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COLLEGIATE CLASSIC JUDGING CONTEST

Attention Coaches,

We are excited to invite you to the NCC Livestock Judging Contest. The contest will be held on Saturday, February 14 at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds in Kearney, NE with an **Awards Banquet** that evening. The entire contest will take place in the **Expo Building** and **Ag Pavilion**. We are in the process of putting together a superior contest with outstanding quality and great teaching opportunities for your youth!

REMEMBER WE ADDED the option for Junior College Team Divisions Freshman Team or Sophomore Team.

The contest will feature 12 classes with bulls, heifers, and feedlot cattle. There are two divisions Junior College and Senior College. Junior College Freshman contestants will give six sets of reasons. Junior College Sophomore and Senior College contestants will give eight sets of reasons. At least two of the classes will have performance data provided.

Enclosed you will find all the details and schedule of events for the contest. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, February 14 in Kearney for the Judging Contest.

NCC is proud to work with the University of Nebraska at Lincoln for coordination of this contest.

You will enter directly on line at the showman.app

A direct link will be on the NCC website at NebraskaClassic.org (Under Winter Edition Judging Contest).

All fees will be paid here directly with a card. ENTRIES DUE FEBRUARY 5, 2026.

Please direct all entries and registration questions to Ronette Bush-Heinrich.

***Don't forget to purchase any additional tickets for the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening!
All participants receive a banquet ticket with their registration fee as well as one coach per team will receive a ticket with registration.***

Sincerely,

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Entry Fee: \$250/Team; \$50/Person Additional Banquet Ticket: \$20/Ticket Entry Fee Deadline: February 5, 2026
Entry fee includes lunch, snacks and awards banquet meal.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026 - Collegiate Division: Junior & Senior College Contest

1. Entries: Entries are due on or before February 5. The entries should include all candidates that the coach expects to bring to the contest. The final team selections may be made the morning of the contest. Each team may consist of five members with all five scores constituting the team total. Individuals may compete and will be eligible for individual awards. You may enter as many teams as you wish.

2. Entry Fee: \$250 per team; \$50 per individual. Entry fee may be brought to the contest. No on-site registration. Additional Banquet Tickets - \$20/Ticket

3. 12 classes consisting of heifers, bulls and feedlot cattle will be judged. The cattle will be on halter or loose in pens.

4. Performance data and a scenario will be provided on at least two classes. The performance classes may also be selected as reasons classes.

5. Contestants will be given 12 minutes to place each class and 2 minutes to give each set of oral reasons. Reason classes will be set by the committee. Senior College: 8 sets / Junior College- Sophomores: 8 sets / Junior College- Freshmen: 6 sets

6. Typical contest scoring and tie breaking methods will be in use.

7. Official Contest Attire: Jacket & Tie

8. There will be no official coaches' meeting. Coaches will register teams and receive final contest details at the event.

9. Officials will take place after reasons and Awards will be presented at the Banquet.

10. Contestant Eligibility: Junior College – Contestants must be regularly enrolled in a Junior College (2-year program) and may not have credit for more than 66 semester hours or the equivalent. Contestants must have attended full time the previous semester at the school for which they are competing, or not attended any other Junior College the previous semester, in order to be eligible to compete. Students must be eligible according to the rules set forth by the Junior College Coaches Association.

Contestant Eligibility: Senior College – Contestants must be regularly enrolled in a Senior College which offers a degree in animal science. Students who have participated as contestants in the Senior Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest at the North American International prior to January 1, 2026 are not eligible to enter this contest. Contestants must have been regularly enrolled in their respective colleges the previous semester and must not have served any time as an animal science instructor at any secondary school or college. Students must be eligible according to the rules set forth by the Senior College Coaches Association.