

# Waiuku Combined Schools Calf Club Assn's Group Day Rules for Animals Competing

## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- a) Early calves are to be born between 1 June and 15 July  
Late calves are to be born between 16 July and 31 August  
Early lambs/goats are to be born between 1 July and 12 August  
Late lambs/goats are to be born between 13 August and 23 September
- b) Each child may enter only one animal.
- c) All animals entered, must be hand reared by the child entering, using cafeteria, bucket or bottle from approximately 4 days of age.
- d) The animal must be led by the child who reared it except in the case of illness, and then the Committee must approve a substitute of the same age.
- e) Senior children are ages 10 years and over on 1 October (in the year of Competition).  
Junior children under 10 years.

## LAMB AND GOAT COMPETITION

- a) The main fleece of lambs/goats **MUST NOT** be washed or brushed but faces, ears, feet and rear ends may be cleaned.
- b) All ram lambs/billy goats to be ringed with no visible purse. Rams/billy goats must be wethered or fully castrated 2 weeks prior to Group Day.
- c) Vet certificates for any ram lambs/billy goats castrated must be presented prior to commencement of competition to the secretary.
- d) All Lamb tails must be docked except for Purebred Exotic Breeds.

### Leading

Children must hold the lead with the right side of their body next to the animals left side

Hold the lead in the right hand, not less than 200mm and not more than 350mm from the animal.

The end of the lead should be held in the left hand.

The animal must walk with the animal's shoulder alongside the right leg of the child leading.

The animal is not to be dragged or walked in front of.

If the animal stops it should be started off again without any force being applied.

### The following actions will be penalised:

- Releasing the grip with the right hand
- Touching the animal during leading
- Slapping of the animal either by the child or with the lead
- Jerking the lead
- Pushing the animal with the child's body

### Hints

- See that the lead is not too tight
- Keep the animal moving at a reasonable pace, but walk at the same pace as the animal
- Stand beside the shoulder of the animal at all times

## Calling

The child leads the lamb/goat to the steward for the steward to hold at the entry of the ring

The lamb/goat has its lead unclipped and the child takes this with them

The child then goes to the 1st standard of the calling strip

When instructed, the child calls the lamb towards themselves

The steward lets the lamb go as soon as the child starts calling

The child stands at the 1st standard until the lamb/goat gets to them then without touching the lamb/goat, the child turns and walks to the 2nd standard calling the lamb/goat. When they both get to the 2nd standard, the child then clips the lead back onto the collar and only then may the child touch the lamb/goat

## Rearing

The date of birth should be recorded

The type of breed should be known

The judge will look for evidence of correct feeding

The judge will look at the general appearance of the animal and will look for lice etc

The lamb's tail must be docked unless it is a Purebred Exotic Breed.

No clipping allowed

The lamb/goat has to be judged in "natural condition", not bloom dipped or washed or brushed

If it is deemed that any ram lamb/billy goat has not been ringed or castrated at least 2 weeks prior to group day, they will be DISQUALIFIED

## CALF COMPETITION

- a) All calves must meet legal requirements – Animal Status Declaration form must be available to be sighted.
- b) All calves must be NAIT tagged, No tag - NO COMPETITION
- c) Calves **MUST NOT** be clipped, oiled, singed or dyed. You may pluck by hand any odd hairs. Calves are not penalised if they have horns.
- d) Calves may be washed. It is advisable to do so about one week prior to completion otherwise the hair may go fluffy.
- e) Calves may not be fed on their mother longer than 4 days, after that they must be hand fed by the child entering, using bottle, bucket or cafeteria.
- f) Bulls must be ringed with no visible purse. Bull calves must be steered or fully castrated 6 weeks prior to Group Day. Any animal deemed to not be abiding by this rule will be DISQUALIFIED.
- g) Vet certificates for any bull calves castrated must be presented prior to commencement of competition.
- h) All steer calves are entered in the beef section
- i) Light, heavy and beef breeds are determined by the sire.

## Leading

Children must hold the lead in the right hand, 100 to 150mm away from the halter.

The child must walk with the calf's shoulder alongside their right leg and the slack end of the rope held in the left hand, do not wrap this slack around your hand but fold it up.

The end of the lead should be held in the left hand.

The calf is not to be dragged or walked in front of.

If the calf stops it should be started off again without any force being applied.

