

NATIONAL JUNIOR ANGUS SHOW  
SHOW RULES

**GENERAL RULES OF THE AMERICAN ANGUS ASSOCIATION APPLY TO ALL SHOWS. See General Rules of the American Angus Association for the policy statement, eligibility of exhibitors and entries, fitting and showing guidelines and miscellaneous rules.**

Show Categories:

1. There will be classes for bred-and-owned bulls, bred-and-owned heifers, heifers owned but not bred by exhibitor, live steers, carcass steers, bred-and-owned cow-calf pairs and owned cow-calf pairs. You may show up to six (6) owned heifers and as many bred-and-owned animals as you wish. You may also show up to (4) live steers and four (4) carcass steers. Champions will be selected in each category. Champions will also be selected for bred-and-owned steer and bred-and-owned carcass steer, from the owned classes. There will be no overall champion.
2. Entries will be listed in the program in order of age (youngest to oldest), and will be led into the showring in order of program number.
3. Classes will be made up after cattle have been checked-in at the show with no more than 15 head in any class and will follow the American Angus Association Classifications.  
Division champions in the respective categories will be named:  
Cow-Calf Pairs: Two-year-old (cows born July 1, 2021 or after), Mature (cows born June 30, 2021 or before)  
Bred-and-owned bulls: calf, intermediate, junior yearling  
Bred-and-owned heifers: late and early calf, intermediate, late and early junior yearlings, and senior yearling  
Owned heifers: heifer calf division 1, heifer calf division 2, heifer calf division 3, intermediate division 1, intermediate division 2, intermediate division 3, junior yearling division 1, junior yearling division 2, junior yearling division 3, junior yearling division 4, junior yearling division 5, junior yearling division 6, junior yearling division 7, late senior yearling, early senior yearling.  
Phenotype and Genotype Show Heifers  
Phenotype and Genotype Bulls
4. Show classifications for heifers: September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024.
5. Show classifications for bulls: September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024.
6. Show classifications for steers: January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.
7. Show classifications for carcass steers: January 1, 2024 through July 1, 2024 and must have a minimum live weight of 1050 pounds.
8. Any bred-and-owned cow-calf pair may be exhibited provided the cow and calf are both bred-and-owned by the junior exhibitor and the following rules are met:
  - A. Cow must be bred-and-owned by the exhibitor.
  - B. Calf must be the cow's most recent natural calf and must be born on or after September 22, 2024.
  - C. Calf must be registered and tattooed by show date and have original registration certificate.
8. Any cow-calf pair may be exhibited provided the following rules are met by the junior exhibitor:
  - A. Cow must be solely owned by the exhibitor at the time of ownership deadline.
  - B. Calf must be the cow's most recent natural calf and must be born on or after September 22, 2024.
  - C. Calf must be registered and tattooed by show date and have original registration certificate.
9. Steers entered in the carcass contest must be halter broke to lead and will stall with the other cattle in the barn.

Premiums & Awards:

1. Any questions regarding premiums or awards should be forwarded to the Association office no later than six weeks after date of show.
2. Banners and trophies will be awarded to champions in each division and category.
3. A scholarship is provided to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion Bred-and-Owned Heifer by Bob & Marilyn Schlutz. A scholarship is provided to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion Bred-and-Owned Cow Calf Pair by the family of Joel Harrison.

Carcasses:

1st-\$1000; 2nd-\$750; 3rd-\$500; 4th-\$400; 5th-\$350; 6th-\$300; 7th-\$250; 8th-\$200; 9th-\$150; 10th \$100; all others qualifying-\$50.

Dr. Curtis and Ann Long will provide all of the premium, AHIR, and CAB cash awards to the respective winners through a permanent endowment with the Angus Foundation.

To qualify for placing carcasses must have a quality grade of Choice or Prime. Carcasses meeting *CAB*<sup>®</sup> standards will receive an additional 25% in premiums. To do this the carcass must meet minimum show requirements and have a quality grade of average choice or higher. For a copy of the formula used to calculate placing in the carcass contest, please contact the Events and Education Department at the American Angus Association. The carcass steers will be sold using a grid-pricing schedule.

The carcass steers will be evaluated for CAB qualifications per the USDA G1 schedule specifications for the Certified Angus Beef brand.

#### Carcass Specifications

1. "Modest" or higher marbling score (average Choice or higher)
2. Ribeye Area (REA) of 10.0 – 16.0 in.<sup>2</sup>  
Hot Carcass Weight (HCW) less than 1,100 lbs  
Fat Thickness (FT) less than 1.0 inch
3. "A" maturity (youngest classification for beef)
4. Medium to fine marbling texture

#### 5. Other Awards

##### Best Five Head (Owned):

Five individual animals, (owned heifers or owned steers, no cow-calf pairs allowed), entered by three or more exhibitors from a junior Angus association are eligible. Limit: one group per association. Only junior association members may enter the showing. Limit: five holders plus one or two "stickmen". No entry fee. Banners will be awarded for each animal in the top group.

##### Best Five Head (Bred & Owned):

Five individual animals, (bred-and-owned heifers, bred-and-owned bulls and/or bred-and-owned steers, no cow-calf pairs allowed), entered by three or more exhibitors from a junior Angus association are eligible. Limit: one group per association. Only junior association members may enter the showing. Limit: five holders plus one or two "stickmen". No entry fee. Banners will be awarded for each animal in the top group.

Premier Breeder includes the three highest placing animals bred by a single breeder. Champions will be used only in the case of a tie. The winner, to be determined at the conclusion of the show, receives a pewter tray.

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##### State Carcass Group Contest

All rules for eligibility to participate in the NJAA Carcass Steer Show apply to the State Carcass Group Contest. A minimum of two and a maximum of three junior exhibitors from the same state can designate three steers to enter as a group. The groups can be entered at any time following the official carcass steer weigh-in, but must be designated prior to the cattle being shipped to the packing plant for harvest and data collection. Entries can be submitted by completing a State Carcass Group Contest entry form that lists the ear tag (entry) numbers of the three steers comprising the group. The entry form for this contest will be available at the check-in table for carcass steers at the NJAS. No entry fee, independent of that to participate in the individual carcass steer contest, will be assessed to those exhibitors designating cattle for the State Carcass Group Contest. No limit will be placed on the number of groups a state may enter. The Carcass Groups will be ranked using an adjusted group carcass index. Individual carcass index values will be averaged to determine a group index. The range between the low and the high individual indexes within the group will then be subtracted from the group index to determine the adjusted group index. The Carcass Group with the highest adjusted group index will be determined the winner. Points will be appropriately awarded to each state to count toward determining the sweepstakes winner. Awards will be paid announced for the Champion and Reserve Champion State Carcass Group.

Miscellaneous:

1. Stall Assignments: All cattle at the National Junior Angus Show will be stalled by state in the barns and in tie-outs. It is the responsibility of the state junior Angus association to coordinate the stalls for their state within the area assigned to them.
2. Tie-outs: A row in tie-outs will be designated for Cow/calf pens only. Please list on your entry form if you will be using a cow/calf pen.
3. Bedding: A mulch bedding is being provided in barn and tie-outs by American Angus Association.
4. Generators are NOT allowed in or outside the barn or in tie-outs. Please remember stalling assignments are set by state. Exhibitors will need to coordinate with their state advisors.
5. Porta coolers are NOT allowed on grounds!