

BUILDING BLOCKS (class #73)

Project Competition



RULES & REGULATIONS (4-H SHOW CLASS LIST)

1. Open to the top junior and senior building blocks competitor member from each county.
2. All contestants are required to meet at the published competition start time to register and get the guidelines. Refer to the program for time and location.
3. Junior and senior competitors will complete different articles in a specific time allotted.
4. Either several competitors will work at the same time or the event repeated until all contestants have participated or all the junior or seniors will go at once, depending on space available at 4-H Nova Scotia Show.
5. Only the completed item will be judged. Prizes will be awarded to the top junior and top senior members.
6. **Articles created must be returned after judging, members will not be permitted to take their article home with them.**

BEFORE COMPETITION:

1. Decide on an idea for the competition article, a different one for seniors and juniors. It should be one 4-H members can complete within 1 hour, however it should be challenging for the age group. The committee may have to do some testing to ensure that the various age groups can handle them without too much difficulty. Keep the items confidential until 4-H Show.
2. Note: Concern has been expressed that junior members have difficulty reading and understanding the directions. Keep this in mind when you are preparing the instructions.
3. Simple directions and diagrams to help construction should be provided for each competitor. Collect the materials and assemble individual kits including the directions. These can be put in a plastic bag or tub for each competitor.
4. Locate a judge who is recognized as knowledgeable. Only the finished product is judged. Provide the judge with a copy of the directions for both the junior and senior article, rules of competition, time, date and place of competition. Suggestions for judges - past 4-H members, leaders or local artisans are good prospects. The judge can either be paid by county council or you may give him/her a gift.
5. Locate these supplies for the competition:
 - Plastic table cloths
 - Tables for competition- two for county level and five for provincial level
 - 18 chairs (for 4-H Show)
 - Article tags for each competitor and a method to securely attach tags to item (masking tape).
6. The Agriculture Leadership Coordinator can provide you with a list of names of the competitors at least one week in advance of the competition. You can fill out the article tags prior to the competition to save time. You should have a few extras for substitutions and possible additions.
7. Arrange the members in their schedule. Check the program for competition times.
8. Prizes for top junior and senior competitor will be Provincial awards.



DAY OF COMPETITION:

1. Arrive at the competition area at least 30 minutes before competition begins. Be ready to set up so your competition begins on time. A delay in your competition will cause conflicts for others after your event.
2. The judge should be present 15 minutes prior to the competition beginning. Take this time to review the rules and duties/expectations of judging the competition with him/her.
3. Have 4 - 5 adults to supervise the competition -
 - One person should be prepared to review the rules of competition with competitors at the assembly, give out directions and schedule of competitions and explain competition to the audience.
 - 2 - 3 should be prepared to oversee competitors so that the kits are given out, the table area is clean for next shift and the competitor's tags are securely attached.
 - Other "go-for" - running in case of problems, questions, etc.
4. Remind the members before they start of the 60-minute time limit. At the 5-minute remaining interval, warn the competitors.
5. When the competition is finished, make sure tags are closed and secure to entry for judging.
6. Attach the trophy presentation tag to the top junior & senior entry.
7. Record results and deliver to the 4-H show office.
8. **Note: At 4-H NS AGM 2016** it was resolved that any score sheet from all Provincial level competitions shall be available by the end of the event upon request by the Member-participating in any competitions, whether livestock, life skills, public speaking or woodsmen.
9. Remind the members that they are not to leave with their completed article, all supplies used must be returned to the competition kits.

AFTER COMPETITION:

- Write a letter to the judge thanking them for their services.
- After the show write to all who donated supplies thanking them for their donation.
- Record recommendations for another year, including any problems encountered and forward this to your Agriculture Leadership Coordinator.

POINTS TO REMEMBER:

1. A rope divider to keep crowds back from the work area is an asset.