

Non-Livestock Show

Non-Livestock Class Competition

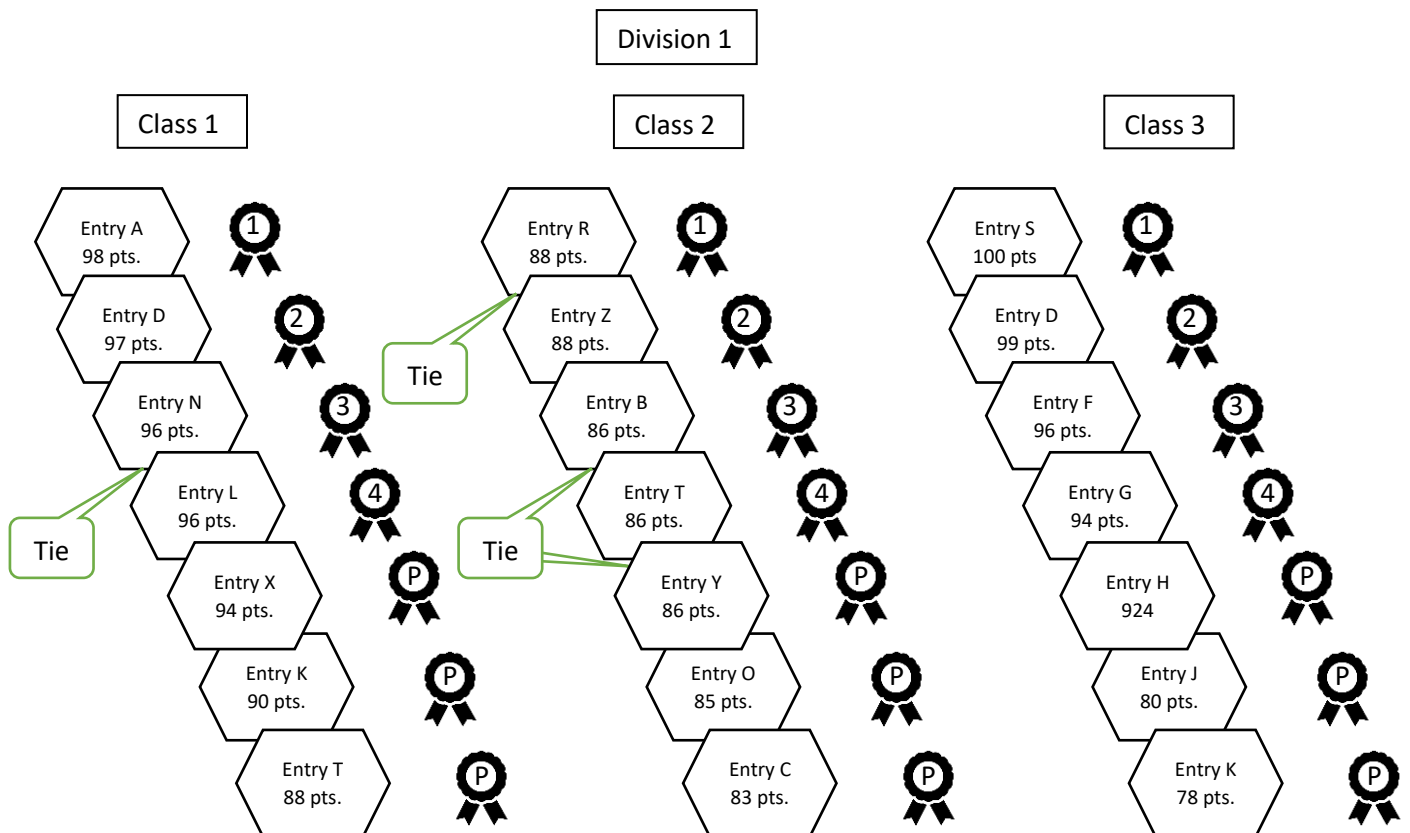
How do the Judges decide which Entry is Placed First, Second, etc. within a Class?

As a reminder, a Class is a subset of a Division. For example, in the Food Division, there are separate classes for Cookies, Cakes, Pies, Canning and Candy.

The Judges consider the Entries within a given Class when Placing the Entries. That means that all Cakes are evaluated together but Cakes and Cookies are judged separately. The Judges use predefined rubrics as the basis of these evaluations, awarding points for 4 to 5 criteria depending on the Division and Class. The rubrics are published on the FFA website and should be referenced by all Exhibitors so that they know the judging criteria that will be used.

As the Entries are evaluated by the Judge, points will be given for each of the criteria and then the points will be totaled. Once all Entries within a Class have been evaluated, the Judge will rank the Entries by the total number of points awarded to each Entry. The Entry with the highest number of points will be Placed as First. Similarly, the Entries with the second-highest number of points will be Placed as Second, the third-highest will be Placed as Third, and the fourth-highest will be Placed as Fourth. All other Entries in the Class will be awarded a Participation Placing.

But, what happens if the number of points awarded is tied between two or more Entries? In that case, the Judge will use subjective criteria to Place the Entries.

