

NJSA Handbook

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the address and phone number for the NSR office?

A: The address for the NSR Office is: 2639 Yeager Road, West Lafayette, IN 47906, and the phone number is (765)-463-3594.

Q: Who are the NJSA staff?

A: There are two NJSA staff employed by the National Swine Registry. The NSR Junior Activities Coordinator is Ellen Knauth and the Director of Junior Activities is Kaley Bontrager. You can reach Ellen at (765)-463-3594 ext. 101 or ellen@nationalswine.com and Kaley at (765)-463-3594 ext. 109 or kaley@nationalswine.com.

Q: What is the NJSA calendar year?

A: The current NJSA calendar year is August 1-July 31. All ages are as of Jan. 1 of the current NJSA year, and all new policies will be effective beginning Aug. 1, unless otherwise specified.

Q: Where can I find more information about the NJSA?

A: You can find information about the NJSA by visiting the NJSA website, www.nationalswine.com/NJSA, calling the NSR office at (765)-463-3594 or e-mailing Kaley Bontrager, the NSR Director of Junior Activities, at kaley@nationalswine.com.

Q: How can I sign up to be an NJSA member?

A: You can sign up to be an NJSA member on the NJSA website, www.nationalswine.com/NJSA. Click on the “Join the NJSA” link in the center of the homepage and fill out the short form for membership. A certificate and new member information packet will be mailed to you within one month. You can also click on the “Member Packet” link on the right side of the homepage to download the new member packet.

Q: What does it cost to become an NJSA member?

A: NJSA membership is completely free. **However**, a \$15 Junior Show Fee has been added to exhibit at each NJSA event. This fee is to help cover expenses with the NJSA Regional and National Shows. The participation fee will be paid at each show that the NJSA member participates in during the NJSA show calendar year (August 1st – July 31st). This excludes affiliate events.

Q: Do I have to re-new my NJSA membership?

A: You never have to re-new your NJSA membership. Once you sign up to be an NJSA member, you will remain a member until you are no longer 21 years old or younger as of Jan. 1 of the current year.

Q: What do I get as an NJSA member?

A: As an NJSA member, you receive the annual NJSA calendar, the June Youth issue of the *Seedstock EDGE* magazine, e-mail updates and the opportunity to compete in several of our shows and events.

Q: What are the age limits for the NJSA?

A: To be an NJSA member, you must be 21 years old or younger as of Jan. 1 of the current year. There is no minimum age limit; youth can join the NJSA at any age. However, to participate in a NJSA show, the member must be able to exhibit their pig or compete in educational contests on their own with no assistance from ANYONE, including parents, siblings, NJSA Junior Board, NSR Staff, etc. or the member will be disqualified from the competition. Special arrangements can be made beforehand for exhibitors that need it. If you have any

questions regarding this please contact Kaley Bontrager at kaley@nationalswine.com or at 765-463-3594 ext. 109.

Q: What are the age divisions in NJSA?

A: There are four age divisions in the NJSA: Novice (8 and under), Junior (9-12), Intermediate (13-16), and Senior (17-21). All ages are as of Jan. 1 of the current year.

Q: Can I compete in the educational contests (skillathon, judging, photography, poster, speech and ag sales contests) if I'm not exhibiting a gilt or barrow at the show?

A: Yes, you can compete in all educational contests at NJSA events, even if you are not exhibiting a gilt or barrow at the show. However, there is a \$5 participation fee for each contest you wish to participate in if you are not an exhibitor.

Q: When are the ownership deadlines and farrowing dates for each NJSA show?

A: You can find the ownership deadlines and farrowing dates for each show under the NJSA Show & Event Information listed in the handbook. For more up to date information, please check the NJSA Shows & Events webpage on our website, www.nationalswine.com.

Q: What are the health requirements for the show I'm about to attend?

A: A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is required at all NJSA and NSR events. Due to specific state health rules, check the specific show information on the NJSA Shows & Events webpage or call the NSR office to receive a paper copy of ALL health requirements for each NJSA show. These health requirements must be followed or the animal will not be allowed on the grounds.

Q: Do I need a Premises ID Number and how do I get one?

A: Yes, you do need a premises ID number to exhibit at an NJSA event. It is easy to obtain a premises ID number, just go to the NJSA webpage, <http://nationalswine.com/shows/index.php> and click the blue Premises I.D. icon. This will prompt you to open a PDF document where you will then find your state and contact the designated person for your state. You may also contact the NJSA for more information.

Q: Is PQA Plus certification required and how do I become certified?

A: Yes, PQA Plus certification is required for all junior exhibitors participating in an NJSA event. Youth ages 8 and older are required to be Youth PQA Plus certified, while youth 7 and younger must have their parents be Adult PQA Plus certified for them. Current PQA Plus certificates or cards must be presented at check-in for each NJSA show in order to participate. You can become certified by attending the Youth PQA Plus or Adult PQA Plus training sessions that will be available at most NJSA shows, or by contacting the National Pork Board to locate a PQA Plus trainer near you. For more detailed PQA Plus information please call the National Pork Board at (515)-223-2600.

****Certification is now available online at: http://nationalswine.com/library/youth_PQA.php**

Q: I already attended PQA training at a NJSA event, but I have not received my card. Who do I contact to obtain my PQA card?

A: The NJSA does not assign PQA numbers and cards to our exhibitors. Please call the National Pork Board to obtain your PQA card if you have not yet received it at 515.223.2600.

Q: What are the entry fees and late entry fees for NJSA shows?

A: Entry fees that are postmarked on or prior to the entry deadline are \$30 for purebred entries and \$40 for crossbred entries. Entries postmarked after the listed entry deadline (which is considered the late entry fee), are \$60 for purebreds and \$80 for crossbreds. **ALL ENTRIES ARE FINAL. NO REFUNDS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE.**

Q: Can I show my gilt in the junior and the open show?

A: Gilts shown in the NJSA Southeast Regional, National Junior Summer Spectacular, WPX Junior National and NBS Jr. Classic are eligible to be exhibited in the open show and offered for sale, as long as they are double-entered in the name of the junior exhibitor. All double-entered gilts must be entered with both the open show and NJSA junior show entry forms. If the gilt is selected to be in the sale from the open show, she **MUST** be offered for sale through the NSR sale. No hogs can be scratched from the sale after they have been selected from the NSR open show. The owner of the hog has the option to purchase the hog back through the auction and must pay commission on the last bid that purchased the hog. Any hog that is scratched from the sale will be fined the average sale price of that breed, banned from exhibiting for one year, and will be unable to show after one year if the fine has not been paid. If the gilt is double-entered in the open show, she must be entered in the junior exhibitor's name for both shows.

Q: How can I show a crossbred?

A: In order to show a crossbred, you must also enter and SHOW a purebred hog of the same sex. Therefore, you must exhibit at least one purebred gilt for every one crossbred gilt, and at least one purebred barrow for every one crossbred barrow. Crossbreds can be shown at all NJSA shows **EXCEPT** the National Junior Summer Spectacular in Louisville, Kentucky. The one-for-one rule does not apply at affiliate shows (American Royal, NAILE, National Western, Aksarben, or Arizona Junior Nationals) **EXCEPT** it does apply at the National Barrow show in Austin, Minnesota.

