

SHELBY COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR SKILLATHON

Per Junior Fair Rules and Regulations, all animal exhibitors **MUST** participate in at least one Skillathon exam prior to the first day of the Shelby County Fair. Skillathon exams will be administered at the following times:

- July 19th, 2023, from 5-8 PM
- July 20th, 2023, from 5-8 PM
- July 21st, 2023, from 5-8 PM

If an exhibitor has a legitimate conflict with the above-listed times, they can contact hughes.1784@osu.edu to schedule an alternate time!

Topics:

Skillathon exam topics are administered on a three-year rotation. 2023 will be Test B (2024: Test C, 2025: Test A). Topics for each year will be as follows:

- **Test A:** Meat ID, Breeds, Anatomy, Medication Label, and Quality Assurance
- **Test B:** Nutrition & Digestive Systems, Selection & Breeding, Animal ID & Record Keeping, and Quality Assurance
- **Test C:** Animal Grooming, Handling, & Housing, Skeletal Structure & Confirmation, Diseases & Parasites, and Quality Assurance

Divisions:

Exams will be administered according to the age of the youth, with age divisions as follows:

- **Beginner:** 8 to 11 years of age as of January 1st of the current year
- **Intermediate:** 12 to 14 years of age as of January 1st of the current year
- **Senior:** 15 to 18 years of age as of January 1st of the current year

Format:

Skillathon exams will consist of a test portion and an oral interview (unscored). The test portion will include three species-specific knowledge sections and a Quality Assurance section. Exhibitors will be asked to discuss their project experience and turn in a **Shelby County Junior Fair Livestock Feed Record** for the oral interview portion (unscored).

Note! Exhibitors who fail to complete at least one skillathon exam prior to July 22nd will **NOT** be allowed to show or sell any exhibit at the Junior Fair!

Awards:

The highest skillathon score in each age division (see above) in each specie with a market class (beef, lambs, goats, swine, rabbits, poultry) will receive an award and will sell immediately following the Grand & Reserve Champions and the Grand & Reserve Rate of Gain Champions. The highest skillathon score in each age division (see above) in each non-market specie will receive an award. If an exhibitor receives the high score in more than one market specie, s/he must elect which they plan to priority sell and notify the Junior Fair Board.

Accommodations:

Shelby County is committed to ensuring youth with disabilities can take the skillathon exam with the necessary accommodations. All reasonable accommodations will be considered. [Requests for accommodations](#) must be submitted to hughes.1784@osu.edu by July 14th to review and adequately prepare!

