

# HOWARD COUNTY SHOWMANSHIP GUIDELINES

1. Each showmanship participant must show an animal that they own or own in partnership and has been shown in a previous class or will be shown during the show that day. Showmanship classes are based on the member's grade at the enrollment deadline. Once an exhibitor is a champion showman in any one division, they may not compete in the same division again but must continue to the next higher division of that specie. Once in the highest showmanship division of the specie, the member will remain in the highest showmanship division of that specie. *The Rabbit Ambassador Contest and Showmanship champions WILL NOT move to the next higher division.* Exhibitors may compete in only one showmanship division.
2. It is recommended that showmanship classes be held at the end of each specie contest unless otherwise designated.
3. Showmanship divisions for all species will be as follows:
  - a. Beginner – exhibitors in grade 3
  - b. Junior – exhibitors in grades 4 and 5
  - c. Intermediate – exhibitors in grades 6 through 8
  - d. Senior – exhibitors in grades 9 through 12

## **SUPREME SHOWMAN:**

1. Supreme showmanship will consist of cattle, goats, horses, sheep, and swine. The variety of goats used for the supreme showman contest will be decided by the goat superintendent and Extension Educator by 6 pm on the first day of the fair - Monday. Cattle designation will be made upon the winner of Senior Showmanship being selected and the number of animals participating in the show. See dairy rules concerning entry number.
2. The Champion Senior Showman of cattle, goats, horse & pony, sheep, and swine are eligible to participate.
3. If a member is selected as Champion Senior Showman in more than one species, that member will decide which species he or she wishes to represent. The member will have one (1) hour from the completion of the sheep show to inform the Extension Educator which specie he or she chooses to represent in the Supreme Showmanship competition. In the species the 4-H member chooses not to represent, the runner as selected by the judge will represent that specie.
4. Each member will show one animal in each of the five (5) species. Each member will draw a number from a lottery system. The number they draw pairs them with that corresponding animal. The member representing the breed to be shown will draw first. Drawing will continue in numerical order from that person's number forward.
5. The superintendents of each species will select five (5) animals of nearly equal size and disposition. The animals will not belong to any of the five (5) showmen. Dairy cattle will not be selected with fewer than five animals not owned by one of the Supreme Showmanship entrants and meeting Dairy Cattle Guidelines.
6. Each member will have a tag with a number that is used only for identification purposes.
7. POINTS: The showmen are ranked in each species by 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5. The showman with the lowest score is determined the winner. The lowest score possible is 5 and the highest score possible is 25. If there is a tie, they shall be broken as follows:
  - a. The first tie breaker is the number of first places received during the competition.
  - b. The second tie breaker is the number of second places received during the competition.
8. **The judge's decision is final.**
9. It is the responsibility of each member to obtain their own show equipment.
10. A winner of the Howard County 4-H Supreme Showmanship Contest is not restricted from participating in the contest in subsequent years.