

# Maryland 4-H Animal Science Program Guidebook

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## Multi-County Teams at State Animal Science Contests

### Maryland 4-H Judging Contests

In State Animal Science Judging Contests, multi-county teams are not allowed because 4-H members have the option of participating as an individual if there is not a county team formed. Rules from the following state level judging contests DO NOT allow multi-county teams: Dairy Judging Contest, Dairy Goat Judging Contest, Livestock Judging Contest, Poultry Judging Contest, Rabbit Judging Contest, and Horse Judging Contest:

### Maryland 4-H Bowl Contests

In State Animal Science Bowl Contests which require a team to participate (avian bowl, dairy bowl, dog bowl, and horse bowl), combined teams are permitted with certain limitations. The following rules apply for each specific event:

#### Avian Bowl:

Counties not having enough members for a complete team must register the 4-H'ers as Individuals and they will be assigned to a "Mixed Team" prior to the contest. Individuals competing on a mixed team will only be eligible for Individual Awards, as mixed teams are not eligible for Team Awards.

#### Dairy Bowl:

A Dairy Bowl team is composed of up to four members. The County 4-H Faculty/Staff must certify team members selected for statewide competition. Counties without full teams may combine members to form a larger or full team. It is the responsibility of the event organizer to combine teams with notification of appropriate team coaches. COUNTIES FIELDING A FULLTEAM MAY NOT HAVE MEMBERS COMPETING ON A COMBINED TEAM IN THE SAME AGE DIVISION. These combined teams will not compete for team awards, but members can compete for individual awards. In addition, a county may enter a maximum of 2 Junior Teams, 1 Intermediate Team and 1 Senior Team. Counties may not combine teams with another county to complete the making of a second team, and the second team must have a minimum of 3 participants. In addition if a county has two teams in the Junior division, they must identify the individuals on Team "A" and Team "B". Counties without full teams can move younger 4-H members to an older age division; however, older 4-H members cannot move down an age level.

### Dog Bowl

A team may consist of members from more than one county in order to make a complete team; however, 4-H'ers can only compete on one team. Counties not having enough members for a complete team must register the 4-H'ers as Individuals and they will be assigned to a "Mixed Team" prior to the contest. These Individuals will only be eligible for Individual Awards, not Team Awards. However, counties submitting names for mixed teams must register and submit required number of questions per team in the same fashion as a county team.

### Horse Bowl:

Each county may enter one senior, one intermediate and one junior division team of up to four or five contestants. One team member will be designated as the alternate for each match if five contestants are entered. Counties with small enrollments may wish to combine members to form a team. Two or more counties may work together to form a team as long as none of the individual counties has a team entered in that age division. Combined teams will not be eligible for team awards.