

# CONTEST RULES

## General Rules

1. Each team must be “certified” by a state 4-H or state FFA official from their state to be eligible to compete in the contest. Each state is responsible for the methods used in selecting the five Land Judging teams, the five Homesite Evaluation teams, and the range judging teams to represent its state.
2. Bubble vials, levels, ‘slope shooters’, notes, bulletins, etc., must not be used in the contest. Clean clipboards, preferably clear plastic, are allowed.
3. Personal electronic devices including, but not limited to, phones, MP3, and tablets are prohibited during the entire contest.
4. No notes or markings are allowed on the contest score cards. Figuring percent erosion can be done on the back of the card and erased.
5. Contest results submitted to contest officials by the tabulations committee are final unless obvious errors are noted before results are announced.
6. The winning team or individual must be present at the Awards Banquet to qualify for their award, or it will be awarded to the next highest ranking team or individual present.
7. Tie scores will be broken as designated in the ‘Land Judging’ or ‘Range Judging’ booklets.
8. Coaches, sponsors or parents must refrain from having any contact with the contestants during the contest. They must not intermingle with the contestants when moving from field to field. Coaches, sponsors and parents may participate in the Miscellaneous or Adult Division or otherwise stay away from the contest area.
9. Name badges must be worn during the contest.
10. All score cards must be turned in after the last hole/site and only to the group leader. Failure to turn in the score card will disqualify the contestant.
11. Contestants as registered are final. No substitutions without notifying registration and receiving approval.
12. Number 2 pencils must be used on all Scantron score cards. Cards with ink are subject to disqualification. It is the responsibility of the contestant to properly mark the cards as cards improperly marked may not be tabulated correctly.
13. Any violation of rules will automatically disqualify the contestant from the competition and from participation in any future National Land and Range Judging Contests.
14. Decisions made by the Rules Committee are final.

## 4-H and FFA Divisions

### Land Judging and Homesite Evaluation

1. All contestants must be at least 14 years old on the date of the contest and must not have graduated from high school prior to the current year.
2. Four contestants comprise a team. The three highest scores determine the team score. A team of three members will be permitted to enter.
3. Team members compete for both team and individual awards.
4. A maximum of five 4-H and five FFA land judging teams and five 4-H and five FFA homesite evaluation teams from each state are eligible to compete in the contest. Teams may compete in both land judging and homesite evaluation as long as the total number of teams does not exceed the five teams allowed from the state for each contest. Contestants who have competed in ANY previous 4-H or FFA national land judging contest will NOT be eligible to participate in another national land judging contest but can come back in homesite evaluation. Contestants who have competed in ANY previous 4-H or FFA national homesite evaluation contest will NOT be eligible to participate in another national homesite evaluation contest but can come back in land judging.

**Range Judging**

1. All contestants must be at least 14 years old on the date of the contest and must not have graduated from high school prior to the current year.
2. Any county or local 4-H Club or FFA Chapter from any state may enter two teams.
3. Four contestants comprise a team. The three highest scores determine the team score. A team of three members will be permitted to enter.
4. Team members compete for team and individual awards.
5. Members of a team winning first place or the high individual in any previous National Range Contest will not be eligible to participate in another national range judging contest but may compete in Land Judging or Homesite Evaluation.

**Miscellaneous Division**

A Miscellaneous Division is available for coaches, adults and other 4-H and FFA members who wish to participate but not compete.

**Adult Division**

The Adult Contest will be scored (and awards presented) ONLY if time permits after scoring FFA and 4-H contests.

1. A) Open to men and women not enrolled in elementary, middle or high school.  
B) College students are eligible to compete in the division.  
C) Members of 4-H clubs or FFA chapters are not eligible to compete in the Adult Division.
2. Contestants in the Adult Division will compete as individuals only.
3. Contest officials and committee members are not eligible to compete in the contest.