

AADS Fitting Contest

Saturday, September 12th 2026

Judge: TBD

Start Time: 4:00 PM (Large Arena)

Check In/Backtag Pick Up: 2:00-3:00PM (Equine Arena)

The 2026 All-American Dairy Show will be holding a fitting contest for youth members in the Senior and Intermediate Division to compete in. This contest will be separate from the showmanship contest as it has been in years past.

Rules and Regulations:

1. Must be in the Senior Division (16 – 21 years old) or Intermediate (12-15 years old) to compete.
 - a. These divisions will be competing separately from each other.
 - b. Top 5 from each division will receive awards.
2. Contestants must provide their own animal to fit. Contestants do not need to own the animal they choose to fit, but the animal must be entered in the show.
3. Participants are allowed to have the head and hocks below ***only*** clipped prior to the contest. See Image after the scorecard for guidance.
4. Contestants will have 60 minutes to completely fit their animal.
5. Fitting Contest will start promptly at 4:00 PM. You will be able to set up your fitting area starting at 3:30 PM.
6. Contestants must provide their own fitting equipment (clippers, extension cords, brushes, adhesives, etc.). Fitting chutes are not permitted.
7. Contestants are allowed to have one personal assistant (age 12-21). This personal assistant is solely to help restrain the animal if needed and cannot provide any kind of fitting support to the contestant.
8. No contestant is permitted to interact with other contestants or any observers at ringside.
9. If any of the rules are not followed, the contestant will be subject to disqualification from the contest.

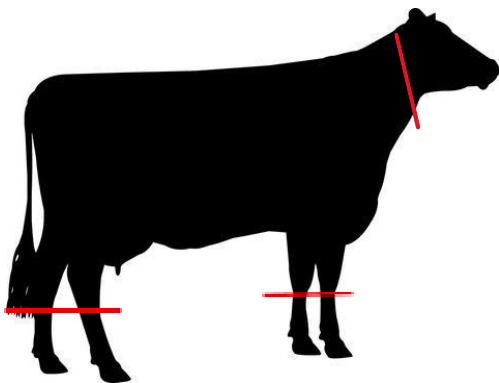
Registration:

To register for the event, please visit <https://allamericandairyshow.com/>. Under the Youth Contest tab, select Youth Fitting contest where you will find instructions to register and more information about the event. All entries must be entered online by September 2nd, 2026.

Scorecard:

Contestants will be judged based on the following score card. They will have the opportunity to score up to 100 points.

Evaluation Areas	Points eligible
Clipping technique • Handling and using equipment properly • Clipping in the correct directions	25 points
Proper topline technique • Blowing the hair up properly • Level and blended correctly	30 points
Blending of body parts • Belly hair, head, legs, etc.	25 points
Proper use of adhesives and sprays.	10 points
Show ring ready	10 points



****ONLY the legs below the red lines (bottom of hocks and below) and the head/neck are allowed to be clipped prior to the contest****

