Youth Fitting Contest

- Intermediate Fitting Judge: Josh Karn -- Senior Fitting Judge: Dawson Nickels -Jessica Pralle-Trimner & Nicole Pralle - Superintendents

> Saturday, September 28, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Sale Pavilion

Online Pre-Registration \$10 Entry Required Deadline: Saturday, September 14, 11:59 p.m. Late Entry \$20 Required Deadline: Saturday, September 21, 11:59 p.m.

EXHIBITOR MEETING: Friday, September 27, 6:00 p.m. Sale Pavilion

General Contest Rules

- 1. Open to youth ages 13 21 as of day of Contest. Youth who are 21 on January 1, 2024 are ineligible to compete. See divisions on opposing page.
- 2. Youth who have previously won the World Dairy Expo Fitting Contest, Senior Division, are ineligible to compete in future Contests.
- 3. Participants enrolled in the National Judging Contest shall meet at the Ultrasound Tent at the Coliseum north cattle show entrance at 8:15 a.m. and will be escorted to the Sale Pavilion.
- 4. Contestants must provide a show halter and show harness. Exhibitor numbers will be issued and must be worn for identification throughout the Contest.
- 5. Contestants must provide an animal to fit. Contestants need not own the animal they fit. Contestants are responsible for obtaining permission from the owner, if the animal is not his/ her own. The animal must be entered in a World Dairy Expo show or sale.
- 6. Only the head/neck and legs of the heifer may be clipped before the contest. See diagram below.
- 7. Contestant set-up begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday in the Sale Pavilion.
- Contestants must provide their own fitting equipment. Fitting chutes and personal assistants are not permitted for the Contest.
- 9. Contestants will have 60 minutes to fit their animal to show ready.
- After the completion of fitting, each division will lead out for final fitting inspection, placings and reasons.
- 11. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the Contest.

The following score card will be used:

Ease of handling equipment Proper clipping technique on body Proper topline hair grooming, (Including blowing and clipping) Hair is blended properly Proper use of sprays and adhesives Preparation completely finished

20 points 30 points 10 points

10 points

10 points

20 points

Pre-registration, Online, Required

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Online entries: worlddairyexpo.com Entry after 9/21/2024 will not be accepted.

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Only the animal's head/neck and legs may be clipped prior to the contest.

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Youth Fitting Contest Divisions

Male and Female divisions are offered for each contest:

Intermediate Contest: Open to youth whom have reached their 13th birthday and not yet reached their 17th birthday as of September 28, 2024.

Senior Contest: Open to youth whom have reached their 17th birthday and not yet reached their 21st birthday as of September 28, 2024. Youth who were 21 on January 1, 2024 are ineligible to compete.

Youth Fitting Contest Awards

Thank you

Youth Fitting Contest Sponsors:

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FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative, Madison, WI In Memory of John Klossner by the Klossner Family, Mt. Horeb, WI St. Jacobs ABC, DeForest, WI

Participant Product Sponsorship

All fitting contest participants will receive Weaver fitting products courtesy of <u>Mill Wheel Show</u> <u>Clinics</u>, Geneseo, NY

Award Presentations

Awards are presented after the finals of each division. Top 5 participants are asked to remain in the contest area for official photographs.

Overall Fitter Award

The First Place winner in each Division will be in consideration for the Overall Fitter Award.

The inaugural **Michael Heath Overall Fitter Award** is presented to the Overall Fitter to honor the life and legacy of Michael Heath on behalf of his family and friends. Heath's greatest passion in life was being involved in all aspects of the cattle industry, whether showing, judging, selling, or breeding. His knowledge of the industry allowed him to judge cattle shows locally and all over the world. The Overall Fitter is presented a \$1,000 cash award and walnut plaque for their keeping. The winner's name will be engraved on a perpetual plaque trophy and remain on display at World Dairy Expo's corporate office.

Overall Fitter: Custom embroidered jacket courtesy of Images Custom Embroidery, Rudolph, WI

Intermediate Fitting Contest:

Male Division and Female Divisions

First Place: Winner receives a \$50 cash award presented First - Fifth Place: Neck ribbons and medallions presented Second - Fifth Place: Winners receive a \$25 cash award presented

Senior Fitting Contest:

Male Division and Female Divisions

First Place Award: Clippers courtesy of <u>Clipper Parts & Repair</u>, Clayton, WI First Place: Winner received a \$50 cash award presented First - Fifth Place: Neck ribbons and medallions presented Second - Fifth Place: Winners will receive a \$50 cash award presented

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