

**ILR GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA**  
Tuesday, August 20, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER – Deb called meeting to order 5:04 pm Pacific**

**Attendees**

ILR Governing Board	
Debbie Arendas - GB Chair	Madeline Krawciw - Performance
Steve Fritz	Kelsi Matthew - Youth
Kyle Mumford	Fran Soukup - Judges
Tor Sorenson	Denise Fehrenbach - Futurity
Ben Carothers	Cindy Ruckman - Fleece

**Next ILR Governing Board Meeting – 9-24-24**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS -**

**Performance Committee, Madeline Krawciw:**

No guidelines changes requested at this time.

**Youth Committee, Kelsi Matthew:**

The youth committee wishes to add Youth Judging as a points class. The Governing Board expressed interest, but there were concerns about when the change could be made to the database.

The youth committee asked to adjust **XV. ILR Youth Division, Section G., Youth Class Descriptions and Guidelines, 1. Youth Showmanship Classes.**

Add intro: “Handlers will be judged on a combination of maneuvers listed below. These options are the basic skills you should have when you enter a showmanship class.”

Replace item J “Moving around animal to keep an unobstructed view when standing in line. Quadrants acceptable at judge’s discretion.” Replace with “Proper movements around the animal to allow the judge(s) an unobstructed view when standing in line. Using quadrants is encouraged.”

Add item N “Respond to questions asked by the judge in a professional manner.”

Tor made a motion to accept youth showmanship changes. Fran seconds. Unanimous approval.

The youth committee requested changes to **XV. ILR Youth Division, Section G., Youth Class Descriptions and Guidelines, 2. Youth Performance Classes**

Replace item A "Performance courses should differ by 6 tasks in difficulty or change in task between age divisions." Replace with "Performance courses should differ in difficulty across age divisions as determined by the course designer."

Replace item B "An individual obstacle/task cannot be used in more than 2 divisions. Youth Performance classes should be designed in accordance with the Performance Obstacle Guidelines and Gauges found in VII. Performance, C. through F., jj. (see page 22)." Replace with "Youth performance classes should be designed in accordance with details found in VII. Performance."

Tor made a motion to accept Youth Performance changes. Steve seconds. Unanimous approval.

The youth committee requested changes to **XV. ILR Youth Division, Section G., Youth Class**

**Descriptions and Guidelines, 3. Optional Youth Classes, e) Ground Driving**

Add (refer to VII. Performance, G. Llama Driving Division, pg. 30)

Add intro: Classes will be judged on the following:

Replace item (2) "Willingness to respond to commands from handler." Replace with "Willingness to respond to commands from handler and show good manners."

Replace item (3) "Move forward, stop quietly, back willingly and show good manners." Replace with (3) "Move forward, stop quietly, perform a figure 8, and back willingly."

Delete item (4) "Perform a figure 8"

Kyle made a motion to accept youth ground driving changes. Tor seconds. Unanimous approval.

The youth committee requested changes to **XV. ILR Youth Division, Section G., Youth Class**

**Descriptions, 3. Optional Youth Classes, f) Youth Judging**

Add (refer to H. ILR-SD Youth Judging Competition)

Replace item (2) "Spectators are permitted, however, audience members interfering with the class or "coaching" exhibitors will be asked to leave." Replace with "Spectators are permitted at the discretion of the show superintendent. If allowed, audience members interfering with the class or "coaching" will be asked to leave."

Replace item (3) "Cellular phones, PDA, Pagers or other electronic devices not permitted while participating." Replace with "Electronic devices are not permitted while participating. Basic calculators may be used if not part of an electronic device at the discretion of the show superintendent."

Benjamin makes a motion to accept the Youth Judging class changes. Steve seconds. Unanimous approval.

The youth committee requested changes to **XV. ILR Youth Division, Section H. ILR-SD Youth Judging**

Delete item 1. "Participants: The ILR Youth Judging competition is a separate class from the Youth Judge Mentorship Program. Show management has the discretion to limit the number or participants in the Youth Judging Competition. Participants will use their ILR Owner code as their identifier on their placing cards."

Benjamin makes motion to remove item 1, Youth Judging Participants. Cindy seconds. Unanimous approval.

Requested changes to Youth Judging item 3 "Process" were sent back to committee for clarification.

The youth committee requested the removal of **XV. ILR Youth Division, Section I., Youth Awards** and

**XV. ILR Youth Division, Section J., Youth Scholarships or Grants**, as they are outside of the purview of the ILR-SD Youth Committee.

Tor motions to remove Youth Award and Scholarship bullets. Benjamin seconds. Unanimous approval.

**Fleece Committee, Cindy Ruckman:**

The fleece committee requested that Single fleece be combined (currently single fleece with and without crimp). The guidelines change would be reflected in IX.B.1. (ILR-SD Guidelines, p. 42), and XII.2.a) (ILR-SD Guidelines, p. 81), and the fleece judging scorecards (p 46, 50, 51, 114, 115, 116, 117, 119)

Benjamin made a motion to accept the proposed Single Fleece change. Fran seconded. Unanimous approval.

