



2021 Michigan 4-H Skillathon State Championship

Rules and Regulations

1. **4-H Membership Requirement:** All active members of Michigan 4-H (as of March 1, 2021) aged 8-19 years are eligible to compete as individuals in their respective age divisions. Current adult volunteers and club leaders may compete in the Adult division. *Current 4-H Membership is required to receive a Skillathon t-shirt.*
2. **Teams:** The contest is not open to teams.
3. **Pledge of Honesty:** All contestants must sign a Pledge of Honesty prior to the competition. This pledge will affirm that the contestant will not use any type of aid, resource, or assistance in the answering of questions. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
4. **Use of Electronic Devices:** 4-H members will be allowed the use of computers, tablets, and cell phone for the sole purpose of conducting the contest. Use of smartwatches or other devices used to communicate with others is prohibited. Use of any electronic device or notes to look up information/resources during the contest is also prohibited.
5. **Age Requirement:** Members must be 8, but not yet 19, before January 1 of the current year. The contest is designed with the competitive intensity of a state-level event to give youth the opportunity to display their advanced skills in critical thinking, decision making, reasoning ability, communication skills, and livestock knowledge. Participants should understand the basic concepts of this event for it to be a positive experience that fosters experiential learning.
6. **Age divisions:** The divisions are broken out as follows:
 - a. Novice (8-11 years)
 - b. Junior (12-14 years)
 - c. Senior (15-19 years)
 - d. Adult (open to current adult volunteers and club leaders)
7. **Session Categories:** Participants will complete 10 sections per age division where they will be asked to perform or answer questions on specific tasks that cover the following Market and Livestock categories.
 - a. Poultry
 - b. Rabbits/Cavies
 - c. Dogs
 - d. Sheep
 - e. Goats
 - f. Swine
 - g. Dairy
 - h. Beef
 - i. Horses
 - j. General Knowledge



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8. **Format of Skillathon:**

- a. The Skillathon will be held virtually on Zoom. Contestants will be placed into breakout rooms with judges for each of the 10 categories.
- b. All contestants will be provided an online form to answer the questions during each category session.
- c. Each contestant will have 30 seconds to answer the question provided. Questions will not be repeated.
- d. Number of questions per category session by age division
 - i. Novice – 15 questions
 - ii. Junior – 20 questions
 - iii. Senior – 25 questions
 - iv. Adult – 25 questions

9. **Qualifying for State Championship:** Contestants who place in the top 20th percentile of each age division will qualify for the Michigan 4-H Market Livestock Skillathon Championship held on April 10, 2021.

- a. Individuals scoring in the top 20th percentile in each division will be notified via email within 5 days that they qualified for the State Contest on April 10, 2021

10. **Scoring:** Points will be awarded to contestants based on their overall performance in each category. Points will be awarded on the percentage of total points earned in each contest, based on the maximum score possible.

- a. Ties will be broken as follows:
 - i. General Knowledge overall score from session.
 - ii. The total number of correct responses from the following questions in each category will be used to determine the final placing if needed to break a tie.
 1. Novice – questions 5 and 7
 2. Juniors – questions 17 and 20
 3. Seniors – questions 21 and 24

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Contest Method of Conduct

1. All participants must register for the contest through the Michigan State University Events Management system.
2. The competition will be held at the assigned times over Zoom.
3. During the competition, contestants will be divided into groups and will remain with that assigned group throughout the round of sessions.
4. All contestants are required to have their cameras on during the competition. Failure to have camera on will result in the individual's score not being included in the final placing.
5. Rounds will take 7.5 minutes for Novices, 10 minutes for Juniors, and 12.5 minutes for Seniors and Adults. There will be approximately 2.5 minutes between each round for a short break.
6. All decisions made by the by the 2021 Michigan 4-H Skillathon Contest Officials are final.

Awards

1. All awards will be presented during a virtual ceremony on the evening of April 12, 2021.
 - a. Regional Contests Awards
 - i. Awards will be presented only to the top 5 individuals from each age category of each region.
 - ii. Top scorers in each session category will be recognized.
 - b. State Championship Awards
 - i. Awards will be presented to the top overall individual(s) for each age division.
 - ii. Ribbons will be provided to the top 5 individuals for each age division.

Americans with Disabilities Act

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary service or accommodation in order to participate, will need to request their needs during registration through the MSU ANR Events Management webpage.

Announcement of Results

All results are final once announced. The exception to this rule will occur in the case that an error is found in the announced results. Correction to these results will be made as deemed necessary by the 2021 Michigan 4-H Skillathon Contest Officials. All awards will be presented during a virtual ceremony on the evening of April 12, 2021.

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Schedule of Competitions

March 6, 2021: Region 1: Upper Peninsula and Northern Michigan

This region is open to 4-H members from the following counties: Alcona, Alger, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Baraga, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Clare, Crawford, Delta, Dickinson, Emmet, Gladwin, Gogebic, Grand Traverse, Houghton, Iosco, Iron, Isabella, Kalkaska, Keweenaw, Leelanau, Luce, Mackinac, Manistee, Marquette, Mecosta, Menominee, Missaukee, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Ontonagon, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon, Schoolcraft, and Wexford counties.



March 13, 2021: Region 2: Southwestern Michigan

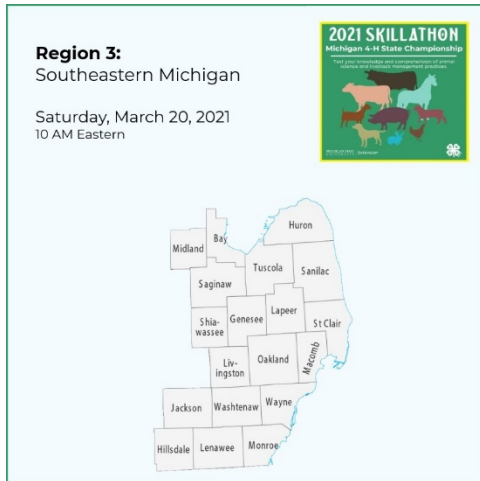
This region is open to 4-H members from the following counties: Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lake, Mason, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa, St. Joseph, and Van Buren counties.



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March 20, 2021: Region 3: Southeastern Michigan

This region is open to 4-H members from the following counties: Bay, Genesee, Hillsdale, Huron, Jackson, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Midland, Monroe, Oakland, Saginaw, Sanilac, Shiawassee, St. Clair, Tuscola, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties.



April 10, 2021: Michigan 4-H Skillathon State Championship