

2026 Beef Expo Team Fitting Contest

- ✓ 4-person team fitting competition
- ✓ Thursday, July 9, 2026 @ 5pm in Show Ring
- ✓ Cash prizes will be awarded to winning teams



Registration due by 12pm on July 9

- ✓ <https://tiny.utk.edu/2026BeefTeamFitting>

Contest Details

1. Each four-person team must be made up of two Junior youth (grades 4-8) and two Senior youth (grades 9-12). All four team members must have cattle entered in 2026 Beef Expo but do not have to be from the same county.
2. Each team will be responsible for supplying a heifer or steer to be used in the competition. Animals are not to be groomed but should be washed and dried.
3. Each team must provide their own fitting equipment. Once the contest begins, no team members may leave the contest area, and no additional equipment may be brought into the fitting area.
4. All equipment, supplies and animals must be in place at least 10 minutes prior to the start of the contest.
5. Each team will be allowed 30 minutes to fit their animal.
6. Each team member must be an active member of the team by fitting some part of the animal (tail head, top, belly, leg, etc.).
7. Animals may be provided with water, but no feed or hay is allowed.
8. At the end of the 30-minute fitting window, one youth from each team will present their animal to the judges. Questions may be asked by the judges during this time.

Beef Expo Team Fitting Contest

Team Name _____

Ability to Fit (25 points)

Points Awarded: _____

- Did the team fit the animal in a manner to accentuate the animal's positive attributes?
- Did each team member appear to have knowledge of the fitting plan for the animal?
- Did the team make effective use of the equipment available?
- When presented for final inspection was the animal presented in a neat and natural state?
- What is your general impression of the team's ability to fit the animal?

Comments:

Organization of Supplies & Equipment (5 points)

Points Awarded: _____

- Did the team have their equipment in a clean and easy to use set-up to start the contest?
- Were their fitting supplies organized in a mannerly fashion?
- Did the team maintain a clean, clear and safe fitting area throughout the contest?

Comments:

Participation of Each Team Member (10 points)

Points Awarded: _____

- Are all members equally involved in the preparation?
- Is there a fluid transition from one team member to the next in the fitting process?
- Do all team members take responsibility with the animal?
- Do members of the team respond to each other?

Comments:

Overall Effectiveness (5 points)

Points Awarded: _____

- Does the team convey confidence and poise?
- Do they have a good personal appearance?
- Did the team work together well?

Comments:

Knowledge & Response to Questions (5 points)

Points Awarded: _____

- Are the team members able to answer the questions the judges ask?
- Do the responses indicate knowledge and familiarity with the subject?
- Are all members of the team answering questions?
- Do the answers to the questions allow you to understand why they fit the animal in the manner they did?

Comments:

Judge: _____

Total Points: _____