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**BASIC BEEF SHOWMANSHIP**  
**BEEF, LEVEL II**  
**Handout 13, Beef Showmanship Scorecard**

<b>I. Appearance of Calf—40 Points</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
<b>A. Cleanliness—10 Points</b>	_____
1. Hair and switch clean and free of stains.	
2. Hide clean and free of dust and dandruff.	
3. Legs and feet clean and hooves scraped.	
4. Leather halter clean and properly adjusted.	
<b>B. Grooming—20 Points</b>	_____
1. Hair blocked; appropriately for type of calf. Clean, dry haircoat. Coat dressing applied to give the hair a glossy appearance, but not enough used to cause hairs to stick together.	
2. Hooves trimmed and shaped enabling animal to walk and stand naturally. Oiled for waxy appearance.	
3. Horns (if present) curved, shaped, scraped and polished to give smooth, waxy appearance.	
4. Switch brushed out, fluffy and tied up if applicable.	
<b>C. Clipping—10 Points</b>	_____
1. Clipping done one week to 10 days before show.	
2. Head clipped on market calf, leaving a swatch of hair on the poll to be pulled up (for polled cattle). Hair blended from clipped to unclipped part.	
3. Head of breeding heifer clipped unless breed custom dictates otherwise.	
4. Tail clipped from a point just above the twist upward to the tail head. Tailhead never clipped but long hair trimmed and area from clipped to unclipped parts blended.	
<b>II. Showing Calf—40 Points</b>	
<b>A. Parading and Changing Positions—10 Points</b>	_____
1. Calf led from left side; lead strap held in the right hand from 1 to 2 feet from the head and at height of calf's head. Extra length held in left hand and left to dangle, without touching the ground. Exhibitor leads calf while walking forward.	
2. Backward pressure applied with the lead strap to back calf out of line.	
3. Calf led in clockwise direction when necessary to parade it or move it to a different position.	

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#### B. Posing in Ring—15 Points

SCORE

1. Calf kept from contact with a competitor or encroachment on space rightfully in possession of another.
2. Exhibitor faces calf and holds lead strap in left hand while showing.
3. Calf stands alert with head up, back level and legs placed squarely under the body.
4. Show stick used to place calf's hind feet. Either show stick or exhibitor's foot used to place calf's front feet.
5. Exhibitor keeps whereabouts of judge in mind and calf in position when judge looks at it.
6. Proper to let calf relax and to brush or comb calf when judge is at other end of ring.

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#### C. Cooperation with Judge—15 Points

1. Awareness of judge maintained but not made obvious.
2. Body not permitted to obstruct view of judge.
3. Calf maneuvered into improved position for benefit of judge's inspection prior to, but not during inspection.
4. Exhibitor steps aside if judge desires front view inspection.

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### III. Appearance and Merits of Exhibitor—20 Points

#### A. Appearance—10 Points

1. Be neat, clean and well groomed.
2. Wear long, dark colored jeans or pants.
3. Wear long or short sleeved dress shirt or blouse any color.
4. Wear hard soled boots or shoes with closed toes.
5. Carry a grooming comb in a handy pocket for use in the ring.
6. Does not wear clothing or use equipment in the showing that carries commercial advertising.

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#### B. Merits—10 Points

1. Brings calf into ring promptly.
2. Recognizes quickly and corrects faults of calf.
3. Alert and responsive to judge's and ringmaster's requests.
4. Is not distracted by persons and things outside ring.
5. Shows calf, not self.
6. Displays a courteous and sportsmanlike attitude.

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**Total Beef Showmanship Score**

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