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NATIONAL JUNIOR SHORTHORN SHOW AND YOUTH CONFERENCE

UPCOMING DEADLINES

April 10	AJSA Junior Board Applications Due
May 1	AJSA Scholarship Applications Due
May 1	Ownership Deadline NJSS
May 1	Entry Deadline NJSS
May 15	Late Entry Deadline NJSS
May 15	Photo, Graphic Design, Career Development, Speech Entries due to contests@shorthorn.org

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NATIONAL JUNIOR SHORTHORN SHOW AND YOUTH CONFERENCE

SCHEDULE

Saturday JUNE 15

5:00 PM CATTLE ALLOWED IN THE TIE-OUTS
5:00 PM TACK ALLOWED IN THE BARNS

Sunday JUNE 16

8 AM CATTLE ALLOWED IN BARNS
1 PM AMS ONLINE SALES CAREER DEVELOPMENT CONTEST (MMU)
3 PM JUNIOR BOARD CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS (MMM)
4:30 PM FERGUSON SHORTHORNS WRITTEN TEST (MML)
6:00 PM JR BOARD, CANDIDATE & STAFF MEETING (R)

Monday JUNE 17

8 - 10:15 AM EXHIBITOR/CONTEST CHECK-IN (R)
11 AM STATE ADVISOR PACKETS DUE TO OFFICE
10:45 PM YOUTH CONFERENCE I (ALL YOUTH INVITED) (MML)
12 PM CATTLE MUST BE STALLED
12-3 PM CATTLE CHECK-IN (R)
3:30 PM MENTOR-APPRENTICE (MML)
4:30 PM LINE UP FOR STATE PHOTOS
6:00 PM OPENING CEREMONIES (R)
7:30 PM MEAL SERVED

Tuesday JUNE 18

7 AM BREAKFAST SPONSORED BY MARYLAND SHORTHORN ASSOCIATION
8 AM TRANS OVA GENETICS TEAM SALESMANSHIP
(PI/PII: SHOW RING, INT: MMU, SR: MML)
12 PM YOUTH CONFERENCE II LUNCH (DELEGATES ONLY) (MML)
1 PM SHORTHORN SIDEKICKS
1 PM MBAR SHORTHORNS SPEECH CONTEST
(PI: MMU, PII: MMM, INT: MML, SR: TO)
3:30 PM INSKEEP FARMS QUIZ BOWL (MMU, MML, MMM)
6 PM JR BOARD CANDIDATES SOCIAL

Wednesday JUNE 19

8 AM SULLIVAN SUPPLY SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST
R1: SENIOR, P1 R2: INT., PII
1:30 PM SHORTHORN SIDEKICKS
2 PM KRUSE RANCH BEEF COOK-OFF CONTEST (P)
3 PM SS STOCK SHOW UNIVERSITY
5 PM TOP 10 SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP FINALS



TIMONIUM, MARYLAND • JUNE 15 - 22
MARYLAND STATE FAIRGROUNDS

Thursday JUNE 20

8 AM R1: BRED & OWNED PUREBRED BULL SHOW, PUREBRED PROSPECT & MARKET STEER
R2: SHORTHORNPLUS BRED & OWNED BULL SHOW, SHORTHORNPLUS PROSPECT & MARKET STEERS
10 AM LASSIE 101
12 PM YOUTH CONFERENCE III (DELEGATES) (MML)
12 PM LASSIE PRINCESS HOUR AND TEA
1:15 PM SULLIVAN SUPPLY FITTING CONTEST
4:30 PM SHORTHORN COUNTRY JUDGING CONTEST (R)
6:30 PM OLD PROS SHOWMANSHIP (R)
7 PM TAILGATE PARTY & CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT (P)

Friday JUNE 21

8 AM R1: BRED & OWNED PUREBRED FEMALE SHOW, BRED & OWNED SHORTHORNPLUS FEMALE SHOW
R2: SHORTHORNPLUS FEMALE SHOW
5:30 PM AWARDS MEAL BEGINS SERVING (R)
6 PM AWARDS CEREMONY (R)

Saturday JUNE 22

8 AM PUREBRED FEMALE SHOW
12 PM RELEASE OF ALL PROJECTS

ALL CATTLE MUST BE STALLED IN THE BARNS FROM AT LEAST 8 AM TO 5 PM
TUESDAY, JUNE 18 - FRIDAY, JUNE 21

ALL DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

LOCATION KEY

MILLER MOSNER UPPER (MMU) TICKET OFFICE (TO)
MILLER MOSNER LOWER (MML) PAVILION (P)
MILLER MOSNER MUSEUM (MMM) SHOW RING (R)

ENTRY FEES AND DEADLINES *ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY*

- Online entries will include entry fee (per show) and stalling/bedding fee for each animal in the barns ONLY, exhibitor fee, and additional options.
- Entries must be paid online at time of entry or they will not be processed. There will be NO refunds on entries. See General Rule #6.
- Entry fee is \$45 per show entry if completed by the deadline of May 1.
- If you are showing an animal in more than one show it must be entered for each show.
- There is a \$50 stalling/bedding fee per head. Tie-out bedding is NOT included. Straw will be available for purchase or you can bring your own straw to use for tieout bedding. Straw must be used.
- *Exhibitors must pay the \$30 exhibitor fee during online entry. Exhibitor fee includes: show shirt and contest fee. Meal tickets are no longer part of the exhibitor fee and must be purchased seperately.*
- No show entries after final deadline of May 15, 2024.
- No entry substitutions allowed after May 15, 2024.
- All animals must be registered in the sole name of the junior member who will be showing.
- Ownership deadline is May 1, 2024. (No farm or family names allowed)

ENTRY FEES

Entry Fee: \$45

Late Entry Fee: \$75
after May 1

Bedding Fee: \$50
includes barn stalling bedding only

Exhibitor Fee: \$30
includes t-shirt and contest fee (meals not included)

Meal Ticket - Opening Ceremony: \$20

Meal Ticket - Awards Ceremony: \$25

Extra Shirts: \$15

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Cattle will be allowed on the fairgrounds on Saturday, June 15, in tie outs ONLY after 5:00 p.m. Cattle will be allowed in barns after 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 16.
- All cattle must tie out in designated area. You can not tie outside during the day after check-in is completed. All cattle must stay on grounds and in the barns during the day.
- Must bring registration papers and health papers to the show for check-in.
- We will not verify tattoos at check-in but animals tattoo must match the corresponding registration papers. Entries not matching will be disqualified from show. See general rule #9.
- ONLY steers will be weighed at check-in.
- Individual contests including Showmanship, speech and career development contests MUST be entered during online entry. **Showmanship entries will not be accepted at junior national.**
- All other individual contests must be entered by going through contest registration, Monday, June 17, starting at 8:00 a.m. You will also pick-up your show shirts.
- Group contests will be entered by state advisors. They will be provided the group sign-up sheets to return to the junior director and interns.
- Exhibitors who have purchased meal tickets will receive their tickets in their check-in packet.
- Electricity – People should come prepared with generators and extension cords. All generators must be housed outside.
- No generators or gas cans will be allowed inside the barn and must meet local fire codes for inspection by fire marshall.
- Exhibitors are reminded that portacools and butt fans are not allowed in the barns.
- Pets are allowed on the fairgrounds, but NOT in the arena/show ring area for any reason or at any time.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited. In accordance with grounds policy and this youth event, consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- If the junior member is unable to show their animal due illness or health, follow the procedure in the show rules. See General Rules #4, #5, #13.
- Animals will NOT be allowed to enter the show ring after the judge has given the signal to walk. See general show rule #18.
- ALL photography, graphic design, speech and career development entries must be submitted by May 15 to contests@shorthorn.org
- There have been some contest rule changes. Be sure to carefully read rules to know all the updates!

SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year AJSA members are eligible to apply for several college scholarships. Applications can be found at juniorshorthorn.org and are due by May 1st, 2024. Scholarships will be awarded at the 2024 National Junior Shorthorn Show & Youth Conference. The completed scholarship application must be emailed to shelby@shorthorn.org. You must only complete one application and send the additional information with the completed application.

Please note that scholarship candidates may only apply up to three scholarships offered by The Shorthorn Foundation. Therefore, please complete the applications that apply to your qualifications the best. You cannot win the same scholarship more than once.

Mike Dugdale Memorial Scholarship

The \$2,000 Dugdale Scholarship is awarded to a collegiate upperclassman who is an active AJSA member with a sincere interest in bettering the beef cattle industry after college.

John C. "Jack" Ragsdale Scholarship

The \$2,000 Jack Ragsdale Scholarship is awarded to a high school senior or college freshman who is an active AJSA member with a sincere interest in learning how to evaluate livestock and an appreciation for the purebred livestock industry.

Don Longley Memorial Scholarships

Each year four \$2,000 Longley Memorial Scholarships are awarded. The scholarships are sponsored by The Shorthorn Foundation and awarded to high school seniors or college freshmen based upon Shorthorn involvement, grades, need, and participation in other activities.

