

# 2009 National Junior Show Rules & Regulations

## General Show Rules

- 1) Exhibitors must be a paid member of the AJSA and must be eight as of January 1, 2009, and not have had their 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday as of January 1, 2009.
- 2) No entry substitutions will be allowed past the June 10<sup>th</sup> 2009 deadline!
- 3) Animals must be officially registered to the one person who will be showing it at Junior Nationals by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.
- 4) Do not send your original registration paper with entries, because you must have the original papers at check-in. **Absolutely no late registrations, transfers, or entries will be accepted after the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline!**
- 5) Animals must be in the name of only one individual junior member to be eligible to show.
- 6) All animals must have a correct, legible tattoo to be eligible to show. Those without a correct tattoo will not be shown! Check your animals' tattoos and their corresponding papers two weeks before you leave home for the Junior National Show.
- 7) Steers will be weighed promptly at the beginning of check-in on check-in day. After all the steers have been weighed and checked-in, show staff will proceed to check-in of the remaining animals, summoning exhibitors to come to the processing area by state. Once each of an exhibitor's registration papers have been "Tattoo Verified" at the stalls by show officials, exhibitors may bring their registration papers and health papers to the processing area. Show officials will circulate throughout the barn by state, checking tattoos on animals that have not been previously "Tattoo Verified." Exhibitors must be present at their stalls to have their tattoos checked.
- 8) General health requirements for the state in which the show is held will be followed. Current health papers must accompany the animals at the show.
- 9) All members of the AJSA in attendance at the Junior Nationals are expected to conduct themselves in a manner becoming an AJSA member and abide by the on-site directives of the host state. Violations of these standards include, but are not limited to: misrepresentation of animals, vandalism, theft, fighting, unsportsmanlike conduct, failure to comply with the directives of officials, being under the influence of intoxicating or prohibited substances, or willful violation of rules. Failure to adhere to the above regulations may lead to disciplinary actions, which may include expulsion from the event at the discretion of the AJSA/ASA staff and/or a disciplinary committee.
- 10) Exhibitor must show his/her own animals unless excused by the ASA Activities Director. Only exhibitors who are in attendance at the Junior National and are physically unable to show the animals due to illness or injury will be excused. The animal may be shown only by a family member of the owner if such a family member is present at the Junior National and is an AJSA member. If this family member doesn't exist, the owner may secure another junior member to show his/her animals if excused by ASA Activities Director or if exhibitor has more than one entry in the same class. Written explanation must be given to the ASA Activities Director prior to the show in cases of illness or injury. The Junior Board/AJSA staff reserves the right to request doctor confirmation.
- 11) All exhibitors must wear the official 2009 Junior National T-Shirt when showing entries, excluding showmanship and team fitting. Every exhibitor must also wear the correct show number in a show harness for all shows.
- 12) Any exhibitor who loses control of his/her entry three times in a single appearance in the show ring (calf gets away) will be required to remove the animal from the ring. For the sake of safety of all exhibitors and spectators, this rule will be at the discretion at the AJSA staff and directors.
- 13) Exhibitors are NOT permitted to have help or assistance handling their animals from anyone but show officials, unless they have a physical or mental handicap or are otherwise impaired. Size/age

alone is not considered a valid impairment. All exhibitors who meet the qualifications for allowing assistance and plan to do so must give prior notification to the ASA Director of Activities.

- 14) The American Shorthorn Association reserves the right to disqualify any animal that has been fitted in an unethical manner. Unethical fitting situations include: a) Any altering of the natural color of the animal by the use of dyes, paints, hair coloring conditions, colored show foam, graphite, colored powders or other substances; b) The addition of any hair or hair like substances (including twine), false tailheads, and false polls (false tail switches are allowed); c) The cutting, tearing or gluing of the hide or underneath the hide or removal of tissue in an attempt to alter the shape of the animal; d) The injection of any gas, solid or liquid under the hide to alter the normal conformation; e) Any attempt to disrupt or change the normal dental development of the animal; f) Any products/solutions/liquids administered internally or externally to alter the conformation of the animal is prohibited. This includes the use of steroids, growth promotants and the act of artificially filling animals internally, which would include stomach pumping, drench tubes, or any other method per os (by esophagus).
- 15) Any animal that reaches the entrance of the show ring after the judge has given the sign for the animals to walk will be disqualified from competition.
- 16) All animals must be stalled in the barns throughout the day, regardless of heat, space, or other conditions. There shall be NO stalling at trailers during the day. Exhibitors who are uncooperative with this rule risk being disqualified from competition.
- 17) No refunds on entries for any reason.
- 18) Classes and divisions will be broken as proportionately to age and class size as possible, and will be guided by the class break allowances of the PACE specifications. Class breaks will be posted at least one day prior to the day of the show and are at the discretion of the ASA staff.

### **Additional ShorthornPlus Show Regulations**

- 1) ShorthornPlus animals are considered to be animals with 1/4 to 7/8 blood. If the animal is registered less than 1/2 Shorthorn blood, it must be sired by a half-blood or higher registered Shorthorn bull. ShorthornPlus heifers/steers/cow-calves will have green registration papers and will be eligible to show only in the ShorthornPlus heifer/steer/cow-calf classes. To be eligible to show in the ShorthornPlus Cow/Calf Show, if the cow is between 1/4 and 7/8 Shorthorn blood, the calves must be of a higher percentage than their dams. Purebred Shorthorn cows with a ShorthornPlus calf at side are eligible to show in the ShorthornPlus Cow/Calf division.
- 2) Bred & Owned ShorthornPlus heifers will be shown within the ShorthornPlus Heifer Show. The top placing Bred & Owned ShorthornPlus heifer in each class will be brought back at the completion of the ShorthornPlus Heifer Show to compete for the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Bred & Owned ShorthornPlus Heifers.

### **Additional Purebred Female Show Regulations**

- 1) Eligible heifers must be born on or after September 1, 2007. Purebred heifers are 15/16 or higher. All single entry heifers shown in the Owned and Bred and Owned Shows must be weaned and cannot be nursing at the Junior National, unless they are also entered as a Cow/Calf Pair. No nurse cows allowed on grounds except for those entered and exhibiting in the cow/calf class.
- 2) To show in the Bred & Owned show, the animal must be purebred (15/16 or higher), bred by the individual junior exhibitor, owned and shown by the individual junior exhibitor.

### **Additional Bred & Owned Bull Show Regulations**

- 1) Eligible bulls must be born on or after January 1, 2007. To show in this show, the animal must be purebred (15/16 or higher), bred by the individual junior exhibitor, owned and shown by the individual junior exhibitor.

- 2) All single entry bulls must be weaned and cannot be nursing at the Junior National, unless they are also entered as a Cow/Calf Pair. No nurse cows allowed on grounds except for those entered and exhibiting in the cow/calf class.

### **Additional Cow/Calf Show Regulations**

- 1) For cow/calf pair entries, the calf must be registered by the Junior Nationals. Calves must have been born on or after January 1st, 2009. If the cow is less than 15/16 Shorthorn blood or has a ShorthornPlus calf at side, the pair shows in the ShorthornPlus cow/calf division. See ShorthornPlus Regulations for blood requirements. Calf must be cow's natural calf, not embryo transplant. Calf is eligible to compete as a single entry in Owned/Bred and Owned Shows and must be entered as an additional entry. Calves shown as a single entry must be born between January 1, 2009 and February 28, 2009. Cow/calves are not eligible for overall champion female.

### **Additional Steer Show Regulations**

- 1) Eligible steers must be born on or after September 1, 2007. All steers must be weaned and cannot be nursing at the Junior National.
- 2) Classes will be broken as proportionately to weight and class size as possible. ShorthornPlus animals are considered to be steers with 1/4 to 7/8 Shorthorn blood. Purebred steers are 15/16 or higher. If the animal is registered less than 1/2 Shorthorn blood, it must be sired by a half-blood or higher registered Shorthorn bull.
- 3) Purebred steer divisions will be:
  - a. Prospect Steers: 900 lbs. and lighter;
  - b. Market Steers: 901 lbs. and heavier
- 4) Steers will be weighed promptly at 9:00am on check-in day. Steers will not be weighed back before or after showing.