Q: What are the weight limits for NJSA shows?

A: The weight limits for all market hogs at NJSA shows will be 215-290 lbs. with a 15 lb. weigh-back, with the exception of the NBS Junior Barrow Classic, which will coincide with Hormel's weight requirements. Weight limits for crossbred gilts are 375 lbs. and under at all shows with a 15 pound weigh-back.

Q: How are penning assignments done at NJSA shows?

A: Open and junior entries are penned separately. Hogs are penned by state, and in alphabetical order according to the exhibitors' last name. Requests are accepted to be penned next to another exhibitor(s) from the same state up until 7 days prior to the start of the show by calling the NSR office. Requests are not accepted for exhibitors to be penned with others from different states. Crossbreds, purebreds, barrows and gilts are all penned together. Two pigs per pen per family are required; gilts and barrows will be penned together. Divider gates will not be provided. Pen cards cannot be moved once posted at a show.

Q: Do I need to provide my own shavings at NJSA Shows?

A: Yes, you will need to provide your own shavings at NJSA Regional shows. NJSA will offer 1 bag of shavings at the World Pork Expo Jr. National and NJSS. There will be additional shavings for purchase at all NJSA shows.

Q: What do I need to bring to a show to check-in my hog?

A: When you come to check-in, you need to bring the original pedigree and one copy of the pedigree for each purebred hog, the original health paper and/or certificate and one copy for each purebred or crossbred hog, and one copy of your current PQA Plus certificate or card.

Q: How do I qualify to compete in the Sweepstakes Contest at an NJSA show?

A: In order to qualify for the Sweepstakes Contest, exhibitors must show a purebred gilt or barrow, participate in showmanship, and the judging and/or skillathon contests (the National Junior Summer Spectacular and Western Regional offers both the skillathon and judging contests, so exhibitors must participate in both in order to be eligible).

Q: Where do I sign up to compete in the Sweepstakes Contest at an NJSA show?

A: You sign up to compete in the Sweepstakes Contest at each show during show check-in. If you do not declare that you are participating in the Sweepstakes Contest at check-in, you are ineligible to participate.

Q: How do I qualify for the Bred & Owned Division?

A: All gilts **MUST** have been bred and owned by the exhibitor. Gilts registered in the family or a farm name that includes a family member more than 21 years of age, from date of birth, is not accepted. Exhibitor must have owned the dam at time of breeding. The exhibitor must be listed on the pedigree as **BOTH** the breeder and the owner of the gilt they are exhibiting. The exhibitors first and last name must be listed on the pedigree.

Q: When do I declare if my gilt is in the Bred & Owned Division?

A: You must declare if your gilt is in the Bred & Owned division at the show check-in or you will be ineligible for the competition.

Q: Do I have to show my own pig in showmanship?

A: No, you do not have to show your own pig in showmanship. It is recommended that you use your own pig for showmanship, but you may use another exhibitor's pig, as well. If you do not want to show your pig in showmanship or don't have a pig to show but would like to participate, it is your responsibility to make arrangements with another exhibitor. The pig you choose **MUST** be entered in the open or junior show.

Q: Do I have to show my own pig in the gilt or barrow show?

A: If exhibitor is not present to show his/her hog, the hog **CANNOT** be exhibited unless previously approved by NJSA staff. If a hog is exhibited by anyone other than the registered exhibitor without permission from NJSA staff, the exhibitor will be disqualified from the show and all premiums and awards will be revoked. This includes incidences of illness, double-entry in a class, and emergencies.

Q: How do I become a sponsor of the NJSA?

A: To become a sponsor of the NJSA, visit the NJSA sponsorship website at <http://nationalswine.com/njsa/sponsorship.php> to fill out a pledge card or contact the National Swine Registry at (765)-463-3594.

Q: How do I sign up to volunteer at an NJSA event?

A: We are always looking for volunteers! You can sign up to be a volunteer at an NJSA event by checking the "Volunteer" box on the show entry form or by contacting Ellen Knauth at (765)-463-3594 ext. 101.

Q: How do I order NJSA merchandise?

A: Call the NJSA office at (765)-463-3594 to place an order, email Ellen Knauth at ellen@nationalswine.com, or visit the NJSA booth at an NJSA show or event.

Q: How and when do I apply for the three NSR internships?

A: Applications for the three NSR internships are due Oct. 1 of each year. Send your resume, cover letter, and list of three references to the NSR office to apply for one of the internships.

Q: When are the NJSA scholarships due?

A: All NJSA scholarships are due March 1 with the exception of The Maschhoff's Inc. Pork Production Scholarship that is due May 10.

Q: Where do I find the NJSA scholarship applications?

A: All scholarship applications can be found at <http://nationalswine.com/njsa/scholarships.php> Click on the scholarship you wish to apply for at the top of the page and then click “More Information.” Finally, at the bottom of the page, click “Download Scholarship.”

Q: How do I get Skillathon information and help?

A: The NJSA has two Skillathon resources available for purchase, a Swine Resource Manual and a Skillathon CD. To place an order call the NJSA office at (765)-463-3594 to place an order, email Ellen Knauth, ellen@nationalswine.com, or visit the NJSA booth at an NJSA show or event.

Q: How do I get judging contest information and help?

A: The NJSA has an extensive judging DVD available for purchase. To place an order call the NJSA office at (765)-463-3594 to place an order, email Ellen Knauth, ellen@nationalswine.com, or visit the NJSA booth at an NJSA show or event.

Q: What is the MVP (Mentoring Values People) Program?

A: The MVP Program is a mentoring program where older or more experienced NJSA members serve as mentors to younger or new NJSA members.

Q: How can I sign up to be a Mentor or Protégé in the MVP (Mentoring Values People) Program?

A: You can sign up to be a Mentor or Protégé on the NJSA website at http://www.nationalswine.com/NJSA/About_NJSA-pages/MVP or email Ellen Knauth at ellen@nationalswine.com.

Q: How can I get tickets for the NJSA Drawing?

A: To request tickets for the NJSA Drawing, contact the NJSA office at (765)463-3594. Prizes will be awarded to the top three sellers. The drawings occur at the National Junior Summer Spectacular.

Q: How do I get the NJSA Calendar?

A: The NJSA Calendar is mailed out to all NJSA members in December of each year.

Q: How can I apply for the NJSA Junior Board of Directors?

A: To apply for the NJSA Junior Board of Directors, submit an application by March 1 and you will be scheduled complete an interview with the NSR Youth Advisory Board at the NJSA National Youth Leadership Conference.

