Code: _____

Type of Credit Card: (please circle one) Mastercard Visa Discover