

Attention Coaches,

The Heart City Bull Bash would like to invite you to the Heart City Bull Bash Judging Contest. The contest will be held on Friday February 14th at Valentine Livestock Auction in Valentine, NE. We are working to put together a fantastic contest in the heart of cattle country.

There will be two youth divisions – Junior and Senior. Juniors are any contestant age 8-13 on or before January 1, 2025. Seniors are any contestant age 14-19 on or before January 1, 2025. Please enter your youth in the proper division based on AGE, not on standing in school or FFA classification. There will also be Junior and Senior College Divisions.

The event will consist of eight classes of cattle of which could include bulls, heifers, prospect steers, and feedlot steers. All classes will be loose in the pen and performance data will be included on some classes. The Senior youth division will include 3 classes of reasons and the college divisions will include 4 classes of reasons. The Junior youth will answer questions on two classes.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday, February 14th. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

Brent Nollette

Contest Chair

Cell phone: 402-389-0439

Email: bnollette@vcsbadger.net

Youth Division

General Rules

1. Entries - **Early entries are due on or before February 7th.** The entries should include all candidates that the coach expects to bring to the contest. The final team selections will be made the morning of the contest. Each team may consist of up to four members with three scores constituting the team total. Individuals may compete and will be eligible for individual awards. You may enter as many teams as you wish.
2. **Age Requirements:** Junior (age 8-13 as of January 1, 2025) | Senior (age 14-19 as of January 1, 2025)
3. Early entry fee - \$60 per team; \$15 per individual. Entry fee may be brought to the contest. Late entries will be accepted up until the day of the contest at \$80 per team and \$20 per individual.
4. Eight (8) classes of cattle consisting of heifers, bulls, prospect steers, and feedlot cattle will be judged. The cattle will be loose in pens.
5. Performance data and a scenario will be provided on multiple classes. The performance classes may also be selected as reasons classes.
6. Contestants will be given 12 minutes to place each class and 2 minutes to give each set of oral reasons. Reason classes will be set by the committee. Seniors will give reasons on 3 classes. Juniors will answer questions only on 2 classes.
7. Typical contest scoring and tie breaking methods will be in use.
8. There will be no official coaches' meeting. Coaches will register teams and receive final contest details at the event.
9. At the conclusion of the reasons session, official judges will give the placing and cuts.
10. A brief awards presentation is planned directly following the contest.

Dress for the contest is casual. NO JACKETS OR TIES.

Nice jeans and shirt preferred.

The contest will take place OUTSIDE, so dress appropriately for the weather.

CONTEST CHAIR: Brent Nollette

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College Division

Junior College & Senior College

1. Entries – **Early entries are due on or before February 7th.** The entries should include all candidates that the coach expects to bring to the contest. The final team selections will be made the morning of the contest. Each team may consist of five members with all five scores constituting the team total. Individuals may compete and will be eligible for individual awards. You may enter as many teams as you wish. Late entries (after Feb. 3rd) will be accepted. See fee structure below.
2. Early entry fee - \$100 per team; \$20 per individual. Entry fee may be brought to the contest. Late entries will be accepted up until the day of the contest at \$125 per team and \$25 per individual.
3. Eight classes of cattle consisting of heifers, bulls, prospect steers, and feedlot cattle will be judged. The cattle will be loose in pens.
4. Performance data and a scenario will be provided on multiple classes. The performance classes may also be selected as reasons classes.
5. Contestants will be given 12 minutes to place each class and 2 minutes to give each set of oral reasons. Oral reasons will be given on 4 classes. Reason classes will be set by the committee.
6. Typical contest scoring and tie breaking methods will be in use.
7. There will be no official coaches' meeting. Coaches will register teams and receive final contest details at the event.
8. At the conclusion of the reasons session, official committee will give placing and cuts.
9. A brief awards presentation is planned directly following the contest.
10. Contestant Eligibility: **Junior College** – Contestants must be regularly enrolled in a Junior College (2-year program) and may not have credit for more than 66 semester hours or the equivalent. Contestants must have attended full time the previous semester at the school for which they are competing, or not attended any other Junior College the previous semester, in order to be eligible to compete. **Students must be eligible according to the rules set forth by the Junior College Coaches Association.**
11. Contestant Eligibility: **Senior College** – Contestants must be regularly enrolled in a Senior College which offers a degree in animal science. Students who have participated as contestants in the Senior Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest at the North American International prior to January 1, 2025 are not eligible to enter this contest. Contestants must have been regularly enrolled in their respective colleges the previous semester and must not have served any time as an animal science instructor at any secondary school or college. **Students must be eligible according to the rules set forth by the Senior College Coaches Association.**

****Dress for the contest is casual. NO JACKETS OR TIES. The contest will be OUTSIDE!**

Contest Chairman: Brent Nollette

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Schedule of Events – Saturday February 10th 2024

8:00 - 8:30 am

Final Registration – Valentine Livestock

9:00 am

Contest Begins

11:00 am (approx.)

Conclusion of Judging

11:15 am (approx.)

Lunch for all contestants

11:45 am - 2:00pm

Collegiate reasons at Valentine Livestock

Youth Questions and reasons will be located across the street from Valentine Livestock.

Once everyone grabs lunch they will walk as a group across the street to give oral reasons and answer questions. Youth will remain there until collegiate contestants are done with their oral reasons.

2:00 pm

Class critique followed by awards

All contest fees may be paid the day of the contest as long as team registration is made prior to February 7th, 2025



Heart City Bull Bash Livestock Judging Contest

February 14th, 2024

Valentine Livestock --- Valentine, NE
Early Registration Due: February 7th, 2025

Youth Division Entry Form

Early Entries DUE: February 7th, 2025

Make Checks Payable to: **Heart City Bull Bash**

**Bring check the day of event*

**\$60/team, \$15/individual ---Entries before February 7th*

**\$80/team, \$20/individual---Entries after February 7th*

Send Entries to: Mike Roeber, NECC Judging Coach
PO Box 469, Norfolk, NE 68702
mikesr@northeast.edu

County/FFA Chapter: _____

Coach: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Team 1: ____ Junior ____ Senior

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Team 2: ____ Junior ____ Senior

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

**Make additional copies as needed*



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Make Checks Payable to: **Heart City Bull Bash**

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**\$100/team, \$20/individual ---Entries before February 7th*

**\$125/team, \$25/individual---Entries after February 7th*

Send Entries to: Mike Roeber, NECC Judging Coach

PO Box 469, Norfolk, NE 68702

mikesr@northeast.edu

College/University: _____

Coach: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Team 1: ____ Junior ____ Senior

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5. _____

Team 2: ____ Junior ____ Senior

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