NJSA Show & Event Information

Finding NJSA show entry forms

You can find NJSA show entry forms on the NJSA Web site, www.nationalswine.com/NJSA. Entry forms are not printed in the *Seedstock EDGE*. Remember, all hard copy entries must be sent to:

National Swine Registry
C/O Kaley Bontrager
2639 Yeager Road
West Lafayette, IN 47906

2017 NJSA Southwest Regional

- **Date:** September 1-3, 2017
- **Location:** Woodward, Oklahoma
- **Judge:** Kyle Baade
- **Contests:** Purebred and Crossbred Gilt Show, Purebred and Crossbred Barrow Shows, Showmanship Contest, Judging Contest, Silent Auction, and Sweepstakes Contest.
- **Additional Events:** Exhibitor Breakfast, Exhibitor Pizza Party, MVP Event, Corn Toss Tournament, Youth and Adult PQA Plus Training, and an Inspirational Service by Ray Perryman.
- **Limit per Exhibitor:** Exhibitors may enter up to six total gilts, which can include a maximum of two crossbred gilts. Exhibitors may enter up to six total barrows, which can include a maximum of two crossbred barrows. Exhibitors must show one purebred gilt for every one crossbred gilt and one purebred barrow for every one crossbred barrow.
- **Purebred Barrow and Gilt Farrowing Deadline:** January 1, 2017
- **Ownership Deadline:** July 17, 2017
- **Barrow Weights:** 290 lbs. or less with 15 lb. weigh-back
- **Crossbred Gilt Weights:** 375 lbs. or less with 15 lb. weigh-back
- **Entry Deadline:** August 8, 2017

2017 NBS® Junior Barrow Classic**

- **Date:** September 9-10, 2017
- **Location:** Austin, Minnesota
- **Contests:** Purebred and Crossbred Breeding Gilt Show, Purebred and Crossbred Market Hog Shows and Showmanship Contest.
- **Additional Events:** Exhibitor Pizza Party, Corn Toss Tournament
- **Note:** This event is held in conjunction with the 2016 National Barrow Show® and is an event for NJSA and Team Purebred members. You must show at least one purebred barrow for every one crossbred barrow and one purebred breeding gilt for every crossbred breeding gilt.
- **Purebred Market Animals and Gilt Farrowing Deadline:** Market Hogs: February 1, 2017 or after
Breeding Gilts: January 15, 2017 or after
- **Ownership Deadline:** August 16, 2017
- **Market Hog Weights:** 230-280 lbs.
- **Crossbred Breeding Gilt Weights:** 375 lbs. and under
- **Entry Deadline:** August 16, 2017

2017 NJSA Eastern Regional

- **Date:** October 5-7, 2017

- **Location:** Hamburg, New York
- **Judge:** Jordan Leatherman, IN
- **Contests:** Purebred and Crossbred Gilt Shows, Purebred and Crossbred Barrow Shows, Showmanship Contest, Skillathon, and Sweepstakes Contest.
- **Additional Events:** Silent Auction, Exhibitor Pizza Party, MVP Event, Corn Toss Tournament, and Adult PQA Plus Training.
- **Limit per Exhibitor:** Exhibitors may enter up to six total gilts, which can include a maximum of two crossbred gilts. Exhibitors may enter up to six total barrows, which can include a maximum of two crossbred barrows. Exhibitors must show one purebred gilt for every one crossbred gilt and one purebred barrow for every one crossbred barrow.
- **Purebred Barrow and Gilt Farrowing Deadline:** February 1, 2017
- **Ownership Deadline:** August 21, 2017
- **Barrow Weights:** 290 lbs. or less with 15 lb. weigh-back
- **Crossbred Gilt Weights:** 375 lbs. or less with 15 lb. weigh-back
- **Entry Deadline:** September 6, 2017

2017 American Royal**

- **Date:** October 20-22, 2017
- **Location:** Kansas City, Missouri
- **Contests:** Purebred Gilt Show and Purebred and Crossbred Market Hog Shows.
- **Note:** Be sure to send in samples of DNA on all market hogs by Aug. 1.
- **Entry Deadline:** Entries are due to the American Royal Livestock Office September 10, 2017.
- Junior exhibitors must be at least 9 years old and no older than 20 on the day of show.
- **Contact Information:** Please direct all questions to the American Royal, 816-569-4054 or visit www.americanroyal.com

2017 North American International Livestock Exposition**

- **Date:** November 4-6, 2017
- **Location:** Louisville, Kentucky
- **Contests:** Purebred and Crossbred Market Hog Shows and Showmanship Contest
- **Additional Events:** Barnyard Olympics Competition
- Junior exhibitors must no older than 21 on the day of show.
- **Entry Deadline:** Entries are due to the NAILE office October 1, 2017

2017 NJSA Western Regional

- **Date:** November 30-December 2, 2017
- **Location:** Paso Robles, California
- **Judge:** TBD
- **Contests:** Purebred and Crossbred Gilt Shows, Purebred and Crossbred Barrow Shows, Showmanship Contest, Skillathon, and Sweepstakes Contest.
- **Additional Events:** Silent Auction, MVP Event, Barnyard Olympics
- **Limit per Exhibitor:** Exhibitors may enter up to six total gilts, which can include a maximum of two crossbred gilts. Exhibitors may enter up to six total barrows, which can include a maximum of two crossbred barrows. Exhibitors must show one purebred gilt for every one crossbred gilt and one purebred barrow for every one crossbred barrow.
- **Purebred Barrow and Gilt Farrowing Deadline:** April 1, 2017
- **Ownership Deadline:** October 31, 2017

- **Barrow Weights:** 290 lbs. or less with 15 lb. weigh-back
- **Crossbred Gilt Weights:** 375 lbs. or less with 15 lb. weigh-back
- **Entry Deadline:** November 1, 2017

2017 Arizona Junior Nationals**

- **Date:** December 27, 2017- January 1, 2018
- **Location:** Phoenix, Arizona
- **Contests:** Purebred and Crossbred Market Hog Shows, Showmanship Contest, and Barnyard Olympics
- **Contact Information:** <http://www.anls.org/>

2018 NJSA Southeast Regional

- **Date:** January 24-28, 2018
- **Location:** Perry, Georgia
- **Contests:** Purebred and Crossbred Gilt Shows, Purebred and Crossbred Barrow Shows, Showmanship Contest, Skillathon, and Sweepstakes Contest.
- **Additional Events:** Silent Auction, Exhibitor Pizza Party, MVP Event, Corn Toss Tournament
- **Limit per Exhibitor:** Exhibitors may enter up to six total gilts, which can include a maximum of two crossbred gilts. Exhibitors may enter up to six total barrows, which can include a maximum of two crossbred barrows. Exhibitors must show one purebred gilt for every one crossbred gilt and one purebred barrow for every one crossbred barrow.
- **Purebred Barrow and Gilt Farrowing Deadline:** June 1, 2017
- **Ownership Deadline:** December 1, 2017
- **Barrow Weights:** 215-290 lbs. with 15 lb. weigh-back
- **Crossbred Gilt Weights:** 375 lbs. or less with 15 lb. weigh-back
- **Entry Deadline:** December 15, 2017

2018 NJSA National Youth Leadership Conference

- **Date:** April 14-16, 2018
- **Location:** Chicago, Illinois
- **Ages:** 14-21 years old
- **Additional Items:** NJSA Junior Board interviews take place on Sunday beginning at 1 pm.
- **Registration Deadline:** March 13, 2018

2018 World Pork Expo Junior National

- **Date:** June 4-9, 2018
- **Location:** Des Moines, Iowa
- **Junior NJSA Purebred Gilt Judge:**
- **Junior NJSA Purebred Barrow Judge:**
- **Junior Crossbred Barrow Judge:**
- **Novice & Intermediate Showmanship Judge:**
- **Junior & Senior Showmanship Judge:**
- **Junior Team Purebred Judge:**
- **Junior Crossbred Gilt Judges:**
- **Contests:** Purebred and Crossbred Gilt Shows, Purebred and Crossbred Barrow Shows, Showmanship Contest, Judging Contest, and Sweepstakes Contest.
- **Note:** This is a joint event held in conjunction with Team Purebred. There will be no market hog load-out available.

