

## 2019

### NYS Junior Holstein Dairy Jeopardy

#### CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

Adapted from Holstein USA

The Dairy Jeopardy contest is where individuals compete against each other. Competition points are awarded for correctly answering questions about the dairy industry and closely related areas.

The contest will consist of a minimum of 2 rounds of play for each age division. Each contest shall consist of six categories, each with five questions, with a point value of 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 points. Six players will compete at one time. The number of players per contest in Round 1 will be dependent on the number of contestants. For example if there are 30 players, there will be 5 games of 6 players; if there are 34 contestants, then there could be 4 games of six players and 2 games of 5 players. In the event that there are fewer than 6 players, questions will be eliminated from the game board proportionally to the number of players. Every effort will be made to include all who are interested in participating in the contest.

Answers may be in the form of a question or statement. Example: 10 point question is "basic structural unit of protein". Acceptable form would be "What are amino acids?" or "amino acids".

There will be deductions for wrong answers, failing to signal, not waiting to be recognized and failing to give an answer.

#### Eligibility

1. Contestants must be between the ages of 9-21 as of January 1.  
Age division breakdowns are as follows:

<b>Junior:</b>	<b>9 to 13 years old as of January 1</b>
<b>Intermediate:</b>	<b>14 to 17 years old as of January 1</b>
<b>Senior:</b>	<b>18 to 21 years old as of January 1</b>

The winning individual in each division, Junior, Intermediate and Senior has the opportunity to represent New York Junior Holstein at the following national convention. An individual may not compete in both Dairy Jeopardy and Dairy Bowl at the National level.

*1- A. A special Novice Division will be available for Junior Holstein members 8 years and younger at the NY Jr Holstein Convention*

2. The information used in this contest is based on data from various sources. While every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of contest information, the Holstein Foundation, the Holstein Association USA, Inc. and NY Holstein Association can not guarantee that errors or omissions will not occur. Therefore, neither the Foundation nor the Associations can be held responsible for Dairy Jeopardy competition outcomes in the unlikely event inaccuracies occur.
3. Entry forms must be postmarked by January 2. If there are openings available, signup will be allowed at the convention.
4. A coin toss/object out of a hat will be used to determine who goes first. The player with the last correct answer will get to select the next category and point value.
5. A contestant wishing to answer any question must activate the signaling device. When a signaling device(buzzer) is activated, the video screen will go blank. Since more than one contestant may think they have signaled the device, contestants may not answer until acknowledged by the moderator. After being acknowledged by the moderator, the contestant must immediately begin an answer. If the contestant who buzzes in fails to give the correct answer then the question will come back up on the screen and the question will be offered to another contestant to buzz in. If no one buzzes in within 5 seconds, the moderator will move on to the next question.
6. If a contestant answers without signaling, or waiting to be recognized by the moderator, the answer will be declared invalid and the point value of the question will be deducted. The question will then be offered to the opposing individuals.

7. If a contestant signals and is recognized, but fails to start an answer immediately, the contestant will lose points and the question will be offered to the opposing individuals. The amount of points deducted will be determined by the point value of the question.
8. If no contestant can offer an answer to the question within 5 seconds, the question will be dropped and no contestant will forfeit points.
9. If the answer is incorrect or incomplete, the other contestants will have one more opportunity to answer as determined by the buzzers. The moderator will not reread the question, unless it was not read in its entirety the first time. The judge may not ask the contestant to explain his or her answer.

10. Clarification of acceptable answers:

- a. Full names of animals - a contestant must use the full registration name of an animal with the exclusion of suffix. If the suffix is used, it must be correct, i.e., ET versus ETS or \*TD versus \*TM.

Examples:

Lexvold Luke Hershel	Correct
Lexvold Luke Hershel-ET	Correct
Hershel	Incorrect
Lexvold Luke Hershel -Twin	Incorrect
Lexvold Luke Hershel -ETS	Incorrect

- b. Names of people - when giving a specific person's name, the last name only will be acceptable. The first name is not necessary but, if given, it must be correct.

Examples:

Meyer	Correct
John Meyer	Correct
Gene Meyer	Incorrect
Meyers	Incorrect

- c. Pronunciation - judges must recognize answers given as mispronunciation. The error in pronunciation can affect the correctness of an answer.

Example: For a question with antibody as an answer, antibiotic is not correct.

- d. Volunteering information - if a contestant first gives a correct answer and goes on to add incorrect information, the entire question will be ruled incorrect.
- e. Correcting answers - if a contestant gives a complete answer, he or she cannot make a correction. If a partial incorrect answer is given and the contestant makes the correction mid-answer or word, the corrected answer will not be accepted.

11. There will be a minimum of two rounds of play. In each round all the questions will be the same. Contestants must remain in the contest room once they have competed until it is announced who will be advancing to the next round of play. Using the third round of play will be at the discretion of moderator, judges and Dairy Jeopardy Staff.

Round 1 - All contestants participate, depending on the number of contestants, the top contestants will be selected to go on to Round 2. In case of a tie in round one it will be decided by three questions using the buzzers.

In case of a tie for one of the top twelve positions after Round 1 then a sudden death tie breaker question(s) would be asked of only those contestants that are affected by the tie. Example: Top eleven are in place; three contestants tie with a score of 100 and are all tied for 12th place. Question(s) would be asked until one contestant becomes the 12th person eligible for Round 2. The same sudden death tie breaker procedures will be used for selecting the top six positions for Final Jeopardy.

