



Sunflower Times

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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Robert Atkisson reappointed to the Kansas State Fair Board

Robert has been reappointed by Governor Kelly as a member of the Kansas State Fair board for a 3 year term. Robert represents the Kansas Fairs & Festivals Association and has been very supportive of the fair industry and county fairs over the last 3 years.

Congratulations
Robert!



AG CHALLENGE OF CHAMPIONS DEADLINE EXTENDED TO AUGUST 25TH

INTENT: To recognize an outstanding Kansas 4-H or FFA oriented youth. Selection and nomination criteria are delegated to the County Fair Board but each contestant must be certified by their Extension Agent (4-H) or Agricultural Education Instructor (FFA).

One contestant can be entered by each county or consolidated county fair that is a current member of the Kansas Fairs & Festivals Association.

1. Contestants must be at least 16 years of age but not over 19 years of age as of January 1, current year.
2. The Superintendents of the contest, in cooperation with the contest committee, will be in charge of the contest. They shall have the authority for the interpretation of the policies.
3. Participants that finish in first place or second place in the Challenge of Champions contest will not be eligible to compete in future contests.
4. The contestants will be furnished with placing cards and any other necessary forms. No contestant will be allowed to have books, notes, pamphlets, phones, or electronic devices during the contest.
5. While contest is in session there shall be NO COMMUNICATION among contestants or anyone other than the group leader.

Format of Contest and Point Value:

1. Written test with 25 questions concerning total agricultural/livestock industry (50 points)
 2. Identification of 10 pieces of livestock equipment (40 points)
 3. Identification of 25 breeds of beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, & horses (50 points)
 4. Identification of 10 feed concentrate and/or roughage (40 points)
 5. Identification of 10 retail cuts of meat (40 points)
 6. Identification of 10 common crops (either plant or seed) (20 points)
 7. Identification of 10 common weeds (plant only) (20 points)
 8. Identification of 5 common agronomic items including deficiency symptoms, fertilizers, inoculants, ag lime, soil probes, etc. (10 points)
 9. Written test with 25 questions on farm equipment (50 points)
 10. Written test with 25 questions on farm management (50 points)
 11. Written test with 25 questions on general agriculture (50 points)
 12. Ag Mechanics - Identification of tractor parts (40 points)
 13. Five minute, impromptu presentation on agricultural subject provided (50 points)
- The overall individual ranking shall be determined by the total of each contestant's points earned from the contest.

The Convention is moving location. The 2024 Convention will be held at the Wichita Marriott.



Save the Date:
January 26-28, 2024
**More information
forth coming**