

## D3 4-H CONSUMER DECISION MAKING

### Contest Rules & Guidelines

1. **Participation:** Participants must be 4-H members currently enrolled in a Texas 4-H & Youth and Development county program and actively participating in the Consumer Education Project.

2. **Age Divisions:** Age divisions are determined by a participant's age as of August 31, 2020 as follows:

Division	Grades
Junior	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , and 5 <sup>th</sup> grades
Intermediate	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , and 8 <sup>th</sup> grades
Senior	9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , and 12 <sup>th</sup> grades

3. **Members per team:** This is a team event; therefore, entrants are encouraged to be part of a team. Each team will have at least three (3) and no more than four (4) members. Individual entries will be allowed, only if there are not enough individuals in the county to make up a team.

*Note:* A County can only have a maximum of 2 individual entries per age division. If 3 individuals want to judge in the same age division, they must be considered a team entry.

#### DO NOT MIX AGE GROUPS

4. **Teams per county:** A county may enter a maximum of **four (4) teams per age division** in the district contest. If a county has more teams then they should conduct a county contest to narrow the teams down to 4.

5. **Classes:** Classes will be selected by the Consumer Decision Making Committee members and chosen using criteria included in the current and past Consumer Decision Making Study Guides. There will be seven (7) minutes allowed for judging of each class. The following is a list of classes for the 2021 D3 Contest:

Junior/Intermediate	Senior
1. Insect Repellant	Seniors will judge six (6) classes total with two (2)
2. Sunglasses	"Mystery" Classes. Classes will be from the current State
3. Hiking Boots	Consumer Decision Making Guide. "Mystery" classes
4. Outdoor Equipment	May or may not come from the guide.
5. Mystery	

6. **Class Placings:** All class placings and cuts will be determined by the contest committee using the current 4-H Consumer Decision Making Study Guide. Copies of the correct placing, cuts, and situations will be emailed to each County Extension Agent.

7. **What to Bring:** Scantrons will be provided to each contestant. Each 4-H member should bring their own calculator, clipboard, and at least two #2 pencils to mark their cards and for taking notes.

8. **What Not to Bring:** Paper will be provided on the day of the contest. NO additional paper materials will be allowed in the judging area. Talking and cell phones will **NOT** be permitted during the contest. Failure to follow these rules will result in disqualification from the District Consumer Decision Making Judging Contest. Cell phones will not be allowed to be used as calculators.



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9. **Reasons:** The reason class(es) will be determined by the Consumer Decision Making Committee and will be announced at the contest during orientation. Paper will be provided to each contestant for taking notes during judging of the classes. Two (2) minutes will be allowed to give reasons.
- Juniors: Juniors will present one (1) set of reasons. Juniors will receive two (2) sheets of paper to write their placings. They can make and use notes on paper when giving reasons.
  - Intermediates: Intermediates will present one (1) set of reasons. They can make and use notes on paper when giving reasons. Intermediates will receive two (2) sheets of paper.
  - Seniors: Seniors will present oral reasons on two (2) classes. Paper is allowed only for taking notes and studying but will not be allowed when presenting reasons. Seniors will receive three (3) sheets of paper.
  - In order to make the reasons judging and line-up run smoothly, a reasons order will be developed prior to the contest to be followed when contestants are giving oral reasons.
10. **Tie Breaker:** Ties will be broken based on high reasons scores on individual and teams. For a secondary tiebreaker, contest official will designate class(es) to break ties before judging begins.

11. **Contest Study Materials:** Refer to the following website for study materials and additional guidelines:

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/consumer-education>. If you cannot print your own guidelines, please contact your County Extension Agent.



New this year: Instructional videos. As leaders in Consumer Decision Making, selected Senior Division 4-H members from D3 will be recording instructional videos on various CDM topics such as *How to Judge Classes*. Videos will be available beginning March 1, 2021 on YouTube at

<https://tinyurl.com/WiseAgrilifeYoutube>. (If you are a Senior Division 4-H member with CDM experience, you **may** be selected to record an instructional video. If interested, please contact your County Extension Agent for details on how to apply for participation.)

12. **Award Information:** All teams compete for team and individual awards. The top five (5) teams, top five (5) reasons and top five (5) individuals in each age division will receive awards. Top three (3) senior teams will advance to state. Top three (3) high point senior individuals will qualify for State even if they were not a member of a team. There will not be an Awards presentation at the District contest; rankings will be announced via email message to county Extension Agents and all awards will be delivered to their respective county Extension Offices.

All results are official and final as announced via email message to county offices. All reasonable efforts will be made to ensure accuracy of results.

**Note to Agents:** Contestants will not be allowed to leave the building until after they finish reasons judging. Agents should encourage 4-H'ers to bring books, handheld games, etc., to occupy their time while waiting for their turn to complete their set(s) of reasons. Cell phones are NOT permitted.

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**\*Contest Schedule      April 21, 2021      Wilbarger Memorial Auditorium, Vernon, TX**

*Please note: All attendees must observe current safety protocols such as social distancing, wearing a mask and answering a health screening questionnaire prior to admittance into the contest/facility. Procedures will be updated as needed prior to the contest.*

12:00 pm	Agents Arrival & Committee Set-up
1:00 pm	Registration
1:15 pm	Agent, Participant & Group Leaders Orientation 1:30
pm	Judging of Classes
2:45 pm	Oral Reasons Begin

Participants may leave after they have completed reasons judging.

Awards will be announced via FaceBook Live on the District 3 4-H Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/Texas-District-3-4-H-136195163017>

Scores can be found at [www.judgingcard.com](http://www.judgingcard.com).

*Limited snack items will be available for purchase at the contest, but lunch will not be provided. Please plan your day accordingly.*

**\*Due to possible risks associated with COVID-19, dates, times and other details are subject to change. Any updates will be posted on the D3 4-H Facebook page prior to the contest. Please contact your County Agent or a Contest Committee Member with any questions.**