Round 2 - The top twelve contestants from Round 1 will advance to play a second round. The top twelve will be announced at the completion of Round 1. Again, a random selection of who selects first takes place. The top six from Round 2 then go on to play in Final Jeopardy. In case of a tie in Round 2 it will be decided by three questions using the buzzers.

In case of a tie for one of the top six positions after Round 2 then a sudden death tie breaker question(s) would be asked of only those contestants that are affected by the tie. Example: Top five are in place; three contestants tie with a score of 100 and are all tied for 6th place. Question(s) would be asked until one contestant becomes the 6th person eligible for Final Jeopardy.

Final Jeopardy - The top six contestants from Round 2 play will advance to play Final Jeopardy. The top six will not be announced until Round 2 has been completed.

At the end of Round 2 each of the top six contestants will have an opportunity to answer a "Final Jeopardy" question providing they have 1 or more points. Contestants with zero or negative points will be ineligible to participate in the final question. In Final Jeopardy, the category will be presented and the contestant will have 30 seconds to write their wager. Their card will be turned over and the question will be revealed. They then have 60 seconds to write their answer.

The answer will be in written form with spelling not essential however the moderator and judges must agree on the correctness of the answer. The contestant can wager (in 10 point increments, for ease of scoring) all, part, or none of the points they have accumulated to this point. A correct answer grants all the points wagered to the contestant. An incorrect answer will result in the points wagered being deducted from the score.

Rankings are then based on top scores. In case of a tie for first, second or third place a sudden death question(s) will be asked. The answer will be in written form with spelling not essential however the moderator and judges must agree on the correctness of answer.

12. There shall be two bonus questions in each round. The contestants will not know prior to the contest which categories and point values contain the bonus questions. The contestant can wager (in 10 point increments, for ease of scoring) all, part, or none of the points they have accumulated to this point plus the value of the question. A correct answer grants all the points wagered to the contestant. An incorrect answer will result in the points wagered being deducted from the score.
13. If a contestant becomes eligible for a bonus question and the contestant has no points the contestant will be permitted to wager up to the point value of the question. Example: Contestant has no points, selects Feed for 40 points. The wager can not exceed 40 points. If the contestant correctly answers the question he or she will receive 40 points; if incorrect the score will become negative.
14. All contestants must stay in the staging room during the contest unless competing. Once an individual has been eliminated, contestants can leave.
15. If the moderator questions the answer, a judge will determine if the answer is correct or incorrect. There will be no challenges to the answers at the time of the contest. The decision of the judge is final. Any spectator or coach who questions or argues with a judge or moderator or interferes with the running of the contest will be asked to leave.
16. Questions will be taken from a variety of sources. Questions will cover feeds and feeding, milk quality, herd health, udder health, breeding and genetics, marketing, dairy foods, calf raising and other dairy topics. Although questions may come from a variety of sources, most questions will be selected from:

*"Holstein Association News", "Holstein World", "Hoard's Dairyman", "Dairy Herd Management", "New York Holstein News", "Progress of the Breed", the "December 2010 Holstein USA Sire Summary", the description on the back of official Holstein pedigrees, and the Holstein Junior Workbooks.*

17. The contestant with the most points will be declared the winner. The player with the next greatest points will be declared second place, etc. Contest winners will be eligible to represent the New York State Junior Holstein Association at the national convention Dairy Jeopardy Contest.
18. The use of cell phones or other electronic devices is strictly prohibited during the contest and in holding rooms. Violations will result in dismissal from the contest. Audience members will also be required to turn off all electronic devices.
19. Video taping and or recording will not be allowed. We request that no pictures be taken during the actual competition.
20. Use of the rest rooms will be one person at a time. Each contestant is requested to maintain a respectable demeanor throughout the contest. Any disruptions in either the contest room or the holding room will result in the immediate elimination of the individual in question from the contest.
21. Points will be deducted for wrong answers. The amount of points deducted will be determined by the point value of the question. Points will also be deducted for bonus questions, failing to signal, not waiting to be recognized, failing to answer and the final written question.

#### TIPS FOR PREPARING FOR THE NATIONAL HOLSTEIN DAIRY JEOPARDY CONTEST

- Watch the television show "Jeopardy". Observe how the contestants wager for Bonus Questions and Final Jeopardy.
- Learn the Holstein Foundation web site questions. Each question refers to a specific article in either Hoard's Dairyman or Holstein World. Read each article. There may be additional information that you need to familiarize yourself with regarding the subject matter.
- Study the questions from previous Jeopardy and Dairy Bowl contests that are located on the Holstein Foundation web site.
- Other sources of information for the contest include: Holstein Foundation workbooks (there is a multitude of information in these nine publications which can be downloaded from the Holstein Foundation web site); visit the Holstein Association web site: [www.holsteinusa.com](http://www.holsteinusa.com) to learn as much as you can about the Holstein breed and the activities and programs the Association offers (read "The Pulse" newsletter).
- Thoroughly read the rules and regulations.
- Make a list of abbreviations, diseases, people, cows, places etc. This will help you learn the material in a non-question form which could be very beneficial.