

Western National 4-H Roundup FCS Skill-a-thon

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I. Contestants and Eligibility

- A. A State/territory/District of Columbia is allowed only one entry in only one division of a contest in a national 4-H competitive event each year. An entry is an individual, in the events where individuals compete against individuals only, or a team in events where total team scores are computed and recognition given to the team. Individuals may be recognized in those events that are primarily team events.
1. One team per state with a maximum of four participants.
 2. If states do not have a full team of three or four, they may participate as individuals.
- B. Entries not officially entered will not be permitted to participate for any reason.
- C. An individual may enter a National 4-H competitive event (the FCS Skill-a-thon) in a specific program area only once. Participating members of a team entry (even if they are designated alternate by low score) are ineligible to enter the same event again as a part of another team.
- D. The eligibility requirements to enter a National 4-H Competitive Event are:
1. Contestant must already have passed his or her 14th birthday, and may not have reached his or her 19th birthday, as of January 1 of the year in which the National 4-H Competitive Event is held*. However, the State 4-H Leader may grant a special authorization to compete, for youth with developmental disabilities who exceed the upper age limit.
 2. All contestants must be members of 4-H in the state they are representing during the year in which the National 4-H Competitive Event is held.
 3. The contestant(s) or team(s) of contestants must be certified as the official state entry by the State 4-H Leader or by a person designated by the State 4-H Leader. The individual(s) or team(s) may be selected by any procedure the State 4-H Leader believes is appropriate.
 4. The contestant, his or her county 4-H staff member, and the State 4-H Leader must certify as follows on the application form or an accompanying memo: “This contestant has not participated in post-secondary coursework in the subject area of the national 4-H competition, nor has he or she participated in training for post-secondary competition in the subject area of the national 4-H competition.” *Violation of this will result in forfeiture of any awards or recognition which have been won in the National 4-H Competitive Event.*

- E. All participants must first qualify through the represented state and meet all the state eligibility rules.

11. FCS Skill-a-thon Contest Rules

- A. FCS Skill-a-thon Classes will be judged by 3 or 4 person teams. On a four-person team, the lowest overall score is considered drop score and that person will automatically become the alternate. Team score is a combination of top three scores on individual and team events. Individual rank is based on scores from the seven individual activities only.
- B. Classes and Activities to be Completed:
 - 1. Sewing/Clothing related ID: (50 possible points) Identify from a provided list fabrics, fasteners, seams, design/cut, and other items related to apparel, fashion design, and/or sewing. Contestants will have 15 minutes to identify 25 items.
 - 2. Interior Design/Housing related ID: (50 possible points) Identify from a provided list decorating techniques, colors, patterns, design elements and/or layouts. Contestants will have 15 minutes to identify 25 items.
 - 3. Food/Cooking related ID: (50 possible points) Identify from a provided list appliances, utensils, gourmet foods, spices, herbs and/or other food related items. Contestants will have 15 minutes to identify 25 items.
 - 4. Food Nutrition Judging Class: (50 possible points) Participants will judge one food nutrition judging class with four items in each class. Contestants will have 15 minutes to complete.

III. Awards

- A. The top three individuals and the top three teams will be recognized. Awards will consist of 1st- 3rd place team plaques and ribbons and 1st - 3rd place high point individual plaques and ribbons.

IV. References

Refer to website for study guides available for the FCS Skill-a-thon.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Registration/entry forms are to be completed on-line at www.westernnationalroundup.org and an Official Authorization Form must be printed and then signed by the respective State 4-H Director/Leader and mailed with full payment to:

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State 4-H Events Office
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