

# GENERAL RULES

## POLICY STATEMENT OF THE AMERICAN ANGUS ASSOCIATION

Set forth below are those rules that the American Angus Association has adopted for use at its National, Regional and Regional Preview Junior Angus shows.

The Association would like to use this space to publicly re-affirm its commitment and dedication to these shows of the National Junior Angus Association. Junior Angus shows are primarily held to foster the interests of the participating junior members in the Angus breed as well as to provide them with a special, hands-on opportunity to breed, raise and show Angus cattle. The intended emphasis in the junior shows has always been on competition among peers as well as the development of leadership skills, decision-making skills and a sense of responsibility.

Some of these rules are necessarily based on the honesty and integrity of the participating junior member as well as his or her parents. Many of the most basic rules of the American Angus Association are similarly based. If any participating junior member has a question or concern about what a particular rule means, he or she should write Jaclyn R. Upperman, Director of Events & Education, at 3201 Frederick Avenue, St. Joseph, MO 64506 or e-mail her at [JUpperman@angus.org](mailto:JUpperman@angus.org) to obtain an interpretation. The Association will periodically report on significant interpretations of these rules in the Angus Journal.

RED INDICATES UPDATED RULES AS OF JANUARY 2021.

### I. ELIGIBILITY OF EXHIBITORS AND ENTRIES

1. Exhibitor's must be ages 8-21 as of January 1 of the current year with birthdates ranging from **January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2012** and must be a Junior, Regular or Life Member of the American Angus Association. Junior membership shall be issued only to an individual and shall expire upon attainment of age 21. Participation is acceptable through the calendar year of the individual's 21st birthday.
2. Exhibitors may show up to six entries in the owned heifer category and up to four entries in the steer category (see NJAS section for carcass steer information). They may also show as many bred-and-owned bulls, bred-and-owned heifers, and cow-calf pairs as they wish. Exhibitors in the bred-and-owned categories must be the breeder and the first and continuous owner of the animal entered. "Breeder" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time of service. "First Owner" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time the calf is born. "Continuous Owner" is defined as the recorded owner of the animal without history of transfer.
3. The name and member code listed on the entry form as exhibitor must also be listed on the animal's registration certificate as "owner." Joint ownerships are only allowed on bred-and-owned entries, provided the name and member code of the exhibitor is listed as "breeder" and "first and continuous owner" on the registration certificate.
4. Applications for registration and transfer of ownership must be recorded in the sole name of the exhibitor and postmarked by the ownership deadline indicated for each show. Ownership refers to the process date NOT the sale date. To be eligible to show, the animal must be registered in the sole name of the exhibitor. Farm or ranch names are not allowed, even if the junior is the sole proprietor of the farm or ranch. **NOTE: It is strongly recommended that the junior member exhibitor should provide primary responsibility for the actual day to day care of the entry as it is important to maximize the education and knowledge the junior member gains.** **NOTE:** If you do not have registration papers in your hands **2 weeks prior to the transfer deadline**, please contact the *registration* department **before** the transfer deadline date. **No late transfers will be accepted.**
5. Entries must be postmarked on or before the entry deadline indicated for each show. **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. No substitutes will be accepted after the entry deadline.** *The junior member entering the show is responsible to make sure that the entries are mailed and postmarked to meet all the entry requirements. The American Angus Association is not responsible for entries that are mishandled, incorrectly postmarked or not delivered by the United States Postal Service, United Parcel Service, Federal Express or any other carrier.* **NOTE:** In rules 5 and 6, "postmarked" means postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service. Privately metered entries and applications will not be accepted. **When sending entries by mail, it is highly encouraged to use overnight, registered or certified mail services.**
6. Entry fees MUST accompany each entry form. No refunds will be given after entry deadline. **DO NOT SEND YOUR ORIGINAL REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE, AS YOU MUST HAVE IT WITH YOU WHEN YOU CHECK IN AT THE SHOW!** Please do not send copies of registration papers with entry forms.
7. **An ownership correction after an animal has been exhibited at an American Angus Association sponsored show will result in the ineligibility of showing in any association sponsored junior show for one year, after the date of ownership correction. Ownership correction does not refer to transfer.**
8. **Corrections to an animal's registration regarding ownership or birthdate after entry deadline of NJAA sponsored show will be subject to disqualification from the entered show.**

