Dairy Jeopardy Rules (National) adopted by Wisconsin Junior Holstein Association with revisions for Wisconsin

Each contest shall consist of six categories, each with five questions, with a point value of 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 points. The number of players will compete at one time will be determined by the JAC Dairy Jeopardy Coordinator (note that at the national level, there is a maximum of six players). The number of players per contest will be dependent on the number of total contestants in an age division.

Answers must be in the form of a question or statement. Example: 10 point question is "basic structural unit of protein." Acceptable form would be "What are amino acids?" or "amino acids."

There will be deductions for wrong answers, not waiting to be recognized and failing to give an answer.

Eligibility
Contestants must be between the ages of 9 - 21 as of January 1 in the year competing (age for National Convention; if convention is in December, will go by the upcoming January 1). Age division breakdowns are as follows:

Junior: 9 to 13 years old by January 1, 2027
Intermediate: 14 to 17 years old by January 1, 2027
Senior: 18 to 21 years old by January 1, 2027

At the National level, those participating in Dairy Jeopardy will not be eligible to compete in Dairy Bowl.

Entry for the WHA competition must be made by **November 10, 2026**. Entry fees must be paid in order for entry to be considered on-time.

The information used in this contest is based on data from various sources. While every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of contest information, the Holstein Foundation and the Holstein Association USA, Inc. and WI Holstein Association cannot guarantee that errors or omissions will not occur. Therefore, neither the Foundation nor the Associations can be held responsible for Dairy Jeopardy competition outcomes in the unlikely event that inaccuracies occur.

“Drawing of a number” (1 being the winner) will be used to determine who goes first. The player with the last correct answer will get to select the next category and point value.

A contestant wishing to answer any question must activate their signaling device. Since more than one contestant may think they have signaled, contestants may not answer until acknowledged by the moderator. After being acknowledged by the moderator, the contestant must begin an answer immediately. If the contestant who buzzes fails to give the correct answer, the question will be reread once and another contestant has the chance to buzz in. If no one buzzes in within five (5) seconds, the moderator will move on to the next question

If a contestant answers without signaling or waiting to be recognized by the moderator, the answer will be declared invalid and the value of the question will be deducted. The question will then be offered to the opposing individuals.

If a contestant signals and is recognized, but fails to start an answer immediately, the contestant will be deducted based on the point value of the question. The question will be offered to the opposing individuals.

If no contestant can offer an answer to the question within five (5) seconds, the question will be dropped and no contestant will forfeit points.

If the answer is incorrect or incomplete, the question shall then be completely reread and the other contestants will have one more opportunity to answer. The judge may not ask the contestant to explain his or her answer.

Clarification of acceptable answers:

Issue	Definition	Example
Full names of animals	A contestant must use the full registration name of an animal with the exclusion of suffix. If the suffix is used, it must be correct - i.e. Red and ET versus ETS or *TD versus *TM.	KHW Regiment Apple – Correct KHW Regiment Apple-Red-ET – Correct KHW Regiment Apple-Red - Incorrect KHW Regiment Apple-ET - Incorrect Apple - Incorrect KHW Regiment Apple-Twin - Incorrect KHW Regiment Apple-ETS - Incorrect
Names of people	When giving a specific person's name, the last name only will be acceptable. The first name is not necessary but, if given, it must be correct.	Meyer - Correct John Meyer - Correct Gene Meyer - Incorrect Meyers - Incorrect
Pronunciation	Judges must recognize answers given as a mispronunciation. The error in pronunciation can affect the correctness of an answer.	For a question with "Antibody" as an answer, "Antibiotic" is not correct.
Volunteering information	If a contestant first gives a correct answer and goes on to add incorrect information, the entire answer will be ruled incorrect.	
Correcting answers	If a contestant gives a complete answer, he or she cannot make a correction. If a partial, incorrect answer is given and the contestant makes the correction mid-answer or word, the corrected answer will not be accepted.	

There will be three rounds of play. In each round all of the questions will be the same. Contestants must remain in the contest room once they have competed until it is announced who will be advancing to the next round of play. An individual's score must be zero or greater to advance to any round of play.

Round 1: All contestants participate. Depending on the number of contestants, the top contestants will be selected to go on to Round 2. In case of a tie in Round 1 it will be decided by three questions using the buzzers.

