



Western National Roundup Eligibility Guidelines

Each year, a state/territory/District of Columbia is allowed only one 4-H entry in each contest at Western National Roundup. For contests that allow FFA participation, states are allowed one FFA entry in each contest. An entry is an individual, in the events where individuals compete against individuals only, or a team in events where total team scores are computed and recognition is given to the team. Individuals may be recognized in the events that are primarily team events.

Entries not officially entered will not be permitted to participate for any reason.

An individual may enter a Western National Roundup competitive contest only once as a 4-H member and once as an FFA member for those contests that have FFA participation. Participating members of a team entry (even if they are designated alternates) are ineligible to enter the same contest again as a part of another team in the same program (4-H/FFA) area.

The eligibility requirements to enter a competitive event at Western National Roundup are:

- Contestants must have passed their 14th birthday and may not have reached their 19th birthday as of January 1 of the year in which the Western National Roundup Competitive Event is held. However, the State 4-H Leader may grant a special authorization to compete for youth with developmental disabilities who exceed the upper age limit.
- The January dates for the Western National Roundup event are considered part of the previous year for the purpose of allowing all youth to compete in the national events in their last year of eligibility.
- All contestants must be members of 4-H or FFA in the state they represent.

The contestant(s) or team(s) of contestants must be certified as the official state entry by the State 4-H Leader, State FFA Advisor, or by a person designated by the State Leader(s). The individual(s) or team(s) may be selected by any procedure the State Leader believes is appropriate.

The contestant, his or her county 4-H staff member, and the State 4-H Leader must certify as follows on the application form or an accompanying memo:

“Members who are currently, or have been in the past, members of university, college, junior college, or technical school competitive team(s) in the subject areas of Western National Roundup contests are ineligible to compete in the same contest at Western National Roundup.”

Violation of the above will result in forfeiture of any awards or recognition that have been won in the National Western Roundup Competitive Event.

Please be sure to reference each contest for contest-specific rules.



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For those competing in both 4-H & FFA National Events

The National offices of 4-H and FFA have agreed on the following national policy, in the interest of consistency between events and between organizations in eligibility for national competition.

"Participation by the same individual in both a National 4-H and a National FFA competitive event in the same year may occur only when the following is accomplished:

One for 4-H: Participation in a National 4-H competitive event will require that all youth participating be a "bona fide" current 4-H participant and must qualify for the national event through an approved state competition of selection process conducted or sanctioned by the representative organization.

One for FFA: Participation in a National FFA Career Development event will require that all youth participating be a "bona fide" member of an FFA chapter and must qualify for the national event through an approved state competition conducted or sanctioned by the representative organization.

4-H and FFA determined to establish a consistent policy for all their National 4-H Competitive Events, and National FFA Career Development Events. Criteria for the policy include:

- 1) Assure that participants in national events are genuine representatives of their state and organization.*
- 2) Assure that each individual is given all the opportunities he or she has legitimately earned.*
- 3) Assure that the policy is easy for participants and states to understand.*
- 4) Assure that the policy does not require extra efforts from the Management Committee to enforce.*
- 5) Assure that the national offices of 4-H and FFA are supportive of each other, and consistent in their interpretation of eligibility*



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