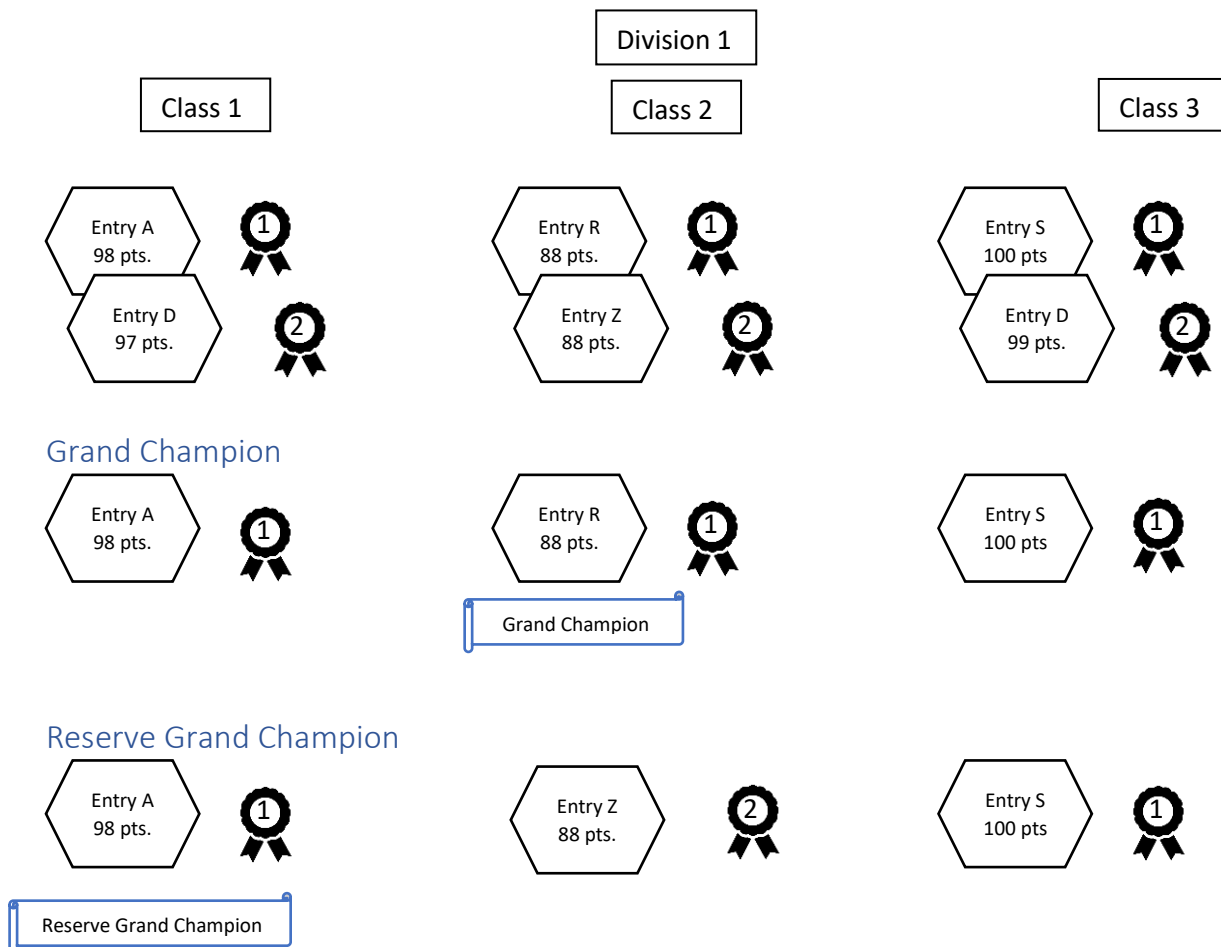


The Exhibitors will be awarded a ribbon corresponding to their Placement and the best Entries will be entered into a follow-on competition to determine the Division Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion winners.

Non-Livestock Division Competition

Immediately after all Entries are judged within their respective Classes, the Judges will select the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Entries for the Food, Horticulture, 2-D Art and Creative Arts Divisions. In this phase of the competition, the Judges will select the Entry that best represents the Division as the Grand Champion. This is done by subjectively comparing the First Place Entries for all Classes within the Division. The points scored using the rubrics will not be used for this evaluation, so the winning Grand Champion *may* not have the highest number of points when compared to the other First Place Class winners.

To select the Reserve Grand Champion, Second Place winner from the same Class as the Grand Champion entry will be evaluated along with the other First Place Class winners. This is done since the two best entries in a Division may be from the same Class. For example, if there are 2 outstanding Pies in the Show, maybe the Second Place Pie is better than the First Place winners in the other Food Division Classes.



The Division Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion winners will each receive a Banner.

Non-Livestock High Point Buckle Competition

A buckle is awarded to the overall winner of the Non-Livestock Show. The winner is the Exhibitor earning the highest number of points based on the Placements of all of his/her Entries in the Show. This phase of the competition is called the *High Point Buckle*.

Points will be awarded for the overall High Point buckle as follows:

- 1st place: 4 points
- 2nd place: 3 points
- 3rd place: 2 points
- 4th place: 1 point
- Participation: 0.5 point

Notice that there are no “extra” points awarded to the Grand Champion (GC in the table below) or Reserve Grand Champion (RGC) – those placements earn 4 or 3 points respectively based on the First or Second Placements. This can sometimes result in unexpected outcomes. Consider the competition between two Exhibitors as illustrated in the following table. Exhibitor A had an outstanding performance winning Grand Champion in 2 Divisions and Reserve Grand Champion in a third. Wow! Exhibitor B did not win Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion in any Division, but had strong Placements and one more Entry than Exhibitor A. And, in the end, Exhibitor B was awarded 16 points and the High Point Buckle since Exhibitor A was awarded “only” 15.5 points. So, for this phase of the competition Placing First or Second in multiple Classes is key to winning.

Exhibitor	Division	Class	Place	Points
A	1	2	GC	4
A	1	3	3	2
A	2	1	GC	4
A	2	3	3	2
A	3	2	RC	3
A	3	4	P	0.5
				15.5
B	1	1	2	3
B	1	2	2	3
B	1	3	4	1
B	2	2	3	2
B	3	2	3	2
B	3	4	2	3
B	4	3	3	2
				16