- **Limit per Exhibitor:** Two entries, per sex, per breed. You must show one purebred barrow for every one crossbred barrow and one purebred gilt for every one crossbred gilt.
- **Purebred Barrow and Gilt Farrowing Deadline:** November 1, 2017
- **Ownership Deadline:**
- **Barrow Weights:** Barrow weight limits will be 215-290 lbs. with a 15 lb. weigh-back.
- **Crossbred Gilts Weights:** 375 lbs. or less with 15 lb. weigh-back
- **Entry Deadline:**

2018 National Junior Summer Spectacular

- **Date:** July 2-7, 2018
- **Location:** Louisville, Kentucky
- **Junior Duroc & Hampshire Barrow Judge:**
- **Junior Landrace & Yorkshire Barrow Judge:**
- **Junior Duroc & Hampshire Gilt Judge:**
- **Junior Landrace & Yorkshire Gilt Judge:**
- **Novice & Intermediate Showmanship Judge:**
- **Junior & Senior Showmanship Judge:**
- **Contests:** Purebred Gilt Show, Purebred Barrow Show, Showmanship Contest, Judging Contest, Skillathon, Prepared Speech Contest, Extemporaneous Speech Contest, Scrapbook Contest, Photography Contest, Swine is Fine Art Contest, Amazing Advertising and Sweepstakes Contest.
- **Additional Events:** Silent Auction, NJSA Foundation Female Auction, NJSA Junior Board of Directors Election, Inspirational Service with Ray Perryman, Exhibitor Dance, MVP Party, Super Semen Auction, Exhibitor Pizza Party, Barnyard Olympics and the NJSA Annual Awards Ceremony.
- **Limit per Exhibitor:** Two purebred gilts and two purebred barrows.
- **Purebred Barrow and Gilt Farrowing Deadline** December 1, 2017
- **Ownership Deadline:** May 1, 2018
- **Barrow Weights:** 215-290 lbs. with 15 lb. weigh-back
- **Entry Deadline:**

**This show is an affiliate event.

Entry Requirements

General Rules and Regulations

1. NSR is not liable for accidents, theft, injury or property damage.
2. All entries must be penned in the designated stalling area.
3. No clipping of hogs is allowed on the show grounds.
4. No laser therapy or nebulizer treatments are allowed on the show grounds.
5. No print advertising is allowed on exhibitor clothing while in the show ring.
6. All NJSA purebred gilt and market hog entries must be registered Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace or Yorkshire.
7. Gilts that are being exhibited must be guaranteed open (not bred).
8. Substitutions will be allowed at the show.
9. Gilts and market hogs must meet all registration eligibility requirements of their respective breed associations. NSR field staff or qualified NSR representatives will inspect all gilts and market hogs for breed eligibility. <http://nationalswine.com/about/history.php>

10. Purebred Breeding gilt classes will be broken according to farrowing dates, with class size as equal as possible.
11. Crossbred breeding gilt and all market hog classes will be broken according to weight, with class size as equal as possible.
12. Scales will be made available to exhibitors at NJSA shows. Exhibitors must turn in a card with the declared weight of market hogs or crossbred gilts by the specified time. The top three hogs in each class will be re-weighed. Hogs must not be more than 15 pounds over or under card weight. If the hog weighs out, it will be dismissed from the class. (Exception: NBS[®] Junior Barrow Classic entries will be weighed by Hormel. No weigh backs will take place.)

Exhibitor Requirements

1. All exhibitors must be members of the National Junior Swine Association (NJSA) to compete in NJSA events.
2. Exhibitors must be 21 years of age or younger as of Jan. 1 of the current year.
3. **Although some circumstances require animals to be housed at an alternative location, it is strongly encouraged that animals are under the direct care of the owner/exhibitor.**
4. Exhibitors must wear their exhibitor numbers given to them at registration during the gilt and barrow shows and showmanship contest.
5. **If exhibitor is not present to show his/her hog, the hog cannot be exhibited unless previously approved by NJSA staff. If a hog is exhibited by anyone other than the registered exhibitor without permission from NJSA staff, the exhibitor will be completely disqualified from the show and all premiums and awards will be revoked. This includes incidences of illness, double-entry in a class, and emergencies.**
6. Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) Plus certification is required by all junior exhibitors at every NJSA show.
7. A premises ID number to exhibit at an NJSA event. It is easy to obtain a premises ID number, just go to the NJSA webpage, <http://nationalswine.com/shows/index.php> and click the blue Premises I.D. icon. This will prompt you to open a PDF document where you will then find your state and contact the person listed for your state. You may also contact the NJSA for more information.
8. No parents, friends, or family members are allowed in the make-up ring or show ring with an exhibitor. All exhibitors must be able to be in the make-up ring and show ring by themselves or are not permitted to show. An NJSA Junior Board member may be requested to assist an exhibitor if necessary.

Entry Information

1. No entries accepted at the show.
2. Exhibitors will pay an entry fee of \$30 per purebred gilt or barrow that will be listed on the individual entry form. The crossbred barrow or gilt entry fee is \$40. ***NOTE:** Entries postmarked after deadline are considered late entries. Late entry fees are \$60 for purebreds and \$80 for crossbreds. Late entries may not be accepted due to space limitations.
3. In order to show a crossbred gilt or barrow, you must show one purebred barrow for every one crossbred barrow, and one purebred gilt for every one crossbred gilt.
4. Purebred and crossbred entries may be purchased females or market hogs, but must be owned by the junior exhibitor, the exhibitor's family name, or exhibitor's farm name, 60 days prior to the date of show, or by the specified ownership deadline.
5. All participants who do not show a gilt or barrow at NJSA events will pay a participation fee of \$5 per contest. This fee is not applied if a participant made entries for the show.
6. **ALL ENTRIES ARE FINAL. NO REFUNDS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE**

7. A \$15 Junior Member Fee must be paid in order to exhibit in NJSA events. This fee is to help cover expenses with NJSA Regional and National Shows. The participation fee will be paid at each show the NJSA member participates in during the NJSA show calendar year (August 1st – July 31st).