## II. FITTING AND SHOWING GUIDELINES

1. Each entry must be shown by its owner. If an owner cannot show his/her own animal due to medical reasons, written permission must be obtained from the Director of Events & Education for another junior Angus association member to show the animal. The junior member owner must be present at time of show. In administration of this rule a note of explanation is required from a licensed medical professional to obtain written permission from the Director of Events & Education.
2. If a junior member can't show his /her own animal due to multiple entries in his/her respective class or division, another junior Angus association member is allowed to show the additional entry.
3. Only one person will be allowed to lead each entry in the showing.
4. Any exhibitor who loses control of his/her entry more than twice in the showing will be asked to remove the animal from the ring.
5. All entries must be on time for their respective class. Once the entries in the exhibitor's respective class have begun walking into the profile view, the exhibitor is too late and ineligible to compete.
6. Bulls 12 months of age or older must be shown with a nose lead.
7. All entries are subject to Rule 800: Show Rules of the American Angus Association's rules. Rule 800 includes identification of animals; confirmation and structure; alteration of conformation and structure; exhibitor conduct as well as other rules pertaining to the exhibition of Angus cattle.
8. Under the Association rules each animal for which entry application (registration) is received, may be subjected to DNA marker typing or blood typing to verify both ACCURACY OF PARENTAGE AND BLOOD TYPE as covered under Association rules. Staff of the American Angus Association must supervise the collection of blood samples.

If a recorded parent is excluded (as a parent) as a result of DNA, the owner may request, at his own expense, the Association to determine the actual parent. Failure to determine the sire and dam disqualifies the animal's eligibility in the Angus Herd Book, and the registration certificate becomes null and void.

9. Each exhibitor is responsible for having his/her animal(s) presented in its natural conformation and structure without alteration or modification, except for the grooming of hair and hooves. The exhibition of cattle displaying false hair will not be allowed. Painting of white skin and surgical alteration of an animal's conformation or appearance is prohibited.  
  
Altering the conformation and/or appearance of an animal for exhibition is prohibited. This includes the covering of white skin, false tail heads (or use of any false hair), with the exception of false tail switches. The use of graphite, powders, hemp or other similar substances used externally are also prohibited. Other prohibited products include those used internally such as steroids, illegal or unlicensed pharmaceuticals or artificial filling. Any animal found to be in violation will be barred from showing.  
  
All entries are subject to visual inspection and/or laboratory testing. The exhibitor of any entry found to be in violation of the above rules will forfeit all awards and premiums and may be disqualified from exhibiting at future Association-sponsored shows.
10. Any animal upon check-in, which does not have legible permanent identification marks (ear tattoo marks, freeze-branded marks, or hot branded marks) corresponding to the permanent identification on its registration certificate, is ineligible to show. Once disqualified due to an incorrect, illegible, or absence of a permanent identification mark, animals cannot be permanently identified and re-checked at the show.
11. Junior Angus exhibitors are required to wear tucked-in, collared shirts while in the show ring at all regional preview, regional and National Junior Angus Show. Some shows do have a required dress code that must be worn in order to show. At all other shows, exhibitors should dress appropriately. Dark pants, a white or light-colored shirt, and boots are suggested. Neckties and navy blue or black sweater vests are optional. T-shirts, shorts, athletic shoes, etc. are discouraged. Hats and caps should not be worn.
12. The use of products in aerosol cans in preparing an animal for showing will not be permitted once the animal enters the line-up area for the show. The use of these products in the line-up area will result in the animal being dismissed and not being allowed to show.
13. At any show, no exhibitors, individuals assisting exhibitors or member owners shall be allowed to use any color agents, on any animal exhibited. The Association may adopt and implement various tests designed to monitor this prohibition, including but not limited to a "white towel" or "white glove" test.
14. The use of chin straps to alter the confirmation or appearance of an animal is not allowed in the show ring.
15. International participants must hold a National Junior Angus Association membership and have cattle registered with the American Angus Association.

