

## NJAA BEEF SCIENCE POSTER CONTEST

The National Junior Angus Association and the Events and Junior Activities Department of the American Angus Association will co-sponsor a poster contest during the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). Its purpose is threefold: 1) to display the creativity of NJAA members; 2) to share information about prevalent beef science topics; and 3) to provide a fun, educational and competitive activity for interested juniors.

This is an educational, research-based contest. Contestants will pick a veterinary science or animal science based topic that relates to beef cattle production. Contestants will research, and create a poster describing the topic, background, and conclusion for the beef science topic. The contestants of this contest will create a poster prior to NJAS and present an overview of their topic to a panel of judges.

Contestants need to be present at the time of. All posters will be displayed throughout the show. Contestants will compete by presenting their poster to the judges. This should be a 1- 2 minute overview of their topic. Selected entries may be used in the *Angus Journal* or other publications.

Prizes will be presented to the top 3 overall contestants (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placings.)

### Eligibility of Contestants

1. Contestants must be a junior, regular, or life member of the American Angus Association.
2. All work must be that of the entrant. The contestants should write the following information in the upper left-hand corner on the back of the poster: contestant's name; complete address; member code; age (as of Jan. 1 of the current year).
3. This contest is only available to the following age divisions, as of Jan. 1 of the current year: **Junior A (8-10) and Junior B (11-13).**

### Poster Descriptions

4. The posters must be the contestant's current year's work and cannot have been presented for competition at a previous NJAS.
5. Juniors may only enter one poster about a veterinary science or animal science based topic that relates to beef cattle production
  - a. A poster may be exhibited by only one contestant; posters with more than one contestant will be disqualified.
6. Tri-fold boards will not be allowed.
7. Digital design is not allowed. Participants can use drawings or lettering, provided they are the design and handiwork of the entrants. Photographs, magazine clippings, stencils and adhesive letters may be used.
8. Three dimensional posters are not allowed. Poster must be a flat surface.
10. The poster itself will be judged on presentation, accuracy of information, organization, cleanliness and overall effort.
11. See the NJAS schedule for entry deadline. They **should not** be mailed to the Association office. Posters should be turned in during contest check-in.

### Interview

12. Only the judges, contestant, junior board member, American Angus Association staff member, and host state volunteers will be allowed in the contest room.
13. All contests should report to the contest area at the time interviews are set.
14. Contestants will present a 1 – 2 minute overview of their topic. Judges will have 3-5 minutes to ask questions specifically in regards to the presentation.
15. The room will be setup the following way: There will be an easel for the contestant to place their poster when they walk into the room. The easel will face the table with the 3 judges, and the contestant will stand next to their poster. Off to the side there will be a table for a junior board member to keep track of scoresheets and time.
16. The poster will be given to the contestant prior to entering the room. No additional materials or notes are allowed.

### Judging

15. Judging will be by a three-member panel of judges based on 60 points maximum from each judge. Each judge shall total their score and rank the contestants in numerical order on the basis of their score. (Highest score first, lowest score last.)
16. The rankings (not the score) of the three judges shall be added for each entry, and the final placings determined by the lowest composite rankings. Actual scores will be used only to break ties. In the event the participants are still tied, they shall be named co-winners and two awards will be given for that placing and none given for the following placing.