Arrival/Dismissal

1. Open and junior entries are penned separately. Hogs are penned by state, in alphabetical order according to the exhibitors' last name. Requests are accepted to be penned next to another exhibitor(s) from the same state up to **7 days** prior to the start of the show by calling the NSR office.
2. Penning Requests are not accepted for exhibitors to be penned with others from different states.
3. Crossbreds, purebreds, barrows and gilts are all penned together.
4. Two pigs per pen per family are required; gilts and barrows will be penned together.
5. Divider gates will not be provided.
6. Pen cards cannot be moved once posted at a show.
7. Animals will not be released until the completion of the Sweepstakes Award Ceremony or the posted release times.
8. If animals leave unexcused before the release time, the exhibitor and their family will not be allowed to participate in NJSA events for one year.

Health Requirements

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is **required** at all NJSA and NSR events. Due to specific state health rules, check the NJSA website or call the NSR office to receive information on **ALL** health requirements for each NJSA show.
2. These health requirements must be met or the animals will not be allowed to enter the show grounds.

Additional Information

1. All hogs must be identified by a permanent ear notch and a federally approved permanently numbered ear tag. For more information on what tags are required, follow this link:
<http://nationalswine.com/library/downloads/Information%20for%20Federally%20Recognized%20Swine%20Eartags.pdf>
2. Exhibitors of Breed Champions, Reserve Breed Champions, Bred-and-Owned Breed Champions and Bred-and-Owned Reserve Champions must come to the ring for the overall champion drive (where applicable) or exhibitor will be disqualified and forfeit all premiums.
3. If a gilt or market hog is unable to compete for division champion, breed champion or overall champion due to sickness or injury incurred after winning their respective class, the exhibitor is able to keep their class winning premiums. A committee of 3 or more NSR, NJSA, or veterinarian staff will make the decision if the gilt or market hog is too sick or injured to compete. If it is determined that the hog is too injured or sick to compete, the reserve will move up. Only reserve will move up, no 2nd place class winners.
4. All breed gilt and barrow champions and reserve champions, champion and reserve champion Bred & Owned gilts will be DNA tested for the presence of the stress gene, parentage verification, and breed purity at the conclusion of the show.
5. NSR and NJSA reserve the right to randomly collect a DNA profile on exhibited animals for stress gene, parentage verification and breed purity at any event where registered animals are exhibited. This collection will be supervised by NSR or NJSA representatives.
6. For more DNA information, please turn to page 17.
7. NJSA reserves the right to randomly test for the presence of unapproved drugs in swine entries.
8. The NJSA Southeast Regional, Western Regional, Southwest Regional, Eastern Regional, World Pork Expo Junior National and National Junior Summer Spectacular market hog shows are not terminal shows. Exhibitors will be responsible for their own market hogs at the completion of the show.

9. The NBS® Junior Barrow Classic, American Royal and NAILE market hog shows are terminal shows, and hogs will be marketed by the respective show organizations.
10. Champion and Reserve Champion gilts of the Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire breeds from all NJSA events held in conjunction with NSR open shows and sales are allowed in the NSR sale with no consignment fee.
11. Gilts shown in the Southeast Regional, National Junior Summer Spectacular and WPX Junior National are eligible to be exhibited in the open show and sold, as long as they are double-entered in the name of the junior exhibitor for both shows. All double-entered gilts must be entered with both the open show and NJSA show entry forms. If the gilt is selected to be in the sale from the open show, she **MUST** be offered for sale through the ring.
12. Double entered gilts must follow open show rules. If selected from the open NSR show to sell the gilt is required to be offered for sale through the ring. The owner has the option to buy the gilt back at 15% commission of the final bid price. **No exceptions will be made to this rule.** Any hog that does not show up for the sale of their hog will be fined the average sale price of that breed, banned from exhibiting for one year, and will be unable to show after one year if the fine has not been paid.

Champion Selection

1. At each national show (WPX Junior National & National Junior Summer Spectacular), the following selections will be made:
 - a. Top 5 in each Division—open to the top 3 in each class.
 - b. Top 5 Overall in each Breed—open to top 3 in each division.
 - c. Top 5 Overall Purebred Gilts (NSR Breeds ONLY)—open to NSR breed champions and reserve champions.
 - d. Top 5 Overall Purebred Barrows (All Breeds)—open to all breed champions and reserve champions.
2. Bred & Owned Breed Champions and Reserve Champions will be selected following the conclusion of their respective breed show.
3. Divisions will be broken by NJSA staff based on the number of classes within each breed and how many pigs are exhibited in each class.
4. If there is no division within a breed, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place pigs from each class will be eligible to compete for the Top 5 Overall Gilt/Barrow in each breed.
5. If you are exhibiting a Champion or Reserve Champion, and you do not come up for the Grand Champion Selection, you will not receive your premium checks and you will be disqualified from the event.
6. Any gilt that is top 5 in her breed in an NJSA junior show is able to sell in the open show without competing in open show. This would be for Southeast Regional, WPX and STC.

Bred & Owned Division

1. **There may only be one person listed as the breeder and the owner to be eligible for the Bred & Owned Division.**
2. The exhibitors' first and last name must be listed on the pedigree as the owner and breeder to be eligible for the Bred & Owned division.
3. The Owner Number and the Breeder Number must be identical to be eligible for the Bred & Owned Division.
4. No farm names or partnerships can be listed to be eligible for the Bred & Owned Division.

5. Exhibitor must have owned the dam at the time of breeding.

a. Example of an acceptable Bred & Owned farm names listed on pedigree:

Breeder:

*Jack Smith
West Lafayette, IN*

Owner:

*Jack Smith
West Lafayette, IN*

b. Example of a pedigree that is NOT acceptable as a Bred & Owned farm name:

Breeder:

*Jack & Jill Smith
West Lafayette*

Owner:

*Jack & Jill Smith
West Lafayette, IN*

***Note: A second person's name is listed; therefore, this animal cannot compete in the Bred & Owned division.**

c. Example of a pedigree that is NOT acceptable as a Bred & Owned farm name:

Breeder:

*Smith Farms
Jack Smith
West Lafayette*

Owner:

*Smith Farms
Jack Smith
West Lafayette, IN*

***Note: A farm name is listed; therefore, this animal cannot compete in the Bred & Owned division.**

6. Exhibitors **MUST** declare that his/her gilt is eligible for Bred & Owned awards at registration/check-in. If you do not declare this designation at the time of check-in you will **NOT** be eligible to show in the Bred & Owned division.
7. If a gilt does not place in the top 10 of its class, it will not be allowed to return for the Bred & Owned drive for its respective breed.
8. DNA testing will be done on the Champion and Reserve Champion Bred & Owned winners
9. The Champion and Reserve Champion Bred & Owned gilt in each breed show will receive special premiums. This selection will be made by the gilt show judge.
10. Premiums for the Bred & Owned division will be \$500 for Champions at national shows (WPX Junior National & National Junior Summer Spectacular) and \$250 for Reserve Champions at national shows (WPX Junior National & National Junior Summer Spectacular) and \$250 for Champions at regional shows (Southwest, Eastern, Southeast & Western Regional) and \$100 for Reserve Champions at regional shows (Southwest, Eastern, Southeast & Western Regional).

