

Selecting a Judge for a 4-H Club Show

In the spring of 2016, the Ontario Judges Committee developed and implemented a new judging program to further the development of the approved judges in Ontario. Our mission is to identify, develop and promote the best Judges in Ontario.

A “level system” was put in place to designate the level of experience and skill of each Judge (replacing the Aspiring & Official designations). It is the mandate of the program to match the size and description of the show to the individual Judge’s approved level. To help achieve this, we are asking for your assistance in assigning the proper level of Judge to the appropriate size and character of each show. This will aid in the further development of our judges.

In the past, sometimes a judge that was not approved on the Ontario Judges list, has been used to judge at 4-H club shows. As well, quite often a very experienced or over qualified judge has been used to judge these 4-H club shows. In both these cases, this is eliminating an opportunity for a young judge to gain experience from judging this 4-H club show.

We are asking for your cooperation to please select a Judge at the level 1 designation for your upcoming 4-H club shows in 2017. Matching the proper level of judge to the show is important to provide opportunities for Judges that are in need of gaining experience and development. Rest assured that level 1 Judges have had training through our JEP (Judges Entrance Program), have achieved the necessary scores at judging schools, attended our winter workshops, and have been interviewed by our Judges Committee prior to them being approved as a level 1 Judge.

Level 2 Judges could be used at County 4-H shows and Level 3 Judges could be used at larger county 4-H shows and Regional 4-H shows.

<u>JEP</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Level 4</u>	<u>Level 5</u>
In training, attends judging schools and workshops	Approved for 4-H club shows	county 4-H Shows	county 4-H and regional 4-H shows (some are mentors)	Regional, provincial and national 4-H shows (mentors)	have judged National shows (mentors)

We have also introduced a mentoring system to further the development of our Judges. It is our plan that at each 4-H show, along with the Judge that you select, a mentor would also be present at the show to evaluate and assess the Judge assigned that day. This mentor will offer comments to the Judge after the show and will file an assessment report with the Ontario Judges Committee. The Judges Committee will then use the assessment reports to monitor the development of the Judge and this report will also be used in decisions involving the future advancement of the Judge.

We greatly appreciate your support and cooperation with this new initiative to further improve the quality of Judges here in Ontario.

If you have any questions or need assistance selecting a Judge, please contact a member of the Ontario Judges Committee or an Ontario Field Representative.

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