Lyle & Katharyn DeWitt Memorial Scholarship

The \$2,000 Lyle and Katharyn DeWitt Memorial Scholarship is sponsored by The Shorthorn Foundation and awarded to high school seniors or college freshmen based upon Shorthorn involvement, grades, need, and participation in other activities.

Jared & Justin Bedwell Memorial Scholarship

The \$2,000 Jared & Justin Bedwell Memorial Scholarship is sponsored by the family of Jared & Justin Bedwell in cooperation with The Shorthorn Foundation and awarded to a high school senior, college freshman or college sophomore based upon the applicants' involvement, future goals and career plans in Agriculture, college GPA, and character references.

John Miller Scholarship

The \$2,500 John Miller Scholarship is awarded to the collegiate upperclassman (including trade schools) who is an active AJSA member with an emphasis to be placed on the recipient having interest in making Shorthorns more viable in the commercial cattle industry.

ACCOMODATIONS

Embassy Suites by Hilton Baltimore Hunt Valley :: 213 International Circle, Hunt Valley, MD 21030 :: 410.584.1400

Rooms are \$149/night + all taxes and fees. All rooms are "suite style" with a separate living space that includes a sofa bed. Includes free made-to-order breakfast, wifi, evening reception and on-site bar & restaurant. Hotel is 5 miles from the fairgrounds.

Book rooms by May 25, 2024. All cancellations must be made by 11:59 p.m. local hotel time on June 7, 2024. Individuals are responsible for cancellation fees charged by the hotel in case of room cancellation after the deadline.

Visit juniorshorthorn.org for booking link or call and ask for National Junior Shorthorn Show block rates.

RV reservations will be made upon arrival to the grounds. You must specify during cattle entry if you plan to bring an RV so we can notify the fairgrounds of how many to expect.

SHOW JUDGES

Owned Show: Brady Jensen

Bred & Owned Show: Taylor Frank

ShorthornPlus: Blaine Rodgers

Showmanship: Tim Clark

Jacob Wolfrey

Is it Your Last JUNIOR NATIONAL?

For those "senior" AJSA members, email shelby@shorthorn.org. You will receive an email with questions to answer for us to include in the exhibitor folder!

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITORS OF ALL ANIMAL SPECIES (COMAR 15.11.14.04-06)

Exhibitors at state, county, and district fairs, along with other livestock exhibitions, expositions, and shows are required to comply with regulatory provisions of the State of Maryland relating to animal health as noted in COMAR 15.11.14.04-06. Requirements apply to all livestock.

1. DOCUMENTATION: Documentation is required for entry of all livestock and is described below. Examples of forms are at: <http://mda.maryland.gov/animalhealth/pages/fairs-shows.aspx>
For out-of-state animals, see species specific out of state requirements. Upon request, a person who exhibits livestock shall present for inspection all reports, test charts, and appropriate health certificates required to accompany the livestock and poultry.

2. CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION is required for most entries.

- a. **MARYLAND ENTRIES:** All Maryland entries must be accompanied by a Maryland Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for show.
 - The Maryland CVI is valid for 120 days for fairs and shows, providing that the status of the herd or animal(s) does not change.
 - The Maryland CVI is a legible record, made on an official Maryland State form, issued by a Maryland accredited veterinarian, issued for animals being shown within the state and not crossing a state line, which shows that the animals listed thereon meet the health requirements of the state of Maryland.
 - The Maryland CVI must be completed and signed by a Maryland accredited veterinarian using the proper selected report on the CVI form. Each animal must be properly identified on the CVI. The veterinarian must select if this document is for fair and exhibition season, sale or other (with explanation).
 - The veterinarian is required to send the original (white and canary) copies to MDA Headquarters within 7 days of completion, the middle (pink) transport copy is to be retained by the owner and should accompany livestock during travel. The last (goldenrod) copy is for the veterinarian's records.
- b. **OUT-OF-STATE ENTRIES:** All out-of-state entries must be accompanied by an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, except poultry and rabbits.
 - The Interstate CVI is valid for no more than 30 days from the date of inspection.
 - An Interstate CVI must be legible, made on an official form of the state of origin, issued by an accredited veterinarian, and issued for animals being imported to this state within 30 days before the entry of the animals, which shows that the animals listed thereon meet the health requirements of the state of Maryland.

3. SELF-CERTIFICATION: A completed Self-Certification is required for all entries except for equine entering equine-only events.

Self-Certification forms must be filled out within 24 hours prior to loading and presented upon request to the designated representative.

- A Self-Certification is an official Maryland document signed by the owner/caretaker/transporter stating that the animals presented for exhibition are not showing any signs of or having recent exposure to (within 21 days) infectious or contagious diseases.
- Self-Certification forms are species-specific for livestock. These forms are available on MDA's Animal Health website: <http://mda.maryland.gov/animalhealth/pages/fairs-shows.aspx>

4. TEST REPORT FORMS. Testing is required for some species, and if so, a test report form will be required unless otherwise documented on the CVI. See species-specific requirements for details of testing and test report requirements.

5. Pertains to Poultry

6. ANIMAL REJECTION POLICY. Animals may be rejected from an exhibition, either denied entry or removed from the exhibition, as described below:

- a. FAILURE TO PROVIDE COMPLETED DOCUMENTATION IS GROUNDS FOR REJECTION.
- b. FOR A SKIN LESION SUSPICIOUS OF RINGWORM TO BE CONSIDERED NO LONGER CONTAGIOUS TO OTHER ANIMALS OR PEOPLE, NEW WOOL OR HAIR MUST COMPLETELY COVER THAT LESION.
- c. Livestock with clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases or external parasites are not permitted entry or allowed to remain at the exhibition. Clinical signs include but are not limited to: active lesions of ringworm with resulting loss of hair, sore mouth, sore nose, caseous lymphadenitis, mange, or multiple warts easily visible without close examination.
- d. Suspicion of communicable disease is adequate grounds for rejection. Confirmed diagnosis is not required, since timely removal of suspicious animals is required by law to protect the remaining animals.
- e. Exposed animals may be rejected: If it is believed that there is a potentially serious communicable disease present, all animals originating with the suspect animal may be rejected. Vesicular diseases are of particular concern.
- f. All decisions are final.
- g. All parties involved will be notified of all rejections, including exhibit sponsors and supervisors.
- h. Animal rejections can be made by MDA Animal Health veterinarians or field inspectors, private veterinarians contracted by the show, Maryland Extension employees, or individuals designated by the fair or show as a 'responsible person.'

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

IDENTIFICATION: INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFICATION OF EACH ANIMAL SHALL BE AN EID OR RFID 840 OFFICIAL EAR TAG. Cattle with non-electronic ID tags will be dismissed upon entry.

Maryland Cattle

Brucellosis: Maryland is a Bovine Brucellosis Class-Free State. Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland cattle.

Tuberculosis: Maryland is an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free State. Tuberculin test is not required for Maryland cattle.

Immunization: Bovine Respiratory Disease Complex vaccination is required for all Maryland cattle to include Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus, Bovine Viral Diarrhea virus, Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis and Parainfluenza. Leptospirosis vaccination is recommended.

Out-of-State Cattle

Brucellosis

1. Bovine Brucellosis Class-Free State, Region or Zone

- a. No brucellosis test required.

2. Non-Bovine Brucellosis Class-Free State, Region or Zone

- a. Officially vaccinated under 24 months old with vaccination dates recorded on the Interstate CVI permitted, or
- b. Test negative within 30 days before entry.

Tuberculosis

1. Accredited Tuberculosis-Free State, Region or Zone

- a. No tuberculin test required.

2. Modified Accredited Advanced or Lower Tuberculosis Free Areas or States (Not TB Free)

- a. All cattle over 6 months of age shall comply with the following:
 - i. Cattle must originate from a herd where a complete herd test was conducted within the past 12 months; progeny from such herds born since that test may be imported without a tuberculin test, or
 - ii. Any individual animal, over 6 months of age, entering Maryland must have a negative tuberculin test within 60 days before import.
- b. Status of herd and area must be shown on certificate.

2024 NJSS SHOW CLASSIFICATIONS

IMPORTANT NOTE for all shows: Each of the following classes MAY be broken into multiple classes to accommodate large numbers of entries, but separate classes may NOT be combined into one. For example, there MAY be four "Junior Heifer Calf" classes, but there may NOT be one single "Spring Yearling Females" class (combining Late and Early Spring females).

HEIFER CLASSIFICATIONS – ENTRY IN THIS SHOW BINDS THE EXHIBITOR TO ALL REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO JUNIOR NATIONAL AND ASA NATIONAL SHOWS.

Classifications are the same for all female shows. (Purebred, Purebred Bred & Owned, ShorthornPlus, ShorthornPlus Bred & Owned). Be sure to check the Rules & Regulations for show rules pertaining to Bred & Owned Show Qualifications.

