

# CATCH-A-CALF CONTEST

Matinee, Friday, January 17

Matinee, Saturday, January 18, 3:30 Performance

Matinee and Evening, Sunday, January 19 – 2 pm Performance and 6:30 pm

In order that all boys and girls who compete in this contest will be on an even basis, uniform calves have been selected.

1. General Rules and Regulations and Junior Livestock Rules and Regulations found in this Livestock Premium List apply to this division.
2. Open to 4-H and FFA members and residents from Colorado, Kansas, Wyoming, or Nebraska who presently have adequate facilities to raise and handle a calf. County Extension agents or FFA Advisors must certify these standards are complied with by the member. Members living in counties without a county agent or Ag Advisor will not be able to compete in the contest.
3. Contestant must have reached the age of twelve (12) years, and have the consent of his/her parents, but must be under nineteen (19) years of age on January 1, 2025, and must participate in 4-H or FFA as an active member in 2025-2026
4. Any Colorado, Kansas, Wyoming, or Nebraska 4-H/FFA member and resident who wishes to compete in the Catch-A-Calf Contest must submit an application form properly signed by the member's parent and County Extension agent or FFA advisor. Applications are completed online and followed up with a signature page to be emailed to Michelle Ericksen [nwsscac@gmail.com](mailto:nwsscac@gmail.com)
5. Applicants entering this contest do so at their own risk and acknowledge that they could be injured by participating. The National Western Stock Show will not be responsible for any injury connected with this contest. In addition, the NWSS will not be responsible for any harm caused by the calf during the ownership period of the 4-H club member.
6. All applications will be reviewed for completeness. 4-H Club Members who are accepted will be notified in advance as to the time they will participate.
7. Contestants will be permitted to take a rope halter with no more than a 10-foot lead into the arena. The halter or rope cannot be used as a lariat. The halter must be placed on the animal in the usual way.
8. After a member has caught a calf in the National Western Catch-A-Calf Contest, he or she is not eligible to enter again.
9. An agreed-upon donation of ten (10%) of the gross selling price will be deducted on each calf by the National Western Stock Show at the time of sale and will be treated as a donation to the NWSS to be put into a revolving fund to ensure the continuation of the Catch-A-Calf program. It is agreed and understood by the 4-H members that the calf shall be in a joint project with the National Western Stock Show.
10. Two (2) calves will be selected for the Auction of Junior Champions to be held on Friday, January 24, 2025. Those calves will be selected on points using a formula that includes Record Book, Sponsor Relations, Interview, Production, Live Placing and Showmanship. These two (2) calves will be designated following the awards portion of the Catch-A-Calf Show.

YOU CAN VISIT OUR CATCH-A-CALF WEBSITE TO GET INFORMATION ON IMPORTANT DATES, SHOW DETAILS, SPONSORS, AND PARTICIPANTS, RECORD BOOKS, NEWSLETTERS, AND MUCH MORE. A SINCERE THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE CATCH-A-CALF PARTICIPANT SPONSORS FOR MAKING THIS PROGRAM POSSIBLE!

