



# TEAM FITTING CONTEST

The purpose of the Team Fitting contest is to encourage AJSA members to work as a team while fitting an animal for the show ring.

- 1) A team age divisions:
  - a) Prospector (5 to 12 years) \* 1 supervising adult allowed in arena
  - b) Intermediate (13 to 16 years)
  - c) Senior (17 years and up)
- 2) A team shall consist of three persons, of any sex and from any state combination. Points will be awarded towards individual high point awards, no points will be awarded towards the Outstanding State Group Award.
- 3) A team member must wear a show harness with an exhibitor number issued by show officials.
- 4) Contestants must bring any and all materials needed to the fitting area – generators are strongly encouraged depending on facility power sources.
- 5) Contestants may not use inappropriate fitting methods. Unethical fitting situations include, but are not limited to:
  - a) Any altering of the natural color of the animal by the use of dyes, paints, hair coloring conditions, colored show foam, graphite, colored powders or other substances; the use of paint is allowed as long as it does NOT change the original color of the animal.
  - b) The addition of any hair or hair like substances (including twine), false tailheads, and false polls (false tail switches are allowed);
- 6) Time limit: 30 minutes
- 7) Clippers may be used at the discretion of team members.
- 8) After fitting time, each entry will be held in line by one of the fitters to be viewed by the judges.
- 9) Judges will base placing on both fitting techniques and final results.
  - a) There will be 3-5 judges.
- 10) In the event of sub final or final heat:
  - a) Teams will be allowed 5 minutes back in the chute
- 11) Criteria for Supervising adult in Prospector division:
  - a) Adult may not help, touch animal, or assist prospectors except in the case of preventing injury.
  - b) Adult may not tell prospectors what to do, but may give encouraging advice.
  - c) Animals may enter the ring with a show halter in the prospector division only.