

ILR-SD Youth Committee Meeting  
Conference Call: Tuesday, August 6, 2019 (8:04 PM EST)  
Action Items are listed in **bold**.

In attendance: Becci Kunkel (Chair), Jessie Munson (Secretary), Amanda Smith, Michelle Kutzler, Tabbethia Haubold-Magee, Sharon Williamson

Absent: Sean Hart (ILR-SD Board Liaison)

1. Old Business:

a. Wording for Special Needs Guidelines:

- i. No request has been made to include Denise Farenbach on a conference call given both her position on governing board and expertise with special needs.
- ii. The suggestion was made that a basic definition of what the committee defines as “special needs”, including whether these included temporary disabilities in addition to permanent ones, be given.
- iii. The committee considered the notion that both U.S. Department of Education's Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) definition and the Individualized Education Program (IEP) requires prior documentation. The IDEA definition’s strength lies in both its breadth and its thoroughness.
- iv. The committee agreed that no language will be added at this time regarding short term limitations or disability.
- v. The committee voted to add to the special needs portion of the guidelines the IDEA definition of special needs. Motioned by Michelle, seconded by Tabbethia, approved by committee vote.

b. Youth Exhibitors Shoring Two Animals in Three Performance Classes:

- i. The committee agrees that exhibitors showing more than one llama in three performance classes violates the ILR-SD guidelines.
- ii. Letters will be sent to show superintendents in the cases reported to the committee that the lower of the exhibitor’s scores should be dropped in the reporting of results.
- iii. The committee discussed the merits of adding this remedy to the guidelines as standard practice when this rule is violated. The committee agreed that using this remedy on a permanent basis was violates and undermines the standing rules regarding the number of animals a youth can show in any one performance class.
- iv. The committee agreed that some re-education for show superintendents regarding this part of the guidelines was needed and that penalties for rule violations should be decided on a case by case basis.

1. **Becci will put together a draft e-blast and will send back to the committee for approval, subject to the committee’s approval it will be forwarded to the Governing Board for final approval.**

c. Youth Fleece Classes – Troubleshooting:

- i. The committee has received feedback that participants may be unsure of what is being asked of them on the entry form.
- ii. The committee discussed the merits of evaluating whether the terminology used on the entry form was suitably straightforward nature.

- iii. The suggestion was made that a short introductory “manual” might help clarify the class criteria for exhibitors and their mentors.

- 1. **Becci will contact the Fleece Committee about guidelines for education about the preparation of fleece for show.**

- 2. New Business:

- a. Complaint: Unsafe/Unsuitable

- i. The committee discussed the nature of the complaint regarding the safety of a youth exhibitor.
    - ii. The committee agreed that both the judge and show superintendent have the authority to decide if the conditions for exhibitor and/or animal are unsafe. No recommendation to change or add a rule was made.
    - iii. **Becci will notify Governing Board and the complainant regarding the outcome of committee deliberations. Judges, parent, and superintendents have and should use their authority in designating whether a situation is unsafe.**

- b. Youth Judging Test Questions

- i. The committee has received feedback regarding whether the current youth judging tests are composed of questions that are relevant for most judges and exhibitors.
    - ii. It is acknowledged that the tests are intended to test knowledge of the ILR-SD guidelines as well as the governing of the ILR rather than to measure knowledge of the judging manual.
    - iii. **Michelle will email tests to committee members; members will review and identify questions that may need to be addressed at the next meeting.**

- c. Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10th – at 8pm (EST).

- 3. Adjournment: Motioned by Tabbethia; Seconded by Michelle: passed unanimously, Meeting adjourned at 9:33pm (Eastern).

Respectfully submitted by Jessie Munson, ILR- SD Youth Committee Secretary