2017-2018 Premier Breeder Guidelines

- A. Points from each Bred & Owned division at each NJSA show are accumulated throughout the year.
- I. Champion=100
 - II. Reserve=95
 - III. 3rd=90
 - IV. 4th=85
 - V. 5th=80
 - VI. 6th=75
 - VII. 7th=70
 - VIII. 8th=65
 - IX. 9th=60
 - X. 10th=55

- B. Only the first and second highest placing Bred & Owned gilts in each class are eligible to return for the Bred & Owned championship to accumulate points.
- C. Placings from the Bred & Owned division at the 2017 NJSS, 2017 Southwest Regional, 2017 Eastern Regional, 2018 Southeast Regional, and 2018 WPX Junior National will be counted for the 2017-2018 Premier Breeder program.
- D. The top five exhibitors in each breed with the most accumulated points from the 2017 NJSS, 2017 Southwest Regional, 2017 Eastern Regional, 2018 Southeast Regional, and 2018 WPX Junior National will be contacted after the conclusion of WPX Junior National by the NSR Junior Activities Coordinator to schedule an interview that will take place at the 2018 National Junior Summer Spectacular with a panel of judges.
- E. If there is a tie in accumulated points, NJSA can interview more than 5 exhibitors. In this case, all exhibitors interviewed will not be guaranteed to remain in the top 5 overall.
- F. Final scores will be calculated with 70% of the final score being the point total from the Bred & Owned division at shows and 30% of the final score being from the interview. In the event of a tie, ties will be broken based on the exhibitors interview score. The exhibitor with the higher interview score will win the tie.
- G. A Premier Breeder for each breed will be awarded at the National Junior Summer Spectacular Awards Ceremony, receiving a belt buckle and \$1,000 in NSR sale buyer credits.
- H. The biography of each Premier Breeder will be published in the August issue of the *Seedstock Edge* magazine with the official National Junior Summer Spectacular results.

Overall Premier Breeder

- I. The Overall Premier Breeder will receive a one year lease donated by Exiss Trailers with the option to buy along with a banner.
 - i. The Overall Premier Breeder will be selected based off of the TOTAL points accumulated from all Bred & Owned projects. The top five exhibitors with the most total points after the conclusion of WPX Junior National will be contacted to schedule an interview that will take place at the same time as the Premier Breeder interviews at the National Junior Summer Spectacular. Those top five exhibitors with the most total points will then be interviewed separately about their entire Bred & Owned program and what breeds they have exhibited.
- J. Final scores will be calculated the exact same as they are for the Premier Breeder for each breed, with 70% of the final score being the total points accumulated from all Bred & Owned divisions at shows and 30% of the final score being from the Overall Premier Breeder interview.
- K. *Please note: if an exhibitor is in the top five in their respective breed and in the top five overall in terms of points, they will be participating in TWO separate interviews. The interview competing for the Premier Breeder title of their respective breed will be based upon that specific Bred & Owned project, whereas the Overall Premier Breeder will be interviewed based on all Bred & Owned Projects.

PQA Plus Certification

Regulations:

1. All members exhibiting a hog(s) at an NJSA event must be PQA Plus certified.
2. If the exhibitor is under the age of 8, a parent or guardian must be certified for them.
3. All certifications must be current and contain a PQA Plus number and expiration date.
4. There are seven states that offer a similar program to the National Pork Board PQA Plus program that are accepted and recognized by the National Pork Board. Otherwise, all certifications must be obtained

within the PQA Plus program through the National Pork Board. The seven states that have affiliate programs that are accepted are: Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Texas, and Wisconsin.

- a. We do not have access to these numbers so you **MUST** provide us with proof that you are certified or else you will have to become PQA certified if you want to show.

How to Become Certified:

There are two ways that you can become certified. You can contact the National Pork Board (800-456-7675) and request the contact information of a PQA Plus trainer in your area and then contact that advisor to request information on upcoming trainings. You can also access the closest PQA Plus advisor to you on the National Pork Board website at www.pork.org under Certifications by clicking on the link "Locate a PQA Plus Advisor". The second way to become certified is to attend a training session at an NJSA event. Most NJSA events will have a youth and an adult session available. Check the shows schedule to see if there will be a PQA certification at the event you are attending. Also, you can now be certified online by following this link:

<https://lms.pork.org/Account/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fAccount%2fLoggedInHome.aspx>

Check-in Process at Shows/Events:

Upon checking in at the show, each exhibitor will be asked to bring a copy of their PQA Plus card or state certificate. If you are not certified, your name and address will be placed on a list and submitted to the PQA Plus trainer at the show. All youth ages 8 and up who are not certified are required to attend the PQA Plus training session. All parents or guardians, who are not certified, of exhibitors less than 8 years of age are required to attend the adult session. Roll call will be taken at the training sessions; it is your responsibility to be at the session on time, stay for the entire session, and make sure your name and address is on our training list.

Additional Information:

1. All certificates and cards must have a PQA Plus number and an expiration date to be accepted.
2. If you are certified and forget your card you will have to attend the training session at the show.
3. If you are not certified and skip the training sessions you will not be allowed to exhibit your hog(s). If the training was scheduled after the show and you choose not to attend the training all premiums, awards, and any Sweepstakes points will be revoked. This also applies to parents and guardians of exhibitors under the age of 8.
4. Once training is completed, the National Pork Board will process your training certification and release your PQA Plus card to you.
5. PQA Plus cards/certification is not processed, handled, or distributed by the NJSA.
6. If you lose your card, please contact the National Pork Board (800-456-7675) to have a new card sent to you.

If you have any questions regarding PQA Plus training, the program, or the process for which to become certified, please do not hesitate to contact the National Pork Board at (800)456-7675.

Procedures for DNA Testing and Reporting of Results

1. DNA Collection at the Show:

- a. Needed information on DNA cards and verification forms for tested animals will be completed by NSR staff before sample is collected and made available for staff that will be collecting the sample.
- b. DNA collection process (each tested animal):
 - i. Exhibitor or legal guardian must be present.
 - ii. Exhibitor or legal guardian must sign verification form after DNA has been collected.