In case of a tie for one of the top 16 positions after Round 1 then a sudden death tie-breaker question(s) would be asked of only those contestants that are affected by the tie. Example: Top 11 are in place; three contestants tie with a score of 100 and are all tied for 12th place. Question(s) would be asked until one contestant becomes the 12th person eligible for Round 2. The same sudden death tie-breaker question(s) would be used for selecting the top six positions for Round 3.

Round 2: The top 16 contestants from Round 1 will advance to play a second round. The top 16 will be announced at the completion of Round 1. Again, a random selection of who selects first takes place. The top eight from Round 2 then go on to play in Round 3. In case of a tie in Round 2 it will be decided by three questions using the buzzers.

In case of a tie for one of the eight positions after Round 2 then a sudden death tie-breaker question(s) would be asked of only those contestants that are affected by the tie. Example: Top five are in place; three contestants tie with a score of 100 and are all tied for 6th place. Question(s) would be asked until one contestant becomes the 6th person eligible for Round 3.

Round 3: The top eight contestants from Round 2 play will advance to play a third round. The top eight will not be selected

until Round 2 has been completed. Again, a random selection of who selects first takes place.

At the end of Round 3 each of the contestants will have the opportunity to answer a "Final Jeopardy" question providing they have 10 or more points. Contestants with zero or negative points will be ineligible to participate in the final question. The answer will be in written form with spelling not essential, however the moderator and the judges must agree on the correctness of the answer. The contestant can wager (in 10 point increments, for ease of scoring) all, part, or none of the points they have accumulated to this point. A correct answer grants all the points wagered to the contestant. An incorrect answer will result in the points wagered being deducted from the score.

Rankings are then based on top scores. In case of a tie for first, second or third place in Round 1, 2 and 3; a sudden death question(s) will be asked. The answer will be in written form with spelling not essential, however the moderator and judges must agree on the correctness of the answer.

There shall be two bonus questions in each round. The contestants will not know prior to the contest which categories and point values contain the bonus questions. The contestant can wager (in 10 point increments, for ease of scoring) all, part, or none of the points they have accumulated to this point. A correct answer grants all the points wagered to the contest. An incorrect answer will result in the points wagered being deducted from the score.

If a contestant becomes eligible for a bonus questions and the contestant has no points, the contestant will be permitted to wager up to the point value of the question. Example: Contestant has no points, selects "Feed" for 40 points, but cannot exceed a wager of 40 points. If the contestant correctly answers the question, they will receive the amount of points that they wagered, up to 40 points; if incorrect, the score will then become negative.

All contestants must stay in the staging room during the contest unless competing. Once an individual has been eliminated, contestants can leave.

If the moderator questions the answer, a panel of at least two judges will determine if the answer is correct or incorrect. There will be no challenges to the answers at the time of the contest. The decision of the judge is final. Any spectator or coach who questions or argues with a judge or moderator, or interferes with the running of the contest will be asked to leave.

Questions will cover feeds and feeding, milk quality, herd health, udder health, breeding and genetics, marketing, dairy foods, calf raising and other dairy topics. Although questions may come from a variety of sources, most questions will be selected from:

Hoard's Dairyman, Holstein Foundation Workbooks, *Holstein Pulse* (publications, information, etc.), *Holstein World*, *Progress of the Breed*, www.holsteinfoundation.org and www.holsteinusa.com. In the WI competition, sources will also include the *Wisconsin Holstein News* and www.wisholsteins.com.

The winning contestant will be determined by the highest score. The player with the next greatest points will be second place, etc.

Video taping and or recording will not be allowed. We request that no pictures be taken during the actual competition.

The use of cell phones or other electronic devices will not be allowed in the Dairy Jeopardy holding area. Audience members in the contest room will be required to turn off all electronic devices. Failure to comply will result in a $50 fine and is payable immediately.

Use of the rest rooms will be one person at a time. Each contestant is requested to maintain a respectable demeanor throughout the contest. Any disruptions in either the contest room or holding room will result in the immediate elimination of the individual in question from the contest.

Points will be deducted for wrong answers. The amount of points deducted will be determined by the point value of the question. Points will also be deducted for bonus questions, failing to signal, not waiting to be recognized, failing to answer and the final written question.