### III. MISCELLANEOUS

1. **No aisle fan usage will be allowed.** (Fans placed in the aisle directed toward the rear of the animal.)
2. **(REGIONAL AND NATL ONLY) No farm signs will be allowed at shows where exhibitors are stalled by state.**
3. **(REGIONAL AND NATL ONLY) Cattle must be stalled with the state in which their herd is located.**
4. **(NATL ONLY)** No animal shown may be transferred or have a paper corrected after the show with a sale date prior to the show. Such a transfer or correction will cause the animal to be ineligible for competition for any (junior or open) association-sponsored show for one year.  
**(NATL ONLY)** No exhibitor may transfer any portion of his/her ownership of an entry to the member(s) or farm from which he/she purchased the animal until the beginning date of the **2021** National Junior Angus Show. Such a transfer or correction will cause the animal to be ineligible for any (junior or open) association-sponsored show for one year after the conclusion of the **2022** National Junior Angus Show.
5. All division champions and reserve champions may be DNA tested for parent verification. Following analysis, any animal for which further investigation is required will have premiums withheld pending resolution of the inquiry.
6. No nursing cows are allowed on the fairgrounds except those properly entered in accordance with the rules governing the cow-calf classes.
7. All carcass steers must be halter broke to lead and will stall with the other cattle in the barn.
8. **Entries will be released following the conclusion of their specific show. Any animals that leave prior to the conclusion their specific show will forfeit all premiums and awards. For example, bred and owned animals will be allowed to leave at the conclusion of the bred and owned show.**
9. All animals must meet the health requirements for exhibition purposes as required by the state department of animal health for the show being entered.
10. Exhibitors providing pamphlets, samples, instructions, etc., shall remain within their own booth. No roving vendor or solicitor, acting from a profit, non-profit, religious, or other organization, or on its behalf, shall be permitted on the fairgrounds.
11. **No dogs are allowed on the show grounds, unless official documentation is on file with the American Angus Association. Exhibitor complaints may cause removal of dog from the grounds.**

### IV. AGREEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY

It is clearly understood and agreed that the American Angus Association and its officials, officers, directors, employees and agents (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Association") shall not be responsible for any damage, loss or injury to any person or property which is caused directly or indirectly for any reason. The exhibitor, owner, their agents and/or representatives, (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Participants"), agree to indemnify and hold the Association harmless for any damage, injury or loss suffered during or in connection with the national, regional and regional preview junior Angus shows. In the event the Association is subject to any expense or liability, including, but not limited to consultant fees, legal or court costs, the Association management labor and expenses, expenses and/or costs for blood, tissue, urine, hide and/or carcass sampling and testing incurred as a result of the Association's rules and regulations violations and all agreements there under, including, but not limited to unethical fitting, filling, meat tampering, illegal or non-approved use of drugs, medication and/or prohibited substance(s) as a result of participants involvement in the national, regional and regional preview junior Angus shows, participant shall indemnify and hold harmless the Association for all damage, expenses or liabilities incurred as a result thereof. Participant may also be subject to criminal charges.

The participant will have full control, custody, care and feeding of any animal(s) and/or personal property, which are brought on or about the premises of the site of the national, regional, and regional preview junior Angus shows. It is clearly understood and agreed between the parties that, as a material condition to any participant entering or showing at the national, regional, and regional preview junior Angus shows. The Association will at no time have control, custody, or care of any animal(s) and/or personal property, which are brought on or about the national, regional, and regional preview junior Angus show site.

For the overall working of the show, the participant will maintain control, custody, care and feeding for any and all animals and/or personal property in accordance with rules and regulations of the national, regional and regional preview junior Angus shows, and in no way will the Association be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur or be caused by any animal or personal property.

By submitting an application for entry, participants agree to comply with all the rules and regulations governing the national, regional, and regional preview junior Angus shows as published in the rules and governed under the American Angus Association rules. Further, these provisions include total ownership of the entry for the prescribed number of days, continuous possession and care and provisions against unethical fitting, filling, and/or alteration of conformation and color of animals(s), meat tampering and illegal or non-approved use of drugs, medication and/or prohibited substance.

**REMEMBER, bring your registration certificates and be certain that all permanent identification marks are correct and legible.**

**If they are incorrect, illegible, or absent, the animal will not be allowed to show!** If you have any problems concerning permanent identification marks contact the American Angus Association, telephone (816) 383-5100 PRIOR to leaving home.