

WHANGAREI GROUP CALF, LAMB AND GOAT CLUB

RULES AND GUIDELINES AS SET OUT BY THE WHANGAREI GROUP CALF CLUB COMMITTEE

The following Rules and Conditions which the Committee has adopted are a sound educational and learning criteria for the Schools and Group Day.

AIMS:-

1. To foster the love of animals, and hence to inculcate sound rearing practices and proper care of animals.
2. To provide opportunity for inter-school activities.
3. To link the activities of the school and home through these interests.

ORGANISATION

All children Year 0-13 are eligible to participate.

Pre-Schoolers are not eligible to participate.

The Calf Club is a child activity and the emphasis is on child handling and rearing. (Child effort is regarded as the main part of the Club movement) but there is, in the Group, a provision for the recognition of Type classes.

The child as an exhibitor at the School and Group Show is regarded as the essence of the movement in the spirit of the School and Group Competition.

Encouragement should be given to discussion and demonstration in educating personnel before School and Group competitions.

The award of Certificates for participation and Ribbons for places are given.

The zone is from Maromaku – Ruakaka. Any entries from outside this zone will not be accepted on the day.

Children on Correspondence and Home schooled may attend their local Calf Club and attend Central Group Day.

Competitors shall lead their own entry before the judges unless they get prior dispensation.

FINANCE

Monies, goods and donations from firms are to be managed by and at the discretion of the Whangarei Group Calf Club Committee.

CLUB COMMITTEE

Each school shall run their own Calf, Lamb and Goat Day with the help from the Group Committee and Judges appointed where needed.

GROUP COMMITTEE

This Committee shall be elected by parents, teachers and others interested in the work of the Clubs, representing as many local interests as possible, including Agricultural and Pastoral Association.

Group Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting consisting of Patron, Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary/Treasurer with the power to co-opt.

All judges are to judge under the rules as set down by Whangarei Group Calf Club.

There should be co-operation between the Club and Breed Societies. To this, Associate Judges can be appointed to act with judges at all shows.

The principle activities of the Group Committee shall be:-

- a) To support and encourage new and existing schools.
- b) To appoint judges, venues, times and dates.
- c) Administer and organise Group Day, advising and communication with relevant schools.

CALF SECTION

JERSEY, FRIESIAN, AYRSHIRE AND BEEF

RULES

1. There shall be three sections in each class:- Senior, Intermediate and Junior. Eligibility for entry to be determined on the day, depending on numbers of entrants.
2. Each competitor shall be limited to the entry of one calf.
3. A competitor does not have to be the owner of the calf.
4. Entries for Group Day shall be made on the day.
5. Calves should not be born before 1st July in that year.
6. Competitors shall take charge of their calf as soon as possible after birth and thereafter, as far as it is reasonably possible, and personally care for the calf throughout the competition.
7. Competitors shall use any kind of food in any quantity that is required.
8. Calves shall be judged on the day set down by the Group Committee:-
 - a) Leading (i) Junior (ii) Intermediate (iii) Senior
 - b) Rearing (i) Junior (ii) Intermediate (iii) Senior
 - c) Type Light Breed:- Junior, Intermediate, Senior
Heavy Breed:- Junior, Intermediate, Senior
Dairy Crossbreed:- Open Class
Beef Type:- Open Class
Beef Crossbreed:- Open Class
9. Heavy Breeds shall be:- Friesian, Shorthorn, Red Poll and Cross
Light Breeds shall be:- Jersey, Ayrshire and Cross
Beef & Beef Cross:- shall be designated
10. There shall be adopted a uniform system for calf judging and to obtain uniformity. The system of judging as set down by the Central Group should be followed.
11. No calf should lose points if it has more than four teats except in Type classes.
12. Rearing - knowledge of calf, bloom, condition, loose hair, lice, etc.
13. Rearing of calves on cows is permitted.
14. Clipping, trimming and oiling are prohibited.
15. Every calf presented for judging shall be eligible for a Certificate of Participation and Merit Ribbon.
16. Substitution of a calf in case of death or disablement shall be permitted subject to the consent of the Committee.
17. For Champion Calf there shall be two classes:- Leading and Rearing. All first place winners and also calves with two seconds of the above classes will be eligible to compete. Each Breed will be judged for a Champion and Reserve:- Jersey, Friesian, Ayrshire & Beef. A Supreme Champion will be judged from the four Champions from each Breed.
18. All ribbons must be removed before judging, in all classes.
19. It is considered desirable that there shall be an inter-change of judges between Group from time to time.
20. Children's judging competition shall be on the following lines:- five calves (preferably unplaced ones) are selected and numbered 1 to 5. The judge makes his assessment from these for each of the 1st through to 5th placings. The competitors are then given forms with the above placings and make their assessments. The one agreeing with the judge under most placings is declared the winner. To obviate a tie it may be desirable to ask the Judge to assess a second choice under each placing.
21. Competitions for teams of three calves, judged on evenness, type, handling and standard of dress.
22. Children should be given an opportunity of acting in an official capacity in School Calf Clubs and on Field Days as part of their education.
23. Ring Sizes shall be 15 meters x 15 meters.

