



## Rules and Regulations

1. **4-H Membership Requirement:** All youth contestants are encouraged to become members of 4-H.
2. **Emails for Registration:** Each contestant is required to have a unique email address. Family members cannot use the same address.
3. **Teams:** The contest is not open to teams.
4. **Pledge of Honesty:** All contestants must sign a Pledge of Honesty prior to the competition. This pledge will affirm that the contestant will not use any type of aid, resource, or assistance in the answering of questions. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
5. **Use of Electronic Devices:** 4-H members will be allowed the use of computers, tablets, and cell phone for the sole purpose of conducting the contest. Use of smartwatches or other devices used to communicate with others is prohibited. Use of any electronic device or notes to look up information/resources during the contest is also prohibited.
6. **Age Requirement:** Youth competitors must be 8, but not yet 20, before January 1, 2023. Those who are 20 years and older are eligible to compete in the Adult Division.
7. **Competitive Intensity:** The contest is designed with the competitive intensity of a state-level event to give youth the opportunity to display their advanced skills in critical thinking, decision making, reasoning ability, communication skills, and livestock knowledge. Participants should understand the basic concepts of this event for it to be a positive experience that fosters experiential learning.
8. **Age divisions:** The divisions are broken out as follows:
  - a. Novice (8-11 years)
  - b. Junior (12-14 years)
  - c. Senior (15-19 years)
  - d. Adult (20 years+)
9. **Session Categories:** Participants will complete 10 sections per age division where they will be asked to perform or answer questions on specific tasks that cover the following Market and Livestock categories.

a. Poultry	f. Swine
b. Rabbits/Cavies	g. Dairy
c. Dogs	h. Beef
d. Sheep	i. Horses
e. Goats	j. General Knowledge

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## 10. Format of Skillathon:

- a. The Skillathon will be held virtually on Zoom. Contestants will be placed into breakout rooms with judges for each of the 10 categories.
- b. All contestants will be provided an online form to answer the questions during each category session.
- c. Each contestant will have up to 30 seconds to answer the question provided.
- d. Number of questions per category session by age division
  - i. Novice – 15 questions
  - ii. Junior – 20 questions
  - iii. Senior – 25 questions
  - iv. Adult – 25 questions

## 11. Qualifying for State Championship: Contestants scoring above the minimum percentile in their respective division will be notified via email within 2 days of the qualifier contest that they have advanced to the State Championship on March 18, 2023

- i. Novice – 50%
- ii. Junior – 55%
- iii. Senior – 60%
- iv. Adult – 65%

## 12. Scoring: Points will be awarded to contestants based on their overall performance in each category. Points will be awarded on the percentage of total points earned in each contest, based on the maximum score possible.

- a. Ties will be broken as follows:
  - i. General Knowledge overall score from session.
  - ii. The total number of correct responses from the following questions in each category will be used to determine the final placing if needed to break a tie.
    1. Novice – questions 5 and 7
    2. Juniors – questions 11 and 17
    3. Seniors – questions 21 and 24

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## **Virtual Program Participant Conduct Expectations**

1. Please use a neutral background (e.g. blank wall, digital Zoom filter, limited exposure of private spaces, etc.)
2. Check your email for login and other important information.
3. Participants may not record interactions with other participants through online instruction platforms.
4. Participants may not screen shot or record other participants' images, information, or participation contributions during the program.
5. Participants may not share inappropriate content through files, images, videos, chat, audio, or other features of the digital instruction platform.
6. Anyone receiving threatening or inappropriate chat messages should immediately report it to a trusted adult.
7. In the interest of safety, do not share links, passwords, or other program login information with anyone outside of the program.
8. Show respect for, and cooperate with, fellow participants, volunteers, and staff.
9. Abstain from harassment or bullying of another participant, volunteer or staff member (either in face-to-face interactions, through social media or other communication venues), particularly when the behavior is disrespectful or regards a person's gender, race, age, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, disability or appearance.
10. Failure to comply with these expectations may lead to appropriate consequences including, but not limited to, dismissal from the program.

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## Contest Method of Conduct

1. All youth participants must register for the contest through the Michigan 4-H Events registration system through 4-H Online (<https://v2.4honline.com/>).
2. All adult participants must register for the contest through google docs ([https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14oZY0DIUtHWM\\_ReVsTZZGwo7xzUhEfmhnAD\\_1eA00-l/edit?pli=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14oZY0DIUtHWM_ReVsTZZGwo7xzUhEfmhnAD_1eA00-l/edit?pli=1)).
3. The competition will be held at the assigned times over Zoom.
4. Each Zoom room will have judges present to monitor and proctor the exams.
5. Participants may only register for one qualifier contest.
6. During the competition, contestants will be divided into groups and will remain with that assigned group throughout the 10 category rounds of questions.
7. All contestants are required to have their cameras on during the competition. Failure to have camera on may result in the individual's score not being included in the final placing.
8. Rounds will take up to 7.5 minutes for Novices, 10 minutes for Juniors, and 12.5 minutes for Seniors and Adults. There will be approximately 2.5 minutes between each round for a short break.
9. All decisions made by the 2023 Michigan 4-H Skillathon Contest Officials are final.

## Awards

1. All awards will be presented during a virtual ceremony on the evening of March 20, 2023.
  - a. State Championship Awards
    - i. Awards will be presented to the top overall individual(s) for each age division.
    - ii. Ribbons will be provided to the top 5 individuals for each age division.

## Americans with Disabilities Act

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary service or accommodation in order to participate, will need to request their needs via email to [4HSkillathon@msu.edu](mailto:4HSkillathon@msu.edu)

## Announcement of Results

All results are final once announced. The exception to this rule will occur in the case that an error is found in the announced results. Any correction to these results will be made as deemed necessary by the 2022 Michigan 4-H Skillathon Contest Officials. All awards will be presented during a virtual ceremony on the evening of March 20, 2023.

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## **Schedule of Competitions**

### **March 4, 2023: Qualifier #1**

Open to contestants from any location.

### **March 11, 2023: Qualifier #2**

Open to contestants from any location.

### **Alternate dates may be hosted by Michigan 4-H county offices.**

Check with your local 4-H Program Coordinator to see if there is “in-person” event near you.

### **March 18, 2023: Michigan 4-H Skillathon State Championship**

Individuals scoring above the minimum percentile in each age division will receive an invitation to participate in the Michigan 4-H Skillathon State Championship.

- A. Novice – 50%
- B. Junior – 55%
- C. Senior – 60%
- D. Adult – 65%