

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 contact the Director of Events & Junior Activities, at events@angus.org or (816) 383-5100 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 2026.

I. ELIGIBILITY OF EXHIBITORS AND ENTRIES

1. Exhibitors must be ages 7-21 as of January 1 of the current year with birthdates ranging from **January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2018** 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 the attainment of age 21. Participation is acceptable through the calendar year of the individual's 21st birthday.
2. Bred and owned animals can be multi-owned provided the name and member code of the junior exhibitor is listed as "breeder" and "first and continuous owner" on the registration certificate. "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. **Owned animals can be multi-owned between siblings as long as all siblings own the animal by the ownership date and are within NJAA show rule ages (as of January 1).**
4. Farm or ranch names are not allowed, even if the junior is the sole proprietor of the farm or ranch. Joint ownerships with farm or ranch names are only allowed on bred-and-owned entries, provided the exhibitor is listed as "breeder" and "first and continuous owner" on the registration certificate.
5. Applications for registration and transfer of ownership must be recorded in the name(s) of the exhibitor(s) by the ownership deadline indicated for each show. **Ownership refers to the process date NOT the sale date. No late transfers will be accepted.**

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.

6. Entries will be submitted **ONLINE ONLY** with accompanying entry fees at the time of entry. No substitutions will be accepted or refunds given after the entry deadlines.

You must have a registration number before completing your online entry form. "PENDING" or "APPLIED FOR" will not, under any circumstances, be accepted online in the registration column on the entry form.

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 & Junior Activities for another junior Angus association member to show the animal. The junior member owner must be present at time of show. In the administration of this rule a note of explanation is required from a licensed medical professional to obtain written permission from the Director of Events & Junior Activities.
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 as listed in the Breeders Reference Guide. 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. The 800 Show Rules supersede the Show Rules published by an Association-approved livestock show, to the extent that there is a conflict.

8. Under the Association rules each animal for which entry application (registration) is received, may be subjected to DNA marker typing to verify accuracy of parentage as covered under Association rules. Staff of the American Angus Association must supervise the collection of DNA 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, which does not have legible primary identification marks (ear tattoo marks, freeze-branded marks, hot branded marks, or electronic identification tag (EID)) corresponding to the primary identification on its registration certificate, upon checking in for the show is ineligible to show. Once disqualified due to an incorrect, illegible, or absence of a primary identification mark, animals cannot be 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. T-shirts, shorts, athletic shoes, etc. are discouraged.
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. **(REGIONAL AND NATL ONLY)** No farm signs will be allowed at shows where exhibitors are stalled by state.
2. **(REGIONAL AND NATL ONLY)** Cattle must be stalled with the state in which their herd is located.
3. **(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.
4. No nursing cows are allowed on the fairgrounds except those properly entered in accordance with the rules governing the cow-calf classes.
5. All animals must meet the health requirements for exhibition purposes as required by the state department of animal health for the show being entered.
6. 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.
7. Dogs are strongly discouraged and will not be allowed in the make-up or show ring areas.

IV. AGREEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY

1. It is clearly understood and agreed that the American Angus Association, its affiliates and their officials, officers, directors, employees and agents (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Association") shall not be responsible for any damage, illness, loss or injury to any person or property arising out of or relating to any party's participation in any national, regional and regional preview junior Angus show ("Event"), whether caused by the negligence or other conduct of the Association or any third party. The exhibitor, owner, their agents, representatives, parents and/or guardians (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Participants"), agree to indemnify and hold the Association harmless from and against any and all damage, injury, illness or loss suffered during or in connection with any Event. In the event the Association is subject to any expense or liability, including, but not limited to consultant fees, legal or court costs, 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 thereunder, 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 Event, Participants shall indemnify and hold harmless the Association from and against all damage, expenses or liabilities incurred as a result thereof. Participant may also be subject to criminal charges.
2. Participants understand the inherent risk and danger of the Event and the potential for injury and illness that exists when participating in any Event. Participants assume all risk of and responsibility for any injury, illness, death, property damage, or property loss that they may suffer in connection with participation in any Event — whether caused by the negligence or other conduct of the Association, third parties, or otherwise. The Association shall not be liable for any consequences of Association's medical treatment of any Participant or Association's decision(s) relating to medical treatment for any Participant.
3. 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, 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.
4. 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.
5. By submitting an application for entry, Participants agree to be bound by and comply with these General Rules and all the rules and regulations governing the Event 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.