

# DEPARTMENT #52 – SHOWMANSHIP

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### Rules

1. Exhibitor must show his/her own animal.
2. Showmanship order will be FFA Novice, followed by FFA Advanced, followed by 4-H youngest to oldest; unless otherwise noted in the guidebook.
3. Independent Juniors and Grange members should enter under their appropriate 4-H age group.
4. All exhibitors are required to wear the official show uniform. For more information on show dress, please refer to the instructions to exhibitors at the beginning of the youth livestock department. Independent juniors must wear white pants and shirt.
5. Animals used in showmanship must be shown in individual classes.
6. Animals may not be brought on grounds specifically for showmanship classes.
7. Exhibitor's age on all showmanship classes is as of January 1st.
8. Any contestants winning first in a showmanship class that makes them eligible for Round Robin must notify the Livestock Office if they will be unable to compete in Round Robin.
9. Contestants who place first and second in their age group will compete in one final class as a group (*where applicable*). The first place winners of this class will then participate in Round Robin. If first place decides they are not able to compete in Round Robin, the second place will be an alternate.
10. See specific Divisions for judging times.
11. Animals will arrive and depart according to the division in which they are entered.
12. *Novice classes: These classes are for those who have never shown that specie of livestock before (as of January 1). 1st & 2nd place winners in this class advance to the run-off round.*
13. The same animal used in the age class must be used in the run-off.
14. Pre-entry into showmanship is required. Exhibitors must enter showmanship by close of entries.
15. Junior Exhibitors with a disability may request reasonable accommodations be made by notifying the Entry Office in advance.

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## JUNIOR ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP

### Rules:

1. Open to qualifying Exhibitors (those that placed 1st in their age appropriate class or the run-off class). Senior 4-H Round Robin is for 14 years and up and Junior 4-H Round Robin for exhibitors ages 9 - 13. First place winners are the only ones eligible to compete.
2. **Judging:**
  - **Small Animal** – Thursday, August 8, 2:00 p.m. – Dorfman Ring
  - **Large Animal** – Friday, August 9, 1:00 p.m. – Dorfman Ring
3. **The Sonoma County Fair will provide all animals for use in the Round Robin competitions.**
4. Should an exhibitor qualify in more than one specie, (*ex: placing 1st in beef showmanship and same exhibitor placing 1st in sheep showmanship*) the exhibitor must choose which species to represent, the 2nd place in the other species will be given the opportunity to participate. If 2nd place has already qualified or chooses not to participate, no other exhibitor will be considered to participate.
5. Round Robin Format: Exhibitors participating in Round Robin will follow a group format. Each specie shown will include multiple participants to simulate a real showmanship class.
6. Small and Large Animal Round Robin are individual contests, a contestant can qualify in both a small animal and a large animal species.
7. If an exhibitor qualifies for either Large or Small Animal Round Robin they can choose to participate in the Master Showman competition.
8. If an exhibitor qualifies and competes in both Large & Small Animal Round Robin then they will be automatically qualified to compete for Champion Master Showman.
9. If an exhibitor wins Senior (14-18 years old) division in Large or Small Animal Round Robin, they qualify to compete in the County Fair Best of Show Master Showmanship competition at California State Fair. See CA State Fair's guidebook for more details.

### Division 5201 – Large Animal Round Robin

FFA/4-H/Independent Junior contestants will be required to show each specie of beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goats, boer goats, sheep, and horse. 1st place winners in their showmanship class are the only ones eligible to participate in Round Robin Showmanship. A time of 7 minutes will be allowed for showmanship in each species. Fair to provide all animals.

#### Large Animal Qualifying Species

- Market Beef
- Breeding Beef
- Market Hogs
- Breeding Swine
- Dairy Cattle
- Dairy Goats
- Market Lambs
- Breeding Sheep
- Market Goats
- Breeding Boer Goats
- Horses

### Division 5202 – Small Animal Round Robin

Contestants will be required to show each specie of rabbits, poultry, covies, pygmy goats, and dogs. Contestants planning to participate must notify the Fur & Feathers Superintendent following the show. A time of 5 minutes will be allowed for showmanship in each specie. Fair to provide all animals.

#### Small Animal Qualifying Species

- Rabbits
- Rabbit Meat Pens
- Poultry
- Poultry Meat Pens
- Covies
- Pygmy Goats
- Dogs

### Division 5203 – Master Showman

Contestants will be required to participate in both Large and Small Animal Round Robin competitions and show each species listed above.

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### Judging

Judges will score each contestant on a point system of 1 - 10, with 1 being low and 10 high. In the event of a tie score between 2 or more exhibitors, the tie will be broken in this order:

- A. The exhibitor with the highest score on the specie that qualified him/her for Round Robin.
- B. The exhibitor with the most consistent set of scores.

Example:	Contestant #1	6	7	10	8	=	31
	Contestant #2	8	7	9	7	=	31

*Contestant #2 would be the winner.*

- C. Different questions will be used for each contest.

Belt Buckles will be awarded to all winners.

***All awards to be presented at Awards Ceremony.***

### SCORECARD FOR JUDGING SHOWMANSHIP IN GENERAL

Appearance of Animal .....	40%
Condition .....	(10)
Grooming and/or Clipping .....	(20)
Cleanliness .....	(10)
Appearance of Exhibitor .....	10%
Showing In the Ring.....	50%
Moving or Leading .....	(15)
Posing.....	(15)
Show Animal to Best Advantage.....	(10)
Poise, Alertness and Attitude.....	(10)
TOTAL .....	100%