

TEAM FITTING CONTEST RULES

1. Youth competing in this contest must be between the ages of 9 – 19 and currently enrolled in 4-H or FFA. Youth who are 19 years old or older as of January 1 are not eligible to compete.
2. Each team will consist of 4 members and must include no more than 1 Senior (16 years of age or older as of September 30, 2019) member. There will be a single division for all teams.
3. At least 3 team members MUST be exhibiting livestock at the Junior Beef Roundup to compete in the Cattle Fitting Contest.
4. All teams are encouraged to pre-register; however, entries will be accepted until 10:00 AM on Friday, April 19, 2019. Entry forms are available on the youth livestock webpage (www.ext.vt.edu/youthlivestock).
5. Each team is responsible for providing one of their own heifers or steers (no bulls) for the contest. The animal must be entered in the Junior Beef Roundup by a team member.
6. Each team must provide their own fitting equipment. Once the contest begins, no team member may leave the area and no additional equipment may be brought into the fitting area. Teams will be required to bring their own chute to the competition area.
7. All equipment and supplies must be in place at least 15 minutes prior to the announced starting of the contest.
8. Teams are encouraged to bring generators.
9. Teams will be allotted 30 minutes to prepare their animal.
10. Cattle should be free of fitting agents/methods at the start of the contest, arriving at the contest area washed and blown dry, with no product previously applied. Cattle that show signs of previous fitting will be disqualified. Judges' decision is final.
11. Teams are cautioned to avoid inappropriate fitting methods.
12. **NO PAINTS OR COLORING AGENTS** will be allowed.
13. Once time has been called, all teams must cease working on their animal. If fitting is continued after time is called, the team will be automatically disqualified. Periodic time announcements will be made throughout the contest.
14. After fitting time, each entry will be held at the designated area by one team member. All other team members must be beside the animal, but are not allowed to continue fitting the animal after time is called.
15. All audience members must stay out of the area designated as the contest space and are not allowed to communicate with the participants in any fashion.
16. Final scores will be based on the following:
 - a. Evaluation of animal and team questions 15 points
 - b. Equipment use, skill level and general knowledge of team members 35 points
 - c. Final appearance of the animal 25 points
 - d. Presentation of animal by a designated team member 25 points