- c. DNA samples and verification forms will be returned to the NSR DNA Secretary to coordinate testing process.
- 2. Initial Parentage Test – SNP panel:**
 - a. < 2 exclusions = pass
 - b. 2 exclusions = re-test on microsatellite panel
 - c. >2 exclusions = fail; see breeder options in section IV.
 - 3. Secondary Parentage Test (if needed) – microsatellite panel:**
 - a. ≤1 exclusion = pass
 - b. >1 exclusion = fail, no re-test
 - 4. Breeder Options (at breeder’s expense):**
 - a. If ‘fail’ result on SNP panel is determined, the breeder has the option to ask for re-test on the Microsatellite panel.
 - b. If a final ‘fail’ result is determined, the breeder has *one* opportunity to rectify the parentage.
 - i. Each breeder has one opportunity to rectify the parentage of a tested animal; once this opportunity is used, all future initial test results stand, and no further options to rectify results are available.
 - ii. Breeder must provide a list of sires (no more than 10) with DNA samples on NSR blotter cards to re-test.
 - iii. The re-testing procedure must be completed all at once (a single GeneSeek order) and must be submitted within 30 days of the initial parentage result.
 - iv. This process follows the same steps detailed in sections I and II.
 - c. If breeder opts to not attempt to rectify the parentage, then a final ‘Fail’ result is determined.
 - 5. NSR Actions and Reporting of Final Results (after the above sections have been fully completed):**
 - a. Initial Pass Result:
 - i. NSR DNA Secretary will notify NJSA department personnel of results.
 - ii. NJSA department personnel will notify the exhibitor and mail corresponding awards.
 - b. Initial Fail Result:
 - i. NSR DNA Secretary will notify NJSA department personnel of results.
 - ii. NJSA department personnel will:
 - Notify the breeder of the available breeder options (section IV.)
 - Notify the exhibitor of the current status of the process.
 - c. Parentage test rectified by breeder:
 - i. NSR DNA Secretary will notify NJSA department personnel of results.
 - ii. NJSA department personnel will notify the exhibitor and mail corresponding awards.
 - iii. NSR DNA Secretary will make appropriate changes in pedigree system and notify all current owners of each animal in the litter.
 - d. Final Fail Result:
 - i. NSR DNA Secretary will notify NJSA department personnel of results.
 - NJSA department personnel will: Notify the breeder of NSR policy for failed parentage results outlined in section VII.
 - Notify the exhibitor of the current status of the process.
 - 6. Stress and Color Tests:**
 - a. If the tested animal is verified as stress negative or color negative (pass):
 - i. NSR DNA Secretary will coordinate the update in the pedigree system.
 - b. If the tested animal is verified as either a ‘carrier’ or ‘positive’ for either test (fail):
 - i. NSR DNA Secretary will cancel the pedigree on the individual animal.
 - ii. NSR Vice President of Global Technical Service will compose letter to the owner to notify them of the cancelled pedigree, and provide a copy of the letter to the NSR DNA Secretary to file.

7. NSR Policy Regarding Failed Parentage Tests:

- a. NSR DNA Secretary will cancel the pedigree on each animal in the litter.
- b. NSR DNA Secretary will provide a list of all animals in the litter, along with the current owner to NSR Vice President of Global Technical Service.
- c. NSR Vice President of Global Technical Service will compose letter to each owner to notify them of cancelled pedigree(s), and provide a copy of each letter to the NSR DNA Secretary to file.
- d. Breeder/seller* of gilts that fail DNA will:
 - i. Pay the exhibitors premiums to the NSR.
 - ii. Refund the purchase price of the animal to the exhibitor.
 - iii. Pay the commission to the NSR if the animal(s) sells through an NSR event.
 - iv. Pay for any additional DNA tests outside of the original DNA test completed by the NSR.
 - v. Not be considered a member in good standing with the NSR and will be unable to register any litters or participate in any events if they fail to comply with above rules i-v.
- e. Breeder/seller* of barrows that fail DNA will:
 - i. Pay the exhibitors premiums to the NSR.
 - ii. Pay the commission to the NSR if the animal(s) sells through an NSR event.
 - iii. Pay for any additional DNA tests outside of the original DNA test completed by the NSR.
 - iv. Not be considered a member in good standing with the NSR and will be unable to register any litters or participate in any events if they fail to comply with above rules i-iv.
 - v. **The term breeder/seller may also refer to a boar stud, exhibitor, or an interim owner.*
- f. If the exhibitor is the breeder of the animal that fails DNA all awards and premiums will be revoked.
 - i. Exhibitor has 30 days to return awards and premiums to the NSR office or will not be considered a member in good standing with the NSR and will be unable to register any litters or participate in any events.
 - ii. In the event that the breeder/exhibitor has been awarded a trailer, it must be returned to the dealer and any expenses required to transport, remove lettering, and/or return to the dealership are the responsibility of the breeder/exhibitor.

8. Related Policies:

- a. All parentage tests must be coordinated through NSR. Results will not be accepted from tests submitted by the breeder. DNA testing may take three to eight weeks to complete.
- b. All DNA samples submitted for DNA banking requirements must be on the new card and have sufficient sample on each of the four quadrants of the card.
- c. No test results will be released to anyone outside of NSR until all needed secondary tests are completed.
- d. The need of any further testing on 'Fail' results will be determined and coordinated by NSR staff only.
- e. No 'internal R&D' results will be released to anyone outside of NSR staff until permitted by the NSR CEO.
- f. All submitted samples (regardless of test result) will be retained by NSR, and no submitted DNA samples will be released back to the breeder or exhibitor.
- g. Failed DNA results will result in Sweepstakes placing points for that animal being revoked. However, showmanship and contest standings will not be affected by failed test results
- h. Failed test results will not be publicized except in the normal listing of canceled pedigrees published in the NSR newsletter. Photos will also be removed from the NJSA Web site show results. The NJSA will pay all premiums at the show. Exhibitors of animals failing DNA tests will still keep all awards and premiums. Exhibitors of Bred & Owned animals that fail DNA tests will be required to return all awards and premiums within 30 days of notification.

Rules Regarding Exhibition of Unethically Fit Animals, Animals of Ineligible Age for Exhibition in the Class Entered, and Animals Administered Prohibited Substances

To foster fair competition, to provide an equal playing field, and to impart the importance of raising swine in an ethical and humane manner, the showing of unethically fitted animals, animals of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered, and/or animals being administered prohibited substances, as defined herein, is strictly prohibited.

- a. **Unethical fitting:** Animals showing any signs of being unethically fit will be disqualified.

Examples of unethical fitting include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Application of paint, dye, or any other substance to any part of the animal's body that attempts to change the color pattern or alter any other aspect of the apparent breed character of an animal;
- Cosmetically altering the form or function of an animal's foot or feet by the application of resin, epoxy, or other foreign substance.
- Injection, drenching or application of any substance per the animal's rectum;
- Draining of fluids by means of needle or syringe;
- Artificially filling by stomach pumping or airing injections.
- Artificially filling by way of the animal's esophagus, by stomach pumping, drench tubes or any other method, is prohibited and animals that have been artificially filled will be disqualified.

- b. **Appropriate age for class:** Any animal that is represented as a different age than its actual birth date will be disqualified.

- c. **Prohibited Substances:**

Prohibited Substances means:

- i. Any substance that has not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for use in food animals; and
- ii. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any beta2-adrenergic agonist (beta agonist) not approved for use in swine and furosemide (Lasix) are also Prohibited Substances.

- d. **Animal Inspection:** By submitting entries for an NJSA event, each exhibitor agrees to submit for inspection any animal entered by the exhibitor as may be requested at any time. Exhibitors agree to

have such animal submitted to any tests requested by the NJSA. The NJSA reserves the right to have ultrasound, D.N.A., tissue, blood, urine and/or feces laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition. The exhibitor and, if the exhibitor is a minor, the exhibitor's parent, guardian, or responsible adult must be present during the sample collection for analysis and must witness, seal, and initial the sample as well as sign any documentation relating to the sample or collection of the sample; thus verifying the sample to have been properly collected and prepared for analysis.