Junior Heifer Calves: calved between Jan. 1 and March 31, 2024

Division I Champion

Division I Res. Champion

Winter Heifer Calves: calved between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2023

Senior Heifer Calves: calved between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 2023

Division II Champion

Division II Res. Champion

Summer Yearling Females: calved between July 1 and Aug. 31, 2023

Late Spring Yearling Females: calved between May 1 and June 30, 2023

Division III Champion

Division III Reserve Champion

Early Spring Yearling Females: calved between April 1 & April 30, 2023

Division IV Champion

Division IV Reserve Champion

Early Spring Yearling Females: calved between March 1 & March 31, 2023

Division V Champion

Division V Reserve Champion

Junior Yearling Females: calved between Jan. 1 and Feb. 28, 2023

Division VI Champion

Division VI Reserve Champion

Senior Yearling Females: calved between Sep. 1 and Dec. 31, 2022

Division VII Champion

Division VII Reserve Champion

2-year Old Cow/Calf Class: cows born Jan. 1, 2021- Aug. 31, 2022

3-4-Year-Old Cow/Calf Class: cows born Jan. 1, 2019 - Dec. 31, 2021

Aged Cow/Calf Class: cows born before Dec. 31, 2019

Division VIII Champion

Division VIII Reserve Champion

Grand Champion

Reserve Grand Champion

3rd, 4th and 5th Place Overall

***Heifers 20 months of age and older, without a calf at side, may be subject to a blood sample collection to verify pregnancy. In heifers 20 months of age and older, if pregnancy cannot be verified, the heifer will be subject to the rules under ASA Rules & Regulations (Rule VI, Section 1, Rule B)*

BRED & OWNED BULL CLASSIFICATIONS – ENTRY IN THIS SHOW BINDS THE EXHIBITOR TO ALL REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO JUNIOR NATIONAL AND ASA NATIONAL SHOWS.

(Classifications are same for both bull shows – Purebred & ShorthornPlus. Be sure to check all rules pertaining to the Bred & Owned Bull shows.)

Junior Bull Calves: calved between Jan. 1 and March 31, 2024

Division I Champ & Reserve

Winter Bull Calves: calved between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2023

Senior Bull Calves: calved between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 2023

Division II Champ & Reserve

Summer Yearling Bulls: calved between July 1 and Aug. 31, 2023

Late Spring Yearling Bulls: calved between May 1 and June 30, 2023

Early Spring Yearling Bulls: calved between March 1 and April 30, 2023

Junior Yearling Bulls: calved between Jan. 1 and Feb. 28, 2023

Division III Champ & Reserve

Senior Yearling Bull: calved between July 1 and Dec. 31, 2022

Two-Year-Old Bulls: calved between Jan. 1 and June 30, 2022

Division IV Champ & Reserve

Grand Champion B&O Bull: chosen from 1st place winners

Reserve Grand Champion B&O Bull: chosen from 1st and 2nd place

PUREBRED STEER CLASSES – ENTRY IN THIS SHOW BINDS THE EXHIBITOR TO ALL REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO JUNIOR NATIONAL AND ASA NATIONAL SHOWS.

Prospect Steers: steers weighing 900 lbs and less

Grand Champion Purebred Prospect Steer: chosen from 1st place winners in Prospect steer classes

Reserve Grand Champion Purebred Prospect Steer: chosen from 1st and 2nd place winners in Prospect steer classes

Grand Champion Bred & Owned Purebred Prospect Steer

Reserve Grand Champion Bred & Owned Purebred Prospect Steer

Market Steers: steers weighing 901 lbs. and more

Grand Champion Purebred Market Steer: chosen from 1st place winners in Market steer classes

Reserve Grand Champion Purebred Market Steer: chosen from 1st and 2nd place winners in Market steer classes

Grand Champion Bred & Owned Purebred Market Steer

Reserve Grand Champion Bred & Owned Purebred Market Steer

SHORTHORNPLUS STEER CLASSES – ENTRY IN THIS SHOW BINDS THE EXHIBITOR TO ALL REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO JUNIOR NATIONAL AND ASA NATIONAL SHOWS.

Prospect Steers: steers weighing 900 lbs and less

Grand Champion ShorthornPlus Prospect Steer – chosen from 1st place winners in Prospect steer classes

Reserve Grand Champion ShorthornPlus Prospect Steer – chosen from 1st and 2nd place winners in Prospect steer classes

Grand Champion Bred & Owned ShorthornPlus Prospect Steer

Reserve Grand Champion Bred & Owned ShorthornPlus Prospect Steer

Market Steers: steers weighing 901 lbs. and more

Grand Champion ShorthornPlus Market Steer: chosen from 1st place winners in Market steer classes

Reserve Grand Champion ShorthornPlus Market Steer: chosen from 1st and 2nd place winners in Market steer classes

Grand Champion Bred & Owned ShorthornPlus Market Steer

Reserve Grand Champion Bred & Owned ShorthornPlus Market Steer

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All exhibitors, their parents, legal guardians, employees, or agents as a condition of participation, do hereby release and forfeit all legal rights to bring litigation in any form or any state against the ASA, its Board of Directors, employees, or show officials for claims arising in any manner from the enforcement, interpretation of any rules or policies of ASA, AJSA or NJSS.

1. Exhibitors must be paid members of the AJSA and must be 7 as of Jan. 1, 2024, and not have had their 22nd birthday as of Jan. 1, 2024.
2. Entries must be submitted online ONLY; paper entries are not accepted.
3. Entries must be completed by May 1, 2024. Late entries are accepted after May 1 and no later than May 15, 2024. Late entries will have a higher entry fee.
4. Entry substitutions will be allowed until the May 15 deadline. Absolutely no entries online or substituted past May 15.
5. Entries received with a pending registration number MUST provide the registration number by the late deadline of May 15 or your entries will be considered incomplete. You will not be able to show any incomplete animal entries. You will not receive refunds for animals that are incomplete. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to provide registration numbers at the time of entry. ALL animals must be registered by May 1.
6. Animals must be officially registered to the ONE individual junior member who will be showing it at Junior Nationals by the ownership deadline of May 1, 2024, to be eligible to show. NO farm name allowed.
7. No refunds of entries for any reason. All submitted entries must be paid to be eligible to show. This includes additional entries that are emailed after your initial submission (these are considered an official entry and require payment).
8. You must have registration papers and health papers for all animals at check-in.
9. 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. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to check and comply with health regulations. The AJSA is not responsible for any animals that do not meet requirements. No refunds will be issued for animals that do not meet requirements.
10. Animals entered in the National Junior Shorthorn Show must be tattooed. We may not verify tattoos at check-in, but an animal's tattoo must match the corresponding registration papers. If there becomes a reason to check, entries not matching will be disqualified from the show. Tattoos may be checked by show officials at any time during the National Junior Shorthorn Show.
11. Steers ONLY will be weighed at check-in on June 19. The weight per day of age may be provided to the judge.
12. All animals exhibiting at the NJSS are subject to DNA testing at any time during the NJSS. All Champion and Reserve Champion Divisions and show Champions and Reserve Champions will be subject to DNA testing. This will be done at the completion of each show.
13. All members of the AJSA in attendance at the Junior National are expected to conduct themselves in a manner becoming an AJSA member and abide by the on-site directives of the facility, ASA staff, and/or 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 ASA staff and/or ASA executive board. All exhibitors agree by submitting the online entry form for NJSS that no litigation in any form or in any state can be brought to resolve any issues or discrepancies regarding the rules & regulations of the ASA, AJSA or NJSS. All decisions made by ASA or AJSA board and staff is final.
14. Exhibitors must show his/her own animals unless excused by the ASA Junior Activities Director. Only exhibitors who attend the Junior National and are physically unable to show the animals due to illness or injury, with a doctor's note as confirmation, will be excused. The animal may be shown only by an AJSA member who is entered to show at the NJSS. Written explanation and doctor's note must be given to the ASA Junior Activities Director prior to the show in cases of illness or injury. If the exhibitor has more than one entry in the same class, they must use a second showman that is entered to exhibit at the NJSS.
15. 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 Junior Activities. Exhibitors are NOT allowed to use AirPods or other forms of communication in the show ring for assistance in exhibiting cattle.
16. Any exhibitor whose calf gets away three times in a single appearance in the show ring will be required to remove the animal from the ring and will not be placed by the judge.
17. ALL BULLS older than one year of age on Jan. 1, 2024, are required to have a permanent nose ring or clip-in nose ring any time they are being handled for the safety of everyone.
18. For the sake of the safety of all exhibitors and spectators, any animal that is presenting an unsafe atmosphere in the show ring can be removed at the discretion of ASA staff and the AJSA Board of Directors.
19. All exhibitors must wear the official 2024 Junior National Shirt when showing entries, excluding showmanship and team fitting. (Showmanship will have its own t-shirt that must be worn). Every exhibitor must also wear the correct show number in a show harness for all shows. (These back numbers are specific to the individual animal being shown).
20. Any animal presented by any individual is assumed to be a representative of the member/owner(s). The ASA reserves the right to disqualify any animal that has been fitted in an unethical manner. Unethical manners include the following: The use of a stomach pump or esophageal tube to deliver liquid, feed, or medication is not allowed. (Oral administration of electrolytes or feed additives is allowed if accomplished without the above devices). The cutting, tearing, or gluing of the hide or underneath the hide or removal of tissue in an attempt to alter the normal conformation or shape of an animal; an injection of any gas, solid, or liquid under the hide to alter the normal conformation or shape of the animal. Any attempt to disrupt or change the normal dental development of an animal. No changing the natural color pattern of any spots or markings on the animal. (Only white coloring can be used on white, red coloring used on red and black coloring used on Black, etc.) The ASA also endorses and upholds the position

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of the American Veterinary Medical Association and the rules of the Food and Drug Administration. ***To view the complete set of ASA show rules (ASA Rule VI, VII, and VIII) that must be followed by the exhibitor, visit shorthorn.org and view under rules & regulations. ***

20-1.

The ASA Executive Committee shall investigate any possible violation of the Rules & Regulations of the American Shorthorn Association. If a violation of said rules and regulations has taken place, a formal protest must be submitted.

A formal protest must consist of:

- A written description of the violated rule and rule number along with a photo or video of the activity.
 - One of the following forms of animal I.D.: tattoo or ear tag, along with the date, location, and time of activity.
 - Print and sign your name to the protest stating that you witnessed the illegal activity.
 - Contact information for yourself and any supporting witnesses who are willing to sign to the protest, so that you may be easily reached.
 - Submit a formal protest with a \$1,000 cash protest fee to an ASA staff member or board director to be reviewed by the ASA executive board of directors. Protest must be submitted before the grand drive of the designated show. (Bred & Owned, ShorthornPlus, Bulls, Steers, Purebred, etc.)
 - If the protest is upheld at any time: any class placing and show results will be stricken for the exhibitor; premiums forfeited; and/or the exhibitor and/or any person directly involved with the rules violation may be banned from future exhibiting or fitting at ASA events at the discretion of the ASA Board of Directors. If any of the above items are not included in the formal protest, the protest will be declared null and void or non-enforceable. Animals shall be subject to a physical examination by the show official before and/or after the animal is exhibited. The decision of the ASA Executive Committee is final. All exhibitors agree by submitting the online entry form for NJSS that no litigation in any form or in any state can be brought to resolve any issues regarding the rules & regulations of the ASA, AJSA or NJSS.
21. 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 the competition.
 22. All animals must be stalled in the barns throughout the day, regardless of heat, space, or other conditions. Times to be in barns will be announced and posted in the official schedule. There shall be NO stalling at trailers during the day. Exhibitors who are uncooperative with this rule risk being disqualified from the competition. All cattle must remain on the grounds and be in the barns during the day following check-in.
 23. It is recommended that no personal, family, or farm signs of any kind are used in the stalling or tack spaces to create unity.
 24. 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 ASA National Show 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. Once class breaks are posted, they are final and there will be no further discussion.
 25. No portacools or buttfans allowed in barns at any time.
 26. No tents or pens are allowed in tie-outs. You must tie in the designated tie-out area, tying to trailers is ONLY allowed when designated.
 27. No nurse cows are allowed on the grounds except for those entered and exhibiting in the cow/calf class.

Additional ShorthornPlus Show Regulations

1. Eligible females must be born on or after Sept. 1, 2022, and on or prior to March 31, 2024. ShorthornPlus females must be 50% Shorthorn or higher to be eligible for ShorthornPlus shows (see ASA rule II, Sec.3, B7a). 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.
2. To be eligible to show in the ShorthornPlus Cow/Calf Division, the cow must be a minimum of 50% Shorthorn. Heifer and Bull calves must be 50% or higher and steers must be 25% or higher. Purebred Shorthorn cows with a ShorthornPlus calf at side are eligible to show in the ShorthornPlus Cow/Calf division.
3. All single-entry heifers shown in the ShorthornPlus 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 are allowed on the grounds except for those entered and checked in for the cow/calf class.
4. To show in the ShorthornPlus Bred & Owned show, the animal must be 50% or higher and the animal must be bred by the individual junior exhibitor (must own cow at time of breeding), owned and shown by the individual junior exhibitor. For embryo transplant (ET) calves, the junior must have been the owner of the dam at the time of the flush and/or egg collection, and the junior name must be listed as the sole "breeder" on the registration certificate.
5. If showing a bred and owned cow/calf pair, both the cow and calf must be bred and owned. If the cow is not bred and owned, then it will show in the owned show. See additional cow/calf show rules for more details (and see above for ShorthornPlus cow/calf rules).

Additional Purebred Female Show Regulations

1. Eligible females must be born on or after Sept. 1, 2022, and on or prior to March 31, 2024. Purebred females must have a purebred registration paper to be eligible to show.
2. All single-entry heifers shown in the Owned and Bred & 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 are allowed on the grounds except for those entered and checked in for the cow/calf class.
3. To show in the Bred & Owned show, the animal must be purebred (15/16 or higher), bred by the individual junior exhibitor (must own cow at time of breeding), owned and shown by the individual junior exhibitor. For embryo transplant (ET) calves, the junior must have been the owner of the dam at the time of the flush, and the junior name must be listed as the sole "breeder" on the registration certificate.

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4. If showing a bred and owned cow/calf pair, both the cow and calf must be bred and owned. If the cow is not bred and owned, then it will show in the owned show. See additional cow/calf show rules for more details.

Additional Cow/Calf Division Regulations

1. Cow/Calf entries are a division and compete for overall Grand Champion Female.
2. Cow/calf pair entries may be made prior to the calf being born/registered, but the calf must be registered by May 1, 2024. Both cow and calf must be registered to same exhibitor. Calf at side can't be older than 280 days on show day.
3. If the cow is less than 93.75% classified Shorthorn percentage or has a ShorthornPlus calf at side, the pair shows in the ShorthornPlus cow/calf division. See ShorthornPlus Regulations for blood requirements.
4. Calf must be cow's natural calf, not embryo transplant.
5. Unless showing in the Bred & Owned show, Cow does not have to be owned at time of conception but must be owned by the ownership deadline of May 1, 2024.
6. Calf is eligible to compete as a single entry in Owned and Bred & Owned Shows but must be entered as an additional entry. Calves shown as a single entry must fit in the show classifications to be eligible.
7. Bred and Owned pairs must have a bred and owned cow AND bred and owned calf.
8. No nurse cows allowed, unless entered and checked-in as a cow/calf pair.

Additional Bred & Owned Bull Show Regulations

1. Eligible bulls must be born on or after January 1, 2022, and on or prior to March 31, 2024. To show in the Purebred bull show, the animal must have a pure bred registration paper, bred by the individual junior exhibitor, owned, and shown by the individual junior exhibitor. To show in the ShorthornPlus bull show, the animal must be at least 50% Shorthorn, 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 checked-in to the cow/calf class.

Additional Steer Show Regulations

1. Eligible steers must be born on or after September 1, 2022, and on or prior to March 31, 2024. All steers must be weaned and cannot be nursing at the Junior National.
2. All single-entry steers 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 checked-in in the cow/calf class (see cow/calf rules).
3. Classes will be broken as proportionately to weight and class size as possible. Purebred and ShorthornPlus steers exhibit in different shows. Classes will be broke at the discretion of show officials after check-in is complete.
4. ShorthornPlus steers must be 25% Shorthorn or higher to be eligible to show. This rule is for steers ONLY. Purebred steers must have a purebred registration paper.
5. Purebred steer divisions will be:
 - o Prospect Steers: 900 lbs. and lighter
 - o Market Steers: 901 lbs. and heavier
 - o Bred & Owned - the top placing B&O steer in each class will be asked to come back to compete for the Bred & Owned. Prospect and Market will not show together for Bred and Owned.
6. ShorthornPlus steer divisions:
 - o Prospect Steers: 900 lbs. and lighter
 - o Market Steers: 901 lbs. and heavier
 - o Bred & Owned - the top placing B&O steer in each class will be asked to come back to compete for the Bred & Owned. Prospect and Market will not show together for Bred and Owned.
7. Steers will be weighed on check-in day. Steers may be weighed back upon entering the showing.



Stock Show University is a FREE educational clinic open to all stock show youth and adults, compliments of Sullivan Supply. A clinic will be hosted during Shorthorn Junior Nationals. This is all free of charge! Focus will be on showmanship, feeding, daily hair and animal care, show day grooming, and how to achieve that champion look, taught by the best and most talented 'professors' in the business. For more information visit sullivansupply.com.

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ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN JUNIOR SHORTHORN ASSOCIATION.
ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST PAY EXHIBITOR FEE TO COMPETE IN CONTESTS.

All contests for individuals will have FOUR age divisions (see below).