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- Releasing the grip with the right hand
- Touching the animal during leading
- Slapping of the animal either by the child or the lead
- Jerking the lead
- Pushing the animal with the child's body

**Hints**

- See that the lead is not too tight
- Keep the animal moving at a reasonable pace, but walk at the same pace as the animal
- Stand beside the shoulder of the animal at all times

**Hints for calves**

Brush calf hair one way so it sits flat

Make sure calf ears, eyes, feet and tail are clean

Keep a heavy cover on your calf, preferably with a lining

Rearing is judged on

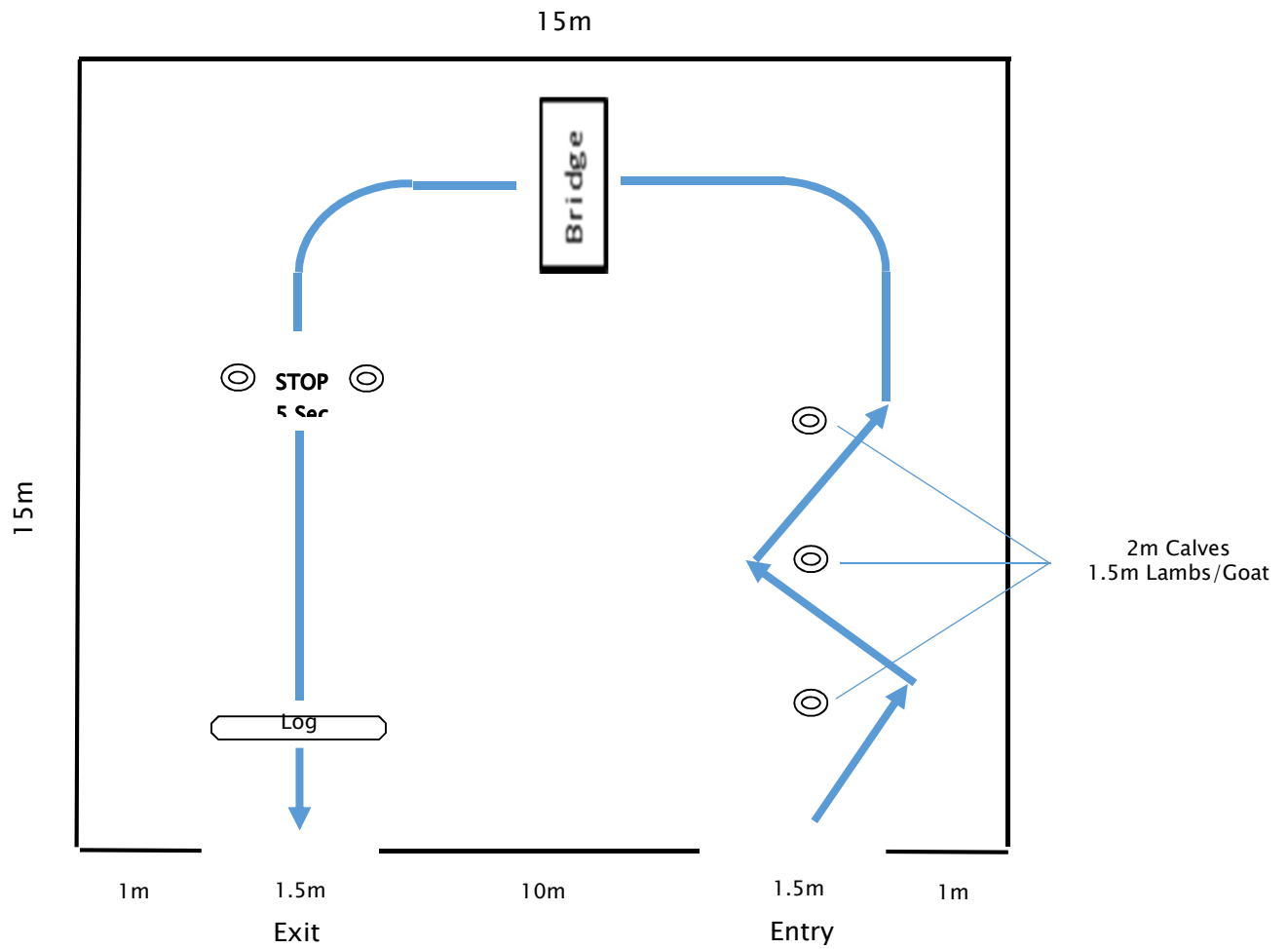
- a. Condition – Fitness rather than fatness, well covered with firm flesh, not too fat nor showing signs of wrong feeding methods.
- b. Leading - Carriage, movement, docility, and obedience to owner's directions.
- c. Growth - Well balanced development, length without legginess, wide, well sprung ribs.
- d. Bloom – Eyes bright, coat soft and shiny, movement alert and brisk.
- e. Skin – Soft, pliable and elastic.

**All Rings**

The ring has a perimeter of 15m x 15m

See drawings attached

# Leading Ring for All Animals



# Calling Ring Lambs/Goats