The fleece committee requested that the “Preparation” description on the shorn fleece score cards be changed to “Proper skirting of stains, large debris, vegetation, odor, insects, 2nd cuts, etc.” Benjamin made a motion, Fran seconded to make changes to Preparation section of shorn fleece score card. Unanimous Approval.

The fleece committee requested that the formatting of the Coat On scorecard be adjusted to match the formatting of the Fleece On Scorecards (Page 50, 114, 118). And that the “under 3 inches, over 3 inches” checkboxes be removed. Fran made a motion to adjust the Coat On scorecard. Benjamin seconded. Unanimous approval.

The fleece committee requested that age checkbox be provided for 5- >24 months and 24+ months on each fleece score card, to accommodate whatever divisions a show superintendent wishes to use.

Fran made a motion to adjust fleece score cards for age divisions. Kelsi seconded. Unanimous approval.

The fleece committee requested a wording change on Fleece Products - felted items. Current wording is “well felted”, change requested is “Consistent in thickness, as appropriate for use”. Fran made a motion to adjust Fleece Product scorecard. Benjamin seconded. Unanimous approval.

The committee requested an adjustment to the Youth Shorn Fleece class entry tag, adding the question “what class does this fleece belong in?”.

Kyle made a motion to add class question to youth shorn fleece entry tag. Fran seconds. Unanimous approval.

**Futurity Committee, Denise Fehrenbach:**

No guidelines changes requested at this time.

### **Judges Committee, Fran Soukup:**

The judges committee approved Venesa Carter as a HPY judge, Cindy Ruckman as permanently certified and a teaching judge for fleece.

Tor made a motion to approve Venesa Carter as HPY judge and Cindy Ruckman as permanently certified. Kyle seconded. Unanimously approved. Cindy Ruckman abstained.

Kyle made a motion to approve Cindy as an Advanced Teaching judge for fleece. Denise seconded. Unanimously approved. Cindy Ruckman abstained.

The Judges committee requested an addition to the guidelines, **IV.A.3.a.(1)**, “Clinic attendees must submit their application to the apprenticeship program within 90 days of completion of their clinic or mentorship.”

Kyle made a motion to approve 90 day deadline for apprentice application. Cindy seconded. Unanimous approval.

The judges committee requested an addition to the guidelines, **IV.A.3.f.(1)**, “Apprenticeships must be completed no later than 3 (three) years from entering the apprentice program.”

Denise expressed concern that current apprentices may have signed up for clinics with the understanding that no time limit was in place. Kyle expressed concern that no clarity on the consequences for exceeding the three year limit is included with the proposed addition. Kyle asked if any data had been gathered on the number of apprentice opportunities available each year, and if the number would be sufficient to support this rule change. The proposed change was sent back to the committee for adjustment.

The Judges committee requested an addition to the guidelines, **IV.A.3.d.(3)**, “Apprentices and clinic attendees, for all apprenticeships and seminars, must complete and return the “Apprentice Reflection” form to the judges committee within 15 days of completing an apprenticeship or seminar.”

Kyle made a motion to approve the apprentice reflection requirement. Tor seconded. Unanimous approval.

The Judges committee requested a wording change to **IV.A.3.h**, regarding the age of Apprentices. Current wording “any time during the year of their 18th birthday.” Requested wording “on or after their 18th birthday.”

Cindy made a motion to approve the 18th birthday adjustment. Denise seconds. Unanimous approval.

The Judges committee asked to reorganize the last sentence of section **IV.A.3.h** (regarding Permanent Certification) to **IV.A.3.k**.

Kyle makes a motion to approve adjustment to Approved vs. Permanently certified. Steve seconds. Unanimous approval.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Fiber Clinic approved in Washington has been postponed, it may be rescheduled for Fall.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Two protests were received about the Classic halter classes at the Gathering.

Deb mentioned that it is the judge's responsibility to bump, and that the judge was reminded ahead of the show that they have the discretion to bump animals if they did not belong in the division. The judge exercised this ability in other classes.

Denise noted that she showed in some of the classes in question and she did not leave the ring with any concerns about an animal being out of place.

Steve shared a similar sentiment that he participated in the classic classes and did not have concerns about the animal.

Fran shared that the Judge's committee discussed the issue, and agreed that bumping animals from a halter division is done at the judge's discretion.

Kelsi and Denise shared frustration that light and classic classes frequently have animals that do not belong in their opinions.

Fran noted that the halter fiber division descriptions could be more clear in the guidelines.

Tor makes a motion that both grievances are not valid. Steve seconds. Unanimous approval.

**Steve makes a motion to adjourn at 7:52 Pacific. Benjamin seconds. Unanimous approval.**

**Steve calls ILR BOD meeting to order at 7:53 Pacific.**

Kyle makes a motion to ratify guidelines changes. Tor seconds. Unanimous approval.

Kyle makes a motion to approve Venesa Carter as HPY judge and Cindy Ruckman as permanently certified and an Advanced Teaching Fleece judge. Benjamin seconds. Unanimous approval.

Tor makes motion to adjourn at 7:57 Pacific. Deb seconds. Unanimous approval.