All contestants must go through contest registration online for individual contests. **EXHIBITORS MUST SIGN UP FOR INDIVIDUAL CONTESTS ONLINE BEFORE JUNIOR NATIONAL. **Showmanship is included for online sign-up, you will not be able to sign-up for showmanship at junior national.**** Advisors will submit teams for team contests. Team rosters may be changed after sign-up, until the day before the contest. Members of a team may not change on the day of the contest.

Contestant back numbers will be assigned and used for identification purposes in all contests and must be worn in showmanship. These numbers are not the same as the heifer show back numbers. Numbers for team/state contests will also be issued for identification purposes when necessary.

If a junior is participating in multiple contests and they are scheduled for a certain time and may miss this time because of another contest they will be bumped to the end. The only way to be moved for time is if the junior is participating in multiple contests.

Judges are NOT required to complete scoresheets, they are given them as a guideline for judging. They are encouraged to complete the sheets.

Scoresheets are not required to be returned to participants. If scoresheets are returned, they will be returned to an advisor to distribute following the awards ceremony.

Random Top 5 will be posted by the morning following the contest.

This is just general rules for contests. Be sure to read each contest rules for specific contest information. Rules are at the discretion of ASA staff and the ASA board of directors.

Contest age divisions:

(as of January 1)

Prospector I: 5 to 9 years

Prospector II: 10 to 12 years

Intermediate: 13 to 16 years

Senior: 17 to 21 years

If any individual participates in a "team" contest with someone of a different age division, the team must participate in the oldest contestant's age division unless the contest rules don't allow competing in a different age division.
For showmanship, the Prospector I age division matches show rules (must be 7).

ART & ETC. CONTEST

The purpose of this contest is for AJSA members to display their artistic skills while promoting the Shorthorn breed. Contestants can create a variety of projects including painting, wood work, metal work and more.

- 1) Juniors with any special 'artistic' skill (painting, sculpture, artistic posters, etc.) may put their talents on display at Junior Nationals.
- 2) There is a division for "refurbished" items. This will be all ages together and may not be entered in any other division. These items must be used for intended purposes to be entered in refurbished. (ex: refurbishing a lamp and still using it as a lamp.)
- 3) The contest will be judged by a group of amateurs instructed simply to do their best.
- 4) Entries must promote the Shorthorn breed in some way.
- 5) Exhibitors are allowed to enter as many as TWO entries in this contest; however, only one entry per exhibitor will be able to place in the top five. This includes the entire contest (2 in refurbished division OR 2 in regular division OR 1 in each).
- 6) A signed statement of originality, that will include a short description about the process and supplies used to create the entry, will accompany it upon check-in. Duplication of entries in subsequent years is not permitted. a) Included on the statement of originality is an agreement to consign your project to a fundraiser if the item is selected. You may agree to consign, but you are not obligated to.

7) Judging criteria will consist of:

- Quality of craftsmanship
- Originality/creativity
- Promotion of Shorthorns
- Difficulty of medium used
- Overall artistic appeal
- Refurbished - used for intended purpose (only used for refurbished division)

KRUSE RANCH BEEF COOK-OFF CONTEST

The objective of this contest is to encourage creativity and team work in the presentation as well as teach AJSA members about the beef industry.

- 1) Each state or state group may be represented by a maximum of two teams. Teams must have 4 people. Each team must include one Prospector (12 and under).
- 2) A team may be composed of members of more than one state only if they are unable to fulfill the above mentioned requirements. Discrepancies to this rule will be subject of the discretion of the show officials. No points will be awarded towards the Outstanding State Group Award for teams made up of more than one state.
- 2) Product cooked will be the same for all teams. **Teams are required to use Mock Tender Steak.** If designated cut is not used, team risks disqualification.
- 3) Cooks may begin preparations anytime on contest day to be ready for judging at

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the designated time.

4) One table will be provided; teams must supply additional materials. Cooking items, all props, etc., must be provided by the individual teams. Any cook method is allowed. Adults may help during this process.

5) NO alcoholic beverages may be used in the recipe, presentation, or be presented to the judges.

6) Time limit: 3-4 minutes for presentation; 5 minutes for judges' questions. At the conclusion of the 3-minute presentation time limit a time keeper will indicate time is up. For every 30 seconds under/over the presentation time limit, 5 points will be deducted from the presentation score.

7) All presentations will be set up in one common area, with the judges going from table to table to complete the judging.

8) SKIT or PRESENTATION promoting your cooked beef product and the beef industry will be done in front of the judging panel, and food will be tasted simultaneously. There will be THREE judges.

9) Each team must submit a copy of their recipe to AJSA. This copy will not be returned. You must give this to a judge at time of judging.

10) Questions may be asked by the judges.

11) Judging criteria will consist of:

(a) Presentation:

1. Creativity: 15

2. Teamwork: 15

3. Knowledge of product and industry: 20

(b) Beef Product: Whole Sale Cuts of Beef

1. Taste: 20

2. Presentation of food: 20

3. Originality: 10

12) A champion in the Recipe Division and the Showmanship Division will be awarded. Additionally, five placings will be awarded overall. State points will only be given for the overall top five placings.

13) The team MUST be ready to present at the posted time. If you are missing team members because of another contest you will be bumped to the end. You will be given a new presentation time that you must be ready to present your meal.

14) Teams may prepare and present in the same area or prepare in one and present in another depending on location that year.

15) Microphones may be used if needed by location.

16) Refer to materials on juniorshorthorn.org for information on primal cuts and beef facts.

AMS ONLINE SALES CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The purpose of this contest is to help prepare AJSA members for their future.

Through creating a resume, cover letter and the interview, participants will gain many skills that can help them in their future career.

1) This contest is for the senior division only.

2) Participants must submit a resume, cover letter & their selected job description in PDF format by May 15 to contests@shorthorn.org.

a) Resumes cannot exceed two pages in length. Resumes will be evaluated by the judges on organization, content, grammar, layout and relevance.

b) Cover Letter is limited to one page, describing additional job qualifications and background to accompany the resume and job description.

c) Contestants will pick from the three provided job descriptions available at juniorshorthorn.org

3) Contest judges will receive participants resume, cover letter and job description before the contest to review.

4) Only judges, contestant and junior board or ASA staff member will be allowed in the room for this contest.

5) Interviews will be a maximum of 15 minutes. Interview order will be set at 20 minute intervals.

6) Participants are allowed to bring copies of their resume, cover letter and job description. No other materials are allowed.

7) Participants should wear business casual or business professional attire for the

interview portion.

8) Participants will receive written comments and critique on their resume, cover letter and interview to be returned after the awards ceremony.

9) Judges will place participants based on their resume, cover letter and interview.

FERGUSON SHORTHORNS CATTLEMAN'S WRITTEN TEST

The purpose of the Cattleman's Written Test is for AJSA members to show their individual knowledge on the Shorthorn breed, the cattle industry and the beef industry.

1) The quiz will consist of multiple choice questions.

a) PI/PII - 25 questions

b) Intermediate - 35 questions

c) Senior - 45 questions

2) One hour will be allowed for contestants to complete this quiz. Ten-minute warnings will be given after 30 minutes have passed.

3) Contestants may NOT bring notes, books, or reference materials to the quiz area.

4) Conferring with other contestants or the use of notes or any form of cheating will result in disqualification.

5) Junior board will assist for reading words, they will not read entire tests.

Contestants must be able to read tests to compete.

6) Contestant will be provided with writing utensils at the contest.

7) Each test will have 5 additional questions that are only used for breaking ties. They will not be used for the grading of the test.

8) Tests will NOT be returned to competitors.

CINDY CAGWIN DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

The purpose of the Digital Photography contest is to allow AJSA members to show their creativity behind the lens and on the computer. Contestants will enhance or alter and Agriculture picture for judging.

1) Digitally Enhanced Photo Contest (Intermediate and Senior age divisions only)

2) This category refers to photos that have been enhanced or altered in some way using a computer program such as Photoshop.

3) The contest will select the best 'Agriculture picture'. Candid shots, scenic pasture views – a picture featuring any aspect of agriculture will be accepted.

4) Photography should concentrate on all aspects of good composition and quality photography.

5) Any form of digital enhancement is allowed (i.e. photoshop techniques, color alteration, captioning, etc.)

6) Judging criteria will consist of:

Quality of image (focus, light, balance, etc.)

Use of enhancement effects

Good angle/viewpoint

Captures moment well

Originality/creativity

Emphasis on Agriculture

Overall appeal

7) ALL entries must be emailed by May 15 to contests@shorthorn.org.

8) Entries will not be accepted at NJSS.

9) Entries will be judged in advance by a panel of judges and displayed on screens the week of NJSS.

10) Exhibitors are allowed to enter as many as two photos in this contest; however, only one entry per exhibitor will be able to place in the top five.

11) A statement of originality must accompany the entry when it is emailed.

12) All entries become the property of the American Shorthorn Association.