LAMB AND GOAT SECTION

1. Each competitor shall be limited to the entry of one lamb or goat.
2. There will be four sections:- New Entrants, Junior, Intermediate and Senior in Lambs and two sections:- Junior and Senior in Goats.
3. The judging system should be told to the judges prior to the Group Day. This may help give a more uniform scoring system.
4. Each section will be judged for a Champion and Reserve:- New Entrants, Junior, Intermediate & Senior. Goats:- Junior and Senior. All first place getters in any of the three classes – Leading, Calling and Rearing or two seconds in Leading, Calling or Rearing will be eligible to compete. A Supreme Champion will be judged from the four Lamb Champions and two Goat Champions. They will then be judged on Leading and Calling again.
5. All judging shall be:- Leading, Calling and Rearing.
6. All ribbons must be removed before judging in all classes.
7. Every lamb or goat presented for judging shall be eligible for a Certificate of Participation and Merit Ribbon.
8. Ring sizes shall be 10 metres x 10 meters.

LEADING

9. Lambs/Goats shall be led in a figure eight.
10. The child shall hold the lead in the right hand about 15cms from the collar.
11. The Lamb/Goat should walk steadily with the child (the lamb's/goat's shoulder by the child's leg) and should not be pulling ahead or dragging back.
12. The judge will require the child and lamb/goat to stop and restart at some time during their progress around the ring.
13. Further leading tests may be done at the judge's discretion.

REARING

14. The best reared lamb/goat will be judged on general appearance and child's knowledge.
15. The judges should take into account the age of the lamb or goat and the breed.
16. The SPOT washing of the Lambs/Goats may be permitted but not to the extent that the natural oil is washed from the fleece.
17. Lambs/Goats shall not be born before 1st July in that year.
18. Open – Fibre Goat Class Open - Dairy Type Class

CALLING

19. For this event the child shall leave his or her Lamb/Goat with a steward, who shall tuck the lead under the collar while the child walks to a peg about 6 metres away. When the Lamb/Goat comes, the child shall quietly take the Lamb's/Goat's lead (not grab at it) and lead the Lamb or Goat away.
20. Points shall be given for the promptness with which the Lamb/Goat comes and how quietly it stands while being caught.
21. If after a reasonable time of calling the Lamb/Goat does not come all the way or at all the judge shall then tell the child to catch the Lamb/Goat.
22. The steward will see that the child has a fair chance, free from undue noises and distractions, and no points deducted.
23. If a Lamb/Goat stops to urinate it should be tried later.

TEAMS

24. Competitions for teams of three Lambs/Goats, judged on evenness, type, handling and standard of dress.