

2026 VJBR Youth Cattle Fitting Contest

Each team must consist of at least 3 members, one from each of the following age groups:

- o Junior (ages 7-12)
- o Intermediate (ages 13-15)
- o Senior (ages 16 - 21)

Teams may include a 4th member if they choose. **The 4th team member must be from the Junior or Intermediate age groups.**

*** Team members 19-21 must be current valid members of their respective breed association
This contest will follow Breed Association Age guidelines (i.e. participants can be as young as 7 or as old as 21 depending on their breed association guidelines) rather than 4-H as this is a contest to help our Juniors prepare for their respective Fitting Contests at Junior National competitions. All ages are as of January 1, 2026

*****Participants do not have to be exhibitors in the Virginia Junior Beef Roundup*****

- Teams must provide their own animal for the competition. Animals must be clean and dry when brought to the fitting contest area and must not have anything applied to the hair. Animals may be combed or checked at the discretion of the contest officials or organizers.
- Teams are responsible for providing all equipment and supplies. All equipment and supplies need to be set up and ready 5 minutes before the start of the contest. Once the contest begins participants will not be allowed to leave to gather additional supplies.
- Each team member must fit a leg and use the clippers and the blower.
- No paint, false hair or product to alter the confirmation of an animal (including graphite, hemp or other substances externally) will be allowed.
- Animals may be watered, but no hay or feed will be allowed during the contest
- Teams will have 30 minutes to fit their animals.
- A panel of 3 judges will observe and ask questions of the teams as they are fitting their animals.
- At the end of the fitting period, one team member will “show” their animal to the judges.
- Judging will be based on the following:
 - o Ability to fit and overall appearance– 25 points
 - o Participation of each team member – 15 points
 - o Organization of supplies – 5 points
 - o Knowledge and ability to answer questions – 5 points
 - o For a total of 50 possible points

Teams must complete their Entry at this [link](#) no later than Friday Morning, April 17th at 9:00 AM