13) Duplication of entries in subsequent years is not permitted.

14) Camera timer settings may not be used; therefore, the junior submitting the entry may not appear in the photo

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GRAPHIC DESIGN CONTEST

The purpose of the Graphic Design contest is for Intermediate & Senior exhibitors to display their creativity by designing an advertisement promoting the below topics. These ads have the potential to be published in the Shorthorn Country. This contest helps exhibitors learn design computer software while promoting the Shorthorn breed.

- 1) Entries in this contest should serve as a promotional tool for the given topic of each age division to promote the topic to the public. The winning ad may be published in the Shorthorn Country.
- 2) Designs (Ads) may be creative as well as informative. They may feature words, pictures, collages, objects, or any other appropriate item for promoting the contestant's topic.
- 3) Judging criteria will consist of:
 - Clear message
 - Clever verbage
 - Eye-catching appeal
 - Originality/creativity
 - Promotion of the appropriate topic
 - Visual Flow
 - Overall effectiveness
- 4) All entries must be emailed by May 15 to contests@shorthorn.org. Must be submitted as a PDF.
- 5) Entries must be 8.5x11 to fit Shorthorn Country Guidelines. (Live Print Area is 7.485" x 9.833")
- 6) All entries must be able to provide via email any pictures, fonts, or graphics used (this will be for Shorthorn Country to be able to print in the magazine)
- 7) Exhibitors are allowed to enter as many as two ads in this contest; however, only one entry per exhibitor will be able to place in the top five.
- 8) A statement of originality must accompany the entry when emailed.
- 9) Duplication of entries in subsequent years will not be permitted.
- 10) Ads for each age division should promote the following topics
 - a) Intermediate (13 to 16 years) – promote the AJSA
 - b) Senior (17 years and up) – promote Shorthorn Beef
- 11) Contact shelby@shorthorn.org for the AJSA or Shorthorn Beef Logo.

INSKEEP FARMS HERDSMAN QUIZ BOWL CONTEST

The purpose of the Herdsman Quiz Bowl is for AJSA members to show their knowledge on the Shorthorn breed, the cattle industry and the beef industry. Contestants will work together as a team of four to compete for Champion Quiz Bowl Team.

- 1) Each state or state group may be represented by a maximum of two teams competing for points. A team MUST consist of four participants, including two Prospectors (12 and under), one intermediate, and one senior. There can be no teams of less than 4 or ones that don't have the required ages. No bumping juniors up for older divisions.
- 2) A team may be composed of members of more than one state only if they are unable to fulfill the above mentioned requirements. Discrepancies to this rule will be subject of the discretion of the show officials. No points will be awarded towards the Outstanding State Group Award for teams made up of more than one state.
- 3) Some questions will be (toss-up) free for all to answer; others will be designated for only a specific age division to answer, giving everyone a chance to buzz in. You will be given 8 seconds to answer after you buzz in.
- 4) Teams may not bring notes, books, phone or reference materials into the quiz area.
- 5) Conferring with any other contestants, use of notes or any form of cheating will be grounds for disqualification.
- 6) Contestants will use buzzers to buzz-in to answer quiz questions. If you buzz-in before question is completed you do not get the rest of question etc.
- 7) Members of competing teams may not be in the quiz room while other teams are participating.
- 8) Heats will be broken and set based on number of teams entered in the contest in bracket elimination form.

9) If any team member is not present at the time their round begins, that member will be banned from competing and the team must proceed without that member for the remainder of the contest.

10) Placings for 3-5 will be determined by most points/questions answered correctly in previous rounds.

11) Tie breakers will consist of 3 questions. If still tied, teams will enter into sudden death where the first team to answer correctly wins.

Spectators are only allowed for the final championship round. Teams must remain in separate area until their turn. Their phones will be taken and returned after they are done competing.

HIGH POINT AWARD

The purpose of the High Point Contest is to recognize the top five AJSA exhibitors in each age division for their participation and placing in contests throughout the week. The point system is broke down below. Exhibitors receive points for participation and additional points for placing in contests. This contest also recognizes the state that went above in beyond in participation and placing in contests.

1) Prospector Divisions I and II

a) Point System:

- (1) Art & Etc.: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
- (2) Photography: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
- (3) Poster: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
- (4) Showmanship: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
- (5) Speech: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
- (6) Team Fitting: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
- (7) Team Sales: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
- (8) Livestock Judging: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
- (9) Written Test: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
- (10) Participation: 2 additional points per contest, 5 points for exhibiting cattle, 3 points for completion of Mentor Apprentice

Ties will be broken based on the number of higher placing contests

2) Intermediate and Senior Divisions

a) Point System

- (1) Art & Etc.: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
- (2) Photography: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
- (3) Digital Photo 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
- (4) Graphic Design: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
- (5) Showmanship: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
- (6) Speech Contest: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
- (7) Career Develop: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
- (8) Team Fitting: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
- (9) Team Sales: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
- (10) Judging: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
- (11) Written Test: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
- (12) Participation: 2 additional points per contest, 5 points for exhibiting cattle, 3 points for completion of Mentor Apprentice

Ties will be broken based on the number of higher placing contests

3) Point System for Outstanding Junior Association Competition

- 1) Art & Etc.: 1st - 8 pts; 2nd - 6 pts; 3rd - 4 pts; 4th - 2 pts; 5th - 1 pt
- 2) Beef Cook-Off: 1st - 8 pts; 2nd - 6 pts; 3rd - 4 pts; 4th - 2 pts; 5th - 1 pt
- 3) Quiz Bowl: 1st - 8 pts; 2nd - 6 pts; 3rd - 4 pts; 4th - 2 pts; 5th - 1 pt
- 4) Photography: 1st - 8 pts; 2nd - 6 pts; 3rd - 4 pts; 4th - 2 pts; 5th - 1 pt
- 5) Digitally Photo: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 1 pt
- 6) Poster/Graphic: 1st - 8 pts; 2nd - 6 pts; 3rd - 4 pts; 4th - 2 pts; 5th - 1 pt
- 7) Showmanship: 1st - 8 pts; 2nd - 6 pts; 3rd - 4 pts; 4th - 2 pts; 5th - 1 pt
- 8) Speech: 1st - 8 pts; 2nd - 6 pts; 3rd - 4 pts; 4th - 2 pts; 5th - 1 pt
- 9) Career Develop: 1st - 8 pts; 2nd - 6 pts; 3rd - 4 pts; 4th - 2 pts; 5th - 1 pt
- 10) State Basket: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
- 11) Team Sales: 1st - 8 pts; 2nd - 6 pts; 3rd - 4 pts; 4th - 2 pts; 5th - 1 pt

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- 12) Livestock Judging: 1st - 8 pts; 2nd - 6 pts; 3rd - 4 pts; 4th - 2 pts; 5th - 1 pt
 - 13) Written Test: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
 - 14) Participation points - 2 additional points per contest per state, 1 point per conference session in which ALL state delegates are present
 - 15) Philanthropy: 1st - 8 pts; 2nd - 6 pts; 3rd - 4 pts; 4th - 2 pts; 5th - 1 pt (Placing will be calculated by % of # of exhibitors from the state)
 - 16) State Opening Ceremony Enthusiasm: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pt
 - 17) Tailgate: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pt
- Ties will be broken based on the number of higher placing contests*

JUNIOR HERDSMAN

The purpose of this award is to recognize an outstanding AJSA member who exhibits a strong work ethic, dedication to the breed, and the ability to present their animals.

- 1) Any senior member (ages 17-21) exhibiting cattle at the NJSS is eligible to receive this award.
- 2) An individual may only receive the award once.
- 3) A nomination committee will be selected by ASA staff to evaluate the senior exhibitors Monday - Wednesday and select 3-5 individuals to be voted on by NJSS exhibitors.
- 4) Nomination committee will evaluate senior exhibitors on the following traits: hardworking, general involvement, role model, interaction with breeders/juniors, represents/advocates for Shorthorn breed.
- 5) The selected 3-5 individuals will be announced Wednesday evening and promoted on social media Thursday and Friday.
- 6) Each exhibitor will need to vote Saturday by 9:00 a.m.
- 7) The junior herdsman will be announced before the grand drive of the Purebred Owned show on Saturday.

SHORTHORN COUNTRY LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

The main objective of the Livestock Judging Contest is to help youth learn how to evaluate cattle.

- 1) Age divisions:
 - a) Prospector I (5 to 9 years)
 - b) Prospector II (10 to 12 years)
 - c) Intermediate (13 to 16 years)
 - d) Senior (17 years and up)
- 2) There will be no talking during the contest. If participants are caught talking, their cards will be taken and they will be asked to leave the contest.
- 3) The contest will include 4 classes (12 minutes per class). There will be 10 questions.
- 4) Ties will be split based on the score on the hardest class.
- 5) PI will only judge two classes and one questions class (for tiebreakers ONLY) and then be dismissed.

CINDY CAGWIN PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The purpose of the Photography contest is to allow AJSA members to show their creativity behind the lens while promoting the Shorthorn breed. Entries will be submitted via email and judged before NJSS.

- 1) Photography Entries may be made by any age division
- 2) The contest will select the best 'Shorthorn picture.' Candid shots, scenic pasture views - any picture featuring a Shorthorn will be accepted.
- 3) Photography should concentrate on all aspects of good composition and quality photography.
- 4) Judging criteria will consist of:
 - Quality of image (focus, light, balance, etc.)
 - Well-positioned center of interest
 - Good angle/viewpoint
 - Captures moment well
 - Originality/creativity
 - Emphasis on Shorthorns

Overall appeal

- 5) ALL entries must be emailed by May 15 to contests@shorthorn.org. Entries must be a high-resolution .jpg file.
- 6) Entries will not be accepted at NJSS.
- 7) Entries will be judged in advance by a panel of judges and displayed on screens the week of NJSS.
- 8) No digital enhancements to the photo are allowed. Cropping is ok.
- 9) Captions are not allowed on the pictures.
- 10) Captions may be summarized on the Statement of Originality form.
- 11) Exhibitors are allowed to enter as many as two photos in this contest; however, only one entry per exhibitor will be able to place in the top five.
- 12) A statement of originality must accompany the entry when it is emailed.
- 13) All entries become the property of the American Shorthorn Association.
- 14) Duplication of entries in subsequent years is not permitted.
- 15) Camera timer settings may not be used; therefore, the junior submitting the entry may not appear in the photo.

PROMOTIONAL POSTER (PI & PII) CONTEST

The purpose of the poster contest is for Prospector I & Prospector II to create a poster promoting the below topics. The posters will be displayed and judged during the National Junior Shorthorn Show.

- 1) Entries in this contest should serve as a promotional tool for the given topic of each age division to promote the topic to the public.
- 2) Posters may be creative as well as informative. They may feature words, pictures, collages, objects, or any other appropriate item for promoting the contestant's topic.
- 3) Judging criteria will consist of:
 - Neatness of construction
 - Clear message
 - Clever verbage
 - Makes wise use of poster space
 - Eye-catching appeal
 - Originality/creativity
 - Promotion of the appropriate topic
 - Majority of work done by individual
 - Overall effectiveness
- 4) All entries should be on regular poster board (22"x 28") and be light enough for hanging.
- 5) Exhibitors are allowed to enter as many as TWO posters in this contest; however, only one entry per exhibitor will be able to place in the top five.
- 6) A statement of originality will accompany the entry upon check-in.
- 7) Duplication of entries in subsequent years will not be permitted.
- 8) Posters for each age division should promote the following topics:
 - a) Prospector I (9 years and under) - promote NJSS
 - b) Prospector II (10 to 12 years) - promote Shorthorn beef

SULLIVAN SUPPLY SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

The purpose of Showmanship is to evaluate youth on their ability to show their animal. Exhibitors will be judged on only their showmanship ability until the final round of the senior division. The top ten seniors will fit and show their animals for final evaluation by the judges. Fitting will only be a portion of the final evaluation by the judges.

- 1) Age Divisions for Showmanship are as follows (all as of Jan. 1):
 - Peewee: 3-6 (must be accompanied by an adult)
 - Prospector I: 7-9
 - Prospector II: 10-12
 - Intermediate: 13-16
 - Senior: 17-21
- *Exhibitors will be randomly placed in heats in their age division. Ages within the age division will be mixed.**
- 2) Any junior may enter on payment of an exhibitor fee on Junior National entry form. Showmanship contestants do not have to be an exhibitor in the National Junior Show but must use an animal that is entered in the show. **YOU MUST ENTER FOR SHOWMANSHIP DURING ONLINE NJSS ENTRY.** Entries for showmanship will not be

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accepted at NJSS.

- 3) Animals must not be fitted for the contest. Judges may switch cattle, ask questions, or use any other method they wish to arrive at their selections.
- 4) 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.
- 5) Exhibitor numbers will be issued. Therefore, show harnesses must be worn.
- 6) PI and PII will be placed and given awards for 1st-5th at time of finals. Intermediate will be placed and given awards for 1st-10th at time of finals.
- 7) The top 10 seniors will be announced randomly. These top 10 seniors will come back after the completion of the day (scheduled for 5 pm) to fit animals and show again for top placings. The senior finalists will be given 45 minutes to fit their animal. All placings will be announced during the final drive of showmanship.
- 8) The same animal must be used for the duration of the showmanship contest.
- 9) There will be a peewee class for juniors 6 years of age and under. They must be accompanied by an adult.
- 10) If you miss your heat you will not be allowed to enter another heat.
- 11) You cannot enter the ring after the class has begun walking.
- 12) Show order:
 - Ring 1: Senior followed by Prospector I
 - Ring 2: Intermediate followed by Prospector II
 - Peewee will show in whichever ring is completed first.
- 13) BULLS CAN NOT BE SHOWN.
- 14) We will call for showmanship heats at least once for each heat.
- 15) You are required to sign-up online before junior national to be eligible to compete in showmanship.

MBAR SHORTHORNS SPEECH CONTEST

The purpose of the Speech Contest is to encourage public speaking in American Junior Shorthorn Association members. This contest can develop speaking skills, character and leadership while promoting the beef industry.

- 1) No limit to the number of entrants per state.
- 2) ALL speech participants must submit a video giving their speech by May 15 to contests@shorthorn.org. Judges will evaluate the submitted videos for the age divisions with more than 15 participants. The judges will select a top 15 that will compete at junior national for placing. The top 15 will be notified if they have made it to the placing round. The elimination round and placing round will each have a different set of judges.
- 3) Prospector Division I (5 to 9 years) and Prospector Division II (10 to 12 years)
 - a) Duplication of Speech from previous years is not permitted. See topic below.
 - b) Time limit: 2-4 minutes. For speech time limit, 1 point for every 20 seconds over/under will be taken off the speaker's score. For example: speech lasts 4 minutes and 20 seconds, deduction of 1 point. Maximum time limit deduction will be 5 points.
 - c) Dress: School clothes
 - d) Judges may ask questions of the speakers; no points will be allotted for questions.
 - e) Doors will be barred during each speech
 - f) No props will be allowed during the speech – only note cards may be used to aid while giving the speech
- 4) Intermediate Division (13 to 16 years) and Senior Division (17 to 21 years)
 - a) Time limit: 4-6 minutes. For Speech time limit, 1 point will be taken off the speaker's score for every 10 seconds under/over. For example: speech lasts 6 minutes and 20 seconds, deduction of 2 points. Maximum time limit deduction will be 15 points.
 - b) Dress: Business Casual
 - c) Judges will ask questions of the speakers; limited to 2-3 minutes.
 - e) Doors will be barred during each speech
 - f) No props will be allowed during the speech – only note cards may be used to aid while giving the speech
- 5) Speaking Topics:

- a) PI Topic: Why did you decide to set sail with Shorthorn?
- b) PII Topic: What is the most vital part of your family's operation?
- c) Intermediate Topic: How is urban expansion detrimental to the cattle industry?
- d) Senior Topic: How should we integrate Artificial Intelligence into the cattle industry?

All age divisions will have the same scoring criteria.

You can find a sample scoresheet and rubric at juniorshorthorn.com

STATE BASKET CONTEST

- 1) This competition will be judged on:
 - (a) Theme concept and continuity – 15 points
 - (b) Creativeness – 15 points
 - (c) Organization of materials – 10 points
 - (d) Overall effectiveness – 10 points

All state baskets must fit within the confines of ONE table provided. You may place larger items below the table and items can be tall on the table but no tents or items larger than the table.

Each basket will be auctioned off in a silent auction. ½ of the proceeds will be given to the state that created the basket the other ½ will be given to the AJSA. The theme is based on the NJSS theme.

STATE COOK-OFF/TAILGATE PARTY

- 1) States will participate in the state cook-off contest to win points for outstanding state.
- 2) This will take place outside similar to a tailgate.
- 3) It is suggested to set up a tent and decorations related to your state.
- 4) Must provide sample size food.
 - a) Provide approximately 700 samples.
 - b) Try to relate the food to your state. (ex: Wisconsin - Cheese Curds)
- 5) Exhibitors and those who purchased meal packets will be given a ticket. Once they have tried samples, they will vote for their favorite food by placing the ticket in the states jar. The states will be given points toward outstanding state based on the number of tickets in their jar.
- 6) Each state is encouraged to bring corn hole boards for the corn hole tournament led by the junior board.

SULLIVAN SUPPLY TEAM FITTING CONTEST

The purpose of the Team Fitting contest is to encourage AJSA members to work as a team while fitting an animal for the show ring.

