

VERMONT WORKING STEERS 4-H PROGRAM
QUALIFICATION RULES FOR SELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF EASTERN STATES
EXPOSITION WORKING STEERS TEAM - The BIG E TEAM
Approved February 9, 2019

1. There will be three qualification events, the time, place and judges to be agreed upon by the Vermont Working Steers State Committee. Each event will have three classes: fitting and showmanship, cart class and stone boat pull. Each class will have a junior division for teamsters from 11 to 13 years old and a senior division for teamsters from 14 to 18 years old. These events are open to all members of the Vermont 4-H Working Steers Program.
2. All signed approval forms, lease/loan forms, health papers and standards for working steer shows, for each team will be checked before each event. Please do not unload your cattle until someone is there to check the paperwork (this may be a 4-H Educator or a volunteer designated that day for that job).
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Contestants who do not

10. The decision of the members of the Big E team and the alternate(s) will be made at the close of the third qualification event.
11. The members of the Big E team, who go to the Big E must pay a \$30 sponsorship fee. The sponsorship fee, registration forms and materials for the Big E program book are due at the close of the final qualification event.
12. The State Committee may allow up to two highest scoring members who did not pull their teams weight to attend the Big E without cattle as alternates.
13. If you only have one team and something happens to that team, that has been chosen to go to Eastern States, the Teamster may have the choice to go without his/her team as an alternate.
14. All members will turn in the 4-H project record book and member record book at the beginning of the final event.
15. All animals that attend the Big E must follow the health requirements ID requirements for Massachusetts.
16. All contestants must wear the club uniform: green or khaki pants and white shirt, while competing at the qualifying events and the Big E.
17. Driving with excessive use of the whip or stick will not be tolerated at any time during any 4-H working steer program event. If the judge feels that any contestant is driving with excessive use of the whip or stick, the judge may stop the contestant and issue a warning, award a white ribbon for poor driving or disqualify the contestant from that class. Disqualified contestants will not receive a ribbon or points for that class.
18. Whip and Lash, goad sticks or buggy whips may be used – the stick may not be more than 4 ft. long and ½ inch in diameter on the small end.
19. In the event that the teamsters has multiple teams, all teams must be qualified. Since we have three shows, each team must be shown in fitting and show at least once as well as meeting the point requirements.