

Dairy Jeopardy Contest Rules

Contestants must enter with the Pennsylvania Holstein Association to compete at the State Contest by the entry deadline established for the Dairy Jeopardy Contest. A contestant cannot compete in the Dairy Bowl Contest the same year they compete in the Dairy Jeopardy Contest.

*****NEW as of 2023 – We will have one (1) novice round prior to the Dairy Jeopardy contest. This contest is open to eligible first year participants and will be on a first come, first serve basis for the first eight individuals. This round will not advance any further in the contest and will not qualify juniors for the National contest.**

A contestant wishing to answer any question must activate the signaling device. Since more than one contestant may think they have signaled the device, contestants may not answer until acknowledged by the moderator. After being acknowledged by the moderator, the contestant must immediately begin an answer. If the contestant who buzzes in fails to give the correct answer then the question will be reread once and another contestant has the chance to buzz in. If no one buzzes in within 5 seconds, the moderator will move on to the next question.

If a contestant answers without signaling, or waiting to be recognized by the moderator, the answer will be declared invalid and the point value of the question will be deducted. The question will then be offered to the opposing individuals.

If a contestant signals and is recognized, but fails to start an answer immediately, the contestant will lose points and the question will be offered to the opposing individuals. The amount of points deducted will be determined by the point value of the question.

If no contestant can offer an answer to the question within 5 seconds, the question will be dropped and no contestant will forfeit points.

If the answer is incorrect or incomplete, the question shall then be reread and the other contestants will have one more opportunity to answer. The judge may not ask the contestant to explain his or her answer.

Clarification of acceptable answers:

a) Full names of animals-contestants must use the full registration name of an animal with the exclusion of the suffix. If the suffix is used, it must be correct, i.e., ET versus ETS or *TD versus *TM.

Examples:

Long-Langs Oman Oman Correct

Long - Langs Oman Oman-ET Correct

Oman Incorrect

Long - Lang Oman Oman Incorrect

Long-Langs Oman - Twin Incorrect

b) Names of people -when giving a specific person's name, the last name only will be acceptable. The first name is not necessary but, if given, it must be correct. If a prefix or suffix is used, it must be correct

Examples: Geiger Correct

Corey Geiger Correct

Geigers Incorrect

Craig Geiger Incorrect

Dr. Geiger Incorrect

Corey Geiger, Jr. Incorrect

c) Pronunciation

Judges must recognize answers given as mispronunciation. The error in pronunciation can affect the correctness of an answer.

Example:

For a question with antibody as an answer, antibiotic is not correct.

d) Volunteering information - if a contestant first gives a correct answer and goes on to add incorrect information, the entire question will be ruled incorrect.

e) Correcting answers - if a contestant gives a complete answer, he or she cannot make a correction. If a partial incorrect answer is given and the contestant makes the correction mid-answer or word, the corrected answer will not be accepted

Contestants must remain in the contest room once they have competed until it is announced who will be advancing to the next round of play. An individual's score must be greater than zero to advance to any round of play.

The winner (high score) of each flight in Round 1 will move on. All contestants participate, depending on the number of contestants, the remaining top scores will be selected to go on to Round 2. In case of a tie in round one it will be decided by three questions using the buzzers.

At the end each of the contestants will have an opportunity to answer a "Final Jeopardy" question providing they have 1 or more points. Contestants with zero or negative points will be ineligible to participate in the final question

The answer will be in written form with spelling not essential however the moderator and judges must agree on the correctness of the answer. The contestant can wager (in 10 point increments, for ease of scoring) all, part, or none of the points they have accumulated to this point. A correct answer grants all the points wagered to the contestant. An incorrect answer will result in the points wagered being deducted from the score.

Rankings are then based on top scores. In case of a tie for first, second or third place a sudden death question(s) will be asked. The answer will be in written form with spelling not essential however the moderator and judges must agree on the correctness of answer.

There shall be two bonus questions in each round. The contestants will not know prior to the contest which categories and point values contain the bonus questions. The contestant can wager (in 10 point increments, for ease of scoring) all, part, or none of the points they have accumulated to this point. A correct answer grants all the points wagered to the contestant. An incorrect answer will result in the points wagered being deducted from the score.

If a contestant becomes eligible for a bonus question and the contestant has no points the contestant will be permitted to wager up to the point value of the question. Example: Contestant has no points, selects Feed for 40 points. The wager cannot exceed 40 points. If the contestant correctly answers the question he or she will receive 40 points; if incorrect the score will become negative.

All contestants must stay in the staging room during the contest unless competing. Once an individual has been eliminated, contestants can leave

If the moderator questions the answer, a panel of at least two judges will determine if the answer is correct or incorrect. There will be no challenges to the answers at the time of the contest. The decision of the judges is final. Any spectator or coach who questions or argues with a judge or moderator or interferes with the running of the contest will be asked to leave.

The use of cell phones or other electronic devices will not be allowed in the Dairy Jeopardy holding area. Audience members in the contest room will also be required to turn off all electronic devices.

Videotaping and or recording will not be allowed. We request that no pictures be taken during the actual competition.

Points will be deducted for wrong answers. The amount of points deducted will be determined by the point value of the question. Points will also be deducted for bonus questions, failing to signal, not waiting to be recognized, failing to answer and the final written question