- 1) A team age divisions:
 - a) Prospector (5 to 12 years) * 1 supervising adult allowed in arena
 - b) Intermediate (13 to 16 years)
 - c) Senior (17 years and up)
- 2) A team shall consist of FOUR people, of any sex and from any state combination. Points will be awarded towards individual high point awards, no points will be awarded towards the Outstanding State Group Award.
- 3) A team member must wear a show harness with an exhibitor number issued by show officials.
- 4) Contestants must bring any and all materials needed to the fitting area – generators are strongly encouraged depending on facility power sources.
- 5) Contestants may not use inappropriate fitting methods. Unethical fitting situations include, but are not limited to:
 - 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; the use of paint is allowed as long as it does NOT change the original color of the animal.
 - b) The addition of any hair or hair like substances (including twine), false tailheads, and false polls (false tail switches are allowed);
- 6) Time limit: 25 minutes

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- 7) Clippers may be used at the discretion of team members.
- 8) After fitting time, each entry will be held in line by one of the fitters to be viewed by the judges.
- 9) Judges will base placing on both fitting techniques and final results.
 - a) There will be 3-5 judges.
- 10) In the event of sub final or final heat:
 - a) Teams will be allowed 5 minutes back in the chute
- 11) Criteria for Supervising adult in Prospector division:
 - a) Adult may not help, touch animal, or assist prospectors except in the case of preventing injury.
 - b) Adult may not tell prospectors what to do, but may give encouraging advice.
 - c) Animals may enter the ring with a show halter in the prospector division only.

TRANS OVA GENETICS TEAM SALESMANSHIP CONTEST

The purpose of the Team Salesmanship Contest is to give juniors experience in a real life scenario of selling an animal or product. This contest promotes team work, communication, marketing and more.

- 1) Senior Division (17 years and over)
 - a) The team shall consist of two juniors
 - b) Senior competitors will present their Shorthorn business plan to the bank to receive a loan. This senior team will come prepared to this competition and they will base their plan on them just graduating college with \$500, 10 cows and owning no land.
 - c) Allotted presentation time: 4-6 minutes. The judges will have three minutes for questions.
 - d) 1 point will be taken off the speaker's score for every additional 30 seconds under/over.
 - e) Judging criteria the same as for Intermediate and Prospector divisions.

- 2) Intermediate Division (13 to 16 years)
 - a) The team shall consist of two juniors, The team will be selling a Trans Ova Product or Service.
 - b) Competition will consist of two parts
 - i) Each junior will speak two minutes with the comments directed to the panel acting as potential customers. Presentation time is limited to a total of six minutes.
 - ii) Juniors will be questioned by the panel as potential consumers (limited to three minutes).
 - c) A team may use as many sales tools as they deem necessary - teams must provide their own sales tools.
- 3) Prospector Contest: Division I (9 years and under) Division II (10 to 12 years)
 - a) The team shall consist of two juniors, at least one with a calf at the Junior National. The team will bring an animal to the competition area and will present, promote and generally "sell" the entry to the judging panel. Cattle should not be fitted beyond being clipped and blown out.
 - b) Competition will consist of two parts
 - i) Each junior will speak up to 2 minutes each with each team member speaking equal parts. The comments directed to the panel acting as potential customers. Presentation time is limited to a total of four minutes.
 - ii) Juniors will be questioned by the panel as potential buyers (limited to three minutes).
 - c) A team may use as many sales tools as they deem necessary - teams must provide their own sales tools.
 - d) Microphones will not be used
 - f) 1 point will be taken off the speaker's score for every additional 30 seconds under/over.

All age divisions will have the same scoring criteria.

You can find a sample scoresheet and rubric at juniorshorthorn.org

RULES FOR ELECTION OF AJSA BOARD

Election of Board of Directors: All candidates MUST submit a written application that is available from the ASA Director of Youth Activities. Junior board applications will be collected in the ASA office by the designated deadline during the current election year. Candidates for election must be nominated from the floor at the Jr. National Youth Conference meeting. A maximum of two new Board of Directors from each state and/or Junior State Association are allowed to be elected at the same time or year. Each state is allowed a maximum of two candidates running for the board each year. If more than two are interested, the state makes the selection for the two candidates who will represent that state.

- A. Open interviews with the state delegates will be conducted at Youth Conference.
- B. Junior Board candidates will be interviewed by three qualified industry leaders, normally including but not limited to the ASA Executive and AJSA advisors. The individuals interviewing the candidates will rank them in the same manner that the delegates would. The interview process represents 30% of each candidate ranking toward their total score.

Delegate Representation to Elect Board Members: Each state and/or state association shall appoint two delegates to represent that state at the Junior National Youth Conference meeting normally held at the Junior National. A state may be represented by only one junior organization from each state. Those delegates would vote to elect the Board of Directors at Youth Conference meeting. Each delegate must be a member in good standing of the AJSA in order to serve as a delegate. Said delegates must be AJSA members that are 15 years of age or older. If the association does not have two members present fulfilling this age requirement, they may have younger delegates. All delegates must be junior members of the ASA (AJSA members) and be a member in good standing. The definition of a member in good standing is one that does not have over a 90-day balance on their account with the ASA.

- A. Vote Distribution: Election will be conducted at the Youth Conference in the following manner: The number of votes received by each State will be determined by the number of members of the American Junior Shorthorn Association within that Junior Association. (If two states officially become one junior association, i.e. Dakota Plains, they will vote as one association. The number of members from each of the states

represented will be added to determine the votes the Junior Association gets. So long as no other association is representing either state.)

1. If the State has 0-75 members in the AJSA the state receives 2 ballots representing 2 votes.
 2. If the State has 76- 250 members in the AJSA the state receives 3 ballots representing 3 votes.
 3. If the State has 251 or more members in the AJSA the state receives 4 ballots representing 4 votes.
 4. The number of Junior Members will be determined at the time and date entries close for the Junior National Show and Youth Conference.
 5. Each Current AJSA Board of Director will receive one ballot representing 1 vote each.
- B. Scoring of Votes: During voting, ONLY delegates of the same junior association will be able to confer. Ballots from one state association do not have to have the same rankings. Each ballot will have all the candidates listed on it. The ballot will be filled out by ranking the candidates in order of preference starting with the first choice as 1 and the second choice as 2 and so on, continuing through the list until all candidates have a ranked number. The ballot must be fill out completely with a ranking for each candidate listed or the ballot will be disqualified.
 1. Delegate and AJSA Board rankings will account for 70% of each candidate's total score.
 2. Interview process with three industry leaders with each candidate will be ranked in order of preference and will account for 30% of each candidate's total score.
 3. The total rankings will be added. The candidate with the lowest score will be the first to become a new Board member the candidate with the second lowest score will be the next new board member and so on until all open positions on the Board are filled.

SOCK DRIVE

Help us to collect socks for those in need while earning points for your state; donate new socks, by the pair or the package. Socks will be tallied and totaled by state (calculated using the percentage of exhibitors from each

state). The top 5 states will win the following points (1st - 8 pts; 2nd - 6 pts; 3rd - 4 pts; 5th - 1 pt) towards the Outstanding State Junior Association.

STATE TAILGATE PARTY

On Thursday, June 20, the states are encouraged to participate in the state tailgate party. States will cook about 700 samples of food to share with exhibitors. This food item can be your state speciality item (ex: Wisconsin cheese curds) or anything you think that exhibitors would enjoy!

Exhibitors will vote on which food they like best and the state with the most

tickets will be awarded points towards outstanding state. This tailgate party is a great way for states to come together and for exhibitors to have fun!

This event is subject to change.

MENTOR APPRENTICE PROGRAM

Mentor-Apprentice- Interested juniors will need to attend the Youth Conference I where Mentor- Apprentice participants will be paired up and given the week's task list. One Prospector (the Apprentice) will be paired up with one Intermediate/Senior (the Mentor) from a separate state. Pairs must NOT be from the same state. Throughout the week the pairs will work together to complete a list of missions which will then be placed in the Golden Hopper. The winning pair, chosen at random from the Golden Hopper, will receive the AJSA Golden Comb. Announcement of the winners will take place at the junior

national awards ceremony, the pair will be deemed "Experts of their Trade" and the apprentice member must retire from future competition until they reach Mentor age.

Be sure to sign-up online...more details available in May!

Shorthorn SideKicks 2024- The 2024 NJSS & Conference will include a program for Shorthorn Sidekicks, age 5-7. The details are TBD.

SHORTHORN LASSIES

Lassie 101 - Designed for girls 13-21 who are interested in becoming a Lassie Queen at either the State or National level. Lassie 101 creates a mentorship between past Queens and prospective Lassies. Current National Queens will help teach the basics such as proper costume attire, how to escort classes into the ring, secrets to help keep the crown in place, and tips and tricks for makeup.

Lassie Princess Hour - Hosted by the National Lassie Association, the annual Lassie Princess Hour is a time for young girls ages 5-12 to partner with the older girls and bond through fun activities and crafts. The goal of the program is to create positive role models and mentors for years to come.

WATCH THE SHOW LIVE

For those of you unable to attend the show, you can view the Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday shows LIVE with Walton Webcasting.



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