

Swine Skillathon 2023

Age Divisions: Junior (8-11) Intermediate (12-14) Senior (15-18)

Exhibitors will participate in age-based Skillathons. This study guide includes all topics an exhibitor **might** be tested on. Youth will only be tested on a portion of these items.

Station 1 Record Keeping

Project Book (1st year) - All relevant components of an exhibitor's project book must be complete

Record Book (2nd year +) – All components labeled “Required for Skillathon” must be complete

Station 2 Skillathon Kit Knowledge

Junior – Reading a Feed Tag (8-4)

Intermediate – Hog Parts (3-1, 3-2)

Senior – Hog Skeletal (3-15)

Station 3 Quality Assurance

All Ages: Classes of Drugs: Over the Counter (OTC), Prescription – define, differences, examples or scenarios

Station 4 Interview

Junior

1. How did you select your pig? What were you looking for? (pg. 3-7 – 3-8)
2. What do you do daily to take care of your pig? (pg. 24-2 – 24-5)
3. What do you like best about taking a market hog?
4. What breed is your pig? What are characteristics of this breed (pg. 3-3)
5. What are the strengths and weaknesses of your pig? (pg. 3-7 – 3-16)
6. Who/what have you used as a resource to know how to raise your project?
7. What are 3 ways to keep your animal clean and healthy at fair?
8. Describe your animal's pen set up (Ch. 11)
9. Describe your animal's exercise plan
10. Where do you tap your hog when driving (pg. 12-5)



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Intermediate

1. Fair Hair Length (Fairbook)
2. Overheating (pg. 12-7)
3. Injections (pg. 24-7 – 24-9)
4. Feed types and your feed (pg. 8-4 – 8-6 – 8-8)
5. Essential nutrients (pg. 8-1)
6. Extra label use (pg. 24-3)
7. External Parasites (pg. 9-14)
8. Industrial By-products (pg. 5-6 – 5-7)
9. Strengths and weaknesses of your project (pg. 3-7 – 3-16)
10. Showmanship (pg. 12-4 – 12-6)

Senior

1. Ear notching (pg. 10-1—10-2)
2. Structural strengths and weaknesses of project (pg. 3-7 – 3-16)
3. Internal parasites (9-12)
4. Clipping Issues (12-2)
5. Crossbred pigs (15-3)
6. Advantages of artificial insemination (18-4—18-6)
7. Infectious Diseases (9-1—9-9)
8. By-products (pg. 5-4 – 5-7)
9. Estimated retail cut yields (pg. 5-1)
10. Porcine Stress Syndrome (4-1 – 4-2)

Station 5 Interview about Project Goals

Youth will be asked questions related to the project goals they outline in the their project/record books.



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