- e. **NONADHERENCE TO RULES:** IF AN EXHIBITOR IS FOUND TO HAVE VIOLATED ANY RULE HEREIN, SUCH EXHIBITOR WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE EVENT WHERE SUCH VIOLATION TOOK PLACE AND WILL FORFEIT ALL TITLES, AWARDS, PREMIUMS, PRIZES OR SCHOLARSHIPS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXHIBITION AT THE EVENT. FURTHER, UPON THE FINDING OF A VIOLATION, THE NJSA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SUSPEND OR BAN THE EXHIBITOR, THE EXHIBITOR'S FAMILY MEMBERS, AND ANYONE RESIDING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD AS THE EXHIBITOR FROM PARTICIPATION IN ANY FUTURE NJSA EVENTS INCLUDING UP TO A LIFETIME BAN FOR SUCH VIOLATIONS. IN THE EVENT AN EXHIBITOR, THE EXHIBITOR'S FAMILY MEMBERS, OR ANYONE RESIDING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD AS THE EXHIBITOR, EXHIBITS IN A SUBSEQUENT NJSA EVENT OR EVENTS DURING THE PENDENCY OF AN INVESTIGATION INTO A VIOLATION OF ANY RULE HEREIN AND IT IS DETERMINED A VIOLATION OCCURRED, THE EXHIBITOR, THE EXHIBITOR'S FAMILY MEMBERS, AND ANYONE RESIDING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD AS THE EXHIBITOR, IN THE NJSA'S DISCRETION, MAY ALSO FORFEIT ALL TITLES, AWARDS, PREMIUMS, PRIZES OR SCHOLARSHIPS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXHIBITION AT SUCH SUBSEQUENT EVENT.

THE NJSA FURTHER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONSIDER ANY VIOLATION OF ANY UNETHICAL FITTING OR PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE RULES OF TEAM PUREBRED AS A VIOLATION OF THE RULES STATED HEREIN AND TO DISCIPLINE ANY EXHIBITORS THAT HAVE VIOLATED ANY SUCH RULES OF TEAM PUREBRED THE SAME AS IF THE EXHIBITOR HAD VIOLATED A RULE OF NJSA HEREIN.

THE CONCLUSIONS REACHED BY THE NJSA, NSR, ANY OFFICER, DIRECTOR, OR EMPLOYEE THEREOF OR ANY VETERINARIAN OR ANY LABORATORY CONDUCTING ANY ANALYSIS SHALL BE FINAL AND BINDING WITHOUT RECOURSE AGAINST THE NJSA, NSR, ANY OFFICER, DIRECTOR, OR EMPLOYEE THEREOF OR ANY VETERINARIAN OR ANY LABORATORY CONDUCTING ANY ANALYSIS. THE EXHIBITOR, AS WELL AS THE EXHIBITOR'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN IF THE EXHIBITOR IS A MINOR, WAIVES ANY RIGHT OF ACTION WHICH THE EXHIBITOR OR THE EXHIBITOR'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN MAY HAVE FOR ANY ACTION TAKEN UNDER THESE RULES, AND RELEASES AND HOLDS HARMLESS THE NJSA, NSR, ANY OFFICER, DIRECTOR, OR EMPLOYEE THEREOF OR ANY VETERINARIAN OR ANY LABORATORY CONDUCTING ANY ANALYSIS FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS OR DEMANDS WHATSOEVER IN CONNECTION WITH THE INSPECTION OR TESTING OF ANY ANIMAL OR ANY RULING OR ACTION TAKEN HEREUNDER.

- f. **Emergency Treatment:** If an animal requires emergency treatment while at an NJSA event, the official veterinarian, in agreement with the NJSA, reserves the right to treat any animal if, in the

opinion of the official veterinarian, it is in the best interest of the animal's health and well-being to be treated. Any costs for such treatment are the responsibility of the exhibitor.

- g. DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES: THE NJSA EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ANY EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES (INCLUDING MERCHANTABILITY), WHETHER THE GOODS OR SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY THE NJSA, NSR OR BY OTHERS (SUCH AS DRUG TESTING FACILITIES OR LABORATORIES). NJSA DOES NOT PROVIDE SECURITY OR GUARD SERVICES AND IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTS OF THIRD PARTIES. EXHIBITORS AND EXHIBITORS' PARENTS AND/OR GUARDIANS AGREE THAT THE NJSA SHALL BE ENTITLED TO DISQUALIFY ANY EXHIBITOR WHOSE ANIMAL TESTS POSITIVE FOR ANY PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE EVEN IF THE EXHIBITOR AND THE EXHIBITOR'S PARENTS OR GUARDIANS ARE INNOCENT OF ANY WRONGDOING AND HAD NO ROLE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE SHOWN IN THE TEST RESULTS. EVEN IF THE SOURCE OF THE PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE IS UNKNOWN, THE NJSA SHALL BE ENTITLED TO DISQUALIFY THE EXHIBITOR FROM THE EVENT WHERE THE ANIMAL WAS EXHIBITED AND BAN OR SUSPEND THE EXHIBITOR, MEMBERS OF THE EXHIBITOR'S FAMILY, AND ANY PERSON LIVING IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF THE EXHIBITOR AS SET FORTH IN (e) ABOVE.**
- h. Ultimate Care and Responsibility:** By entering an animal in an NJSA event, the exhibitor agrees and understands that the ultimate care and responsibility for an animal(s) rests solely upon the exhibitor.
- i. Incorporation of International Association of Fairs and Expositions Code of Show Ring Ethics:** In addition to the provisions set forth herein, NJSA reserves the right to apply any and all provisions set forth in the International Association of Fairs and Expositions Code of Show Ring Ethics that are included and incorporated herein.

NJSA Show Premiums

Premiums and awards at NJSA shows will be allotted as follows, but are subject to change under these conditions:

1. A minimum of eight hogs must be shown per breed, including crossbred, in order to receive the full, published premiums. If less than eight head show up per breed, the champion and reserve champion will receive half of the published premiums. **Class placings are excluded from this rule.**
2. A minimum of 100 barrows or gilts (both purebreds and crossbred) must be exhibited in order for full champion and reserve champion overall premiums to be awarded. If less than 100 are exhibited, the champion overall will receive \$375 and the reserve overall will receive \$250, or half of posted premiums. This does not affect class money or prizes awarded at the show.
3. Overall premiums, breed champion and reserve breed champion premiums, and Bred & Owned champion and reserve champion premiums will be released at the show. *With the exception of half premiums checks; these will be sent out via mail.
4. No class premium checks will be mailed out at the conclusion of the show. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

NJSA Southeast Regional

Champion & Reserve Champion Purebred Gilt & Barrow Overall

- Champion Purebred Gilt Overall: Banner & One Year Exiss Trailer Lease

- Reserve Champion Purebred Gilt Overall: Banner & \$500
- Champion Purebred Barrow Overall: Banner & \$750
- Reserve Champion Purebred Barrow Overall: Banner & \$500

Champion Bred & Owned Gilts

- Champion Bred & Owned Gilts in each Breed: Painting & \$250
- Reserve Champion Bred & Owned Gilts in each Breed: Painting & \$100

Breed Champions Gilts & Barrows

- Champion Breed & Crossbred Gilts and Barrows: