



HARTFORD INDEPENDENT FAIR EXPERT / SUPER SHOWMANSHIP

Super Showmanship

Friday, August 11 – 9:00 a.m. Grubb Arena

The Super Showmanship Contest is open to one species representative that has been selected from current year Expert Showmanship class in the following species areas: **Beef** (Breeding Beef/ Market Steer/Dairy Feeder), **Sheep** (Breeding Sheep/ Market Lamb), **Dairy Cattle, Goat** (Meat / Dairy / Pygmy), **Horse** (English/Western), **Market Hog, Rabbit** (Meat Rabbit/Other Rabbit), and **Poultry** (Meat Poultry/ Other Poultry). Super Showmanship participants may not have won Super Showmanship in a previous year, and may no longer compete in Junior Fair showmanship classes following their selection as the Super Showmanship winner. The Super Showmanship Contest shall consist of Expert Showmanship winners and the animal that they used throughout the selection process – which must be their project animal. (Note: Exception may be made for swine exhibitor if animal has already sold / left the grounds). The contest shall operate in the form of a “round-robin” with each exhibitor demonstrating their skills with a particular animal for a period of not more than four minutes. A judge will be present with each animal to interview and observe exhibitors during that time. Each exhibitor will receive a perfect score of 200 points in the species in which they advanced to the Super Showmanship Contest. Therefore the final point tally for each individual will be out of a maximum of 1,600 points. Immediately following the contest, results will be announced with awards being presented.

Expert Showmanship

The Expert Showmanship class is comprised of current year Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Showmanship class winners, as well as previous Senior and Expert Showmanship winners who remain to be age-eligible and junior fair exhibitors within that species/department. Previous Super Showmanship winners are not eligible to compete. The exhibitor selected as winner of the Expert Class will represent that species in Super Showmanship. (Note: Some species have an additional contest / class to determine which Expert Showmanship winner will represent their species: i.e. Beef (Dairy Feeder/Market Steer/Breeding Beef), Goat (Meat / Dairy / Pygmy), Horse (English/Western), and Sheep (Market Lamb/Breeding Sheep).

In the event that an exhibitor is chosen as a species representative to Super Showmanship in more than one species during a given year, that exhibitor will be given the opportunity to choose which one species they represent in the contest. The species that they do not choose will then be represented by the next highest ranking exhibitor from the Expert Showmanship / selection class of that species. Each exhibitor is only eligible to represent one species during Super Showmanship, and each species should be represented.

Showmanship Division Winners

When an exhibitor wins their respective division (Junior / Intermediate / Senior) in a given species, they must move up to the next division the following year (i.e. Junior would move up to Intermediate, Intermediate would move up to Senior, Senior would move up to Expert.) Once an exhibitor has won Expert Showmanship within a species / department, they must remain in the Expert division until they are no longer eligible to show or win Super Showmanship. Once an exhibitor has won Senior Showmanship in a species / department, they are only eligible to return in the Expert division.

NOTE: Exhibitor’s age on January 1st of current year is to be used when signing up for appropriate showmanship class. Exhibitors must show their own project animal, which is appropriately entered in junior fair classes, and must use that same animal in their age division, followed by Expert (should they advance), and Super Showmanship (should they advance). The only exception that will be made is for the designated swine exhibitor participating in Super Showmanship in the case that their market hog has been sold or already left the grounds at the time of the Super Showmanship contest. In this case, the hog showman must secure another animal to use in the contest that is of an similar and appropriate showmanship quality.