

# **BEEF SKILLATHON CONTEST**

**ENTRY DEADLINE: AUGUST 31, 2018**

**ENTRY FEE: FREE**

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Greg Adams

COMMITTEE: Shelley Dippel, Brandi Fishbeck, Felicia Adams, Jacob Diezi

## **2018 RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. This contest will be open to any person exhibiting a project at the 2018 Austin County Fair.
2. All contestants are subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Austin County Fair.
3. There will be a separate Austin County Fair Entry card to enter the contest. Each individual contestant wishing to participate in the Beef Skillathon Contest must complete an entry card and submit it to the Fair Office by the entry deadline.
4. Contest will be held on Wednesday, October 10, 2018.
  - 2:00 pm – Contestant check-in
  - 2:15 pm – Review rules and contest procedures, followed by start of contest.
5. Contestants will be divided into three age divisions, based on contestant's age as of September 1, 2018:
  - 10 years old and under
  - 11 – 13 years old
  - 14 – 18 years old
6. During the competition, contestants will be further divided into groups and will remain with that assigned group throughout the round of stations. While completing the individual stations, there will be no conferring between contestants or between a contestant and anyone else except as directed by contest officials.
7. Conferring among contestants (talking, gestures, etc.) will result in immediate dismissal from the contest. Contestants may not carry any electronic communication device (cell phones, etc.). Any contestant found in possession of such a device at any time during the contest will be immediately removed from the competition.
8. All testing materials required to complete the individual competition stations will be provided, except that contestants will be allowed to bring their own clipboard. The contestants may bring no books, notes, pamphlets, or other reference material into the contest area.
9. Contestants are not to pick up or touch any item that is being identified or evaluated in the individual competition stations.

10. No questions concerning the contents of the individual competition stations will be answered during the contest.
11. Parents are invited to review contest materials in the contest area at the conclusion of the contest.
12. The contest will consist of 10 individual stations. Topics covered at the stations will be:

Beef Cattle Equipment	Breeds of Cattle
Disease Identification	Anatomy of Beef Cattle
Feed Ingredients	Current Events
Feed Labels	Medications and Vaccines
Meat Cut Identification – Wholesale and Retail	
EPD's (Expected Progeny Difference)	

13. Each individual station will consist of 5 questions worth 2 points each, for a total possible score of 100. Contestants will be allowed 5 minutes to complete each individual station.
14. In the event of a tied score, the tie will be broken based on having the correct answer for specific questions at specific stations. These questions will be randomly selected by drawing question numbers. Drawing of random questions will only take place in the event of a tied score.
15. Awards will be given to the top three scoring individuals in each age division. These awards will be presented on Thursday, October 11, 2018 in the cattle show arena, after the conclusion of the Market Steer show and Pen of Heifer awards.
16. Contest questions will be created using information obtained from the following websites. It is the individual contestant's responsibility to access these websites to obtain study materials pertaining to the topics listed in these rules and regulations.

[agrilifeextension.tamu.edu](http://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu)  
[www.enasco.com](http://www.enasco.com)  
[www.valleyvet.com](http://www.valleyvet.com)  
[www.sarodeo.com/livestock/beef-skillathon](http://www.sarodeo.com/livestock/beef-skillathon)  
[www.beefmagazine.com](http://www.beefmagazine.com)  
[www.cattletoday.com](http://www.cattletoday.com)  
[www.beef.org](http://www.beef.org)

17. Any special circumstances will be handled on an individual basis. Please refer all questions or special circumstances to the Chairman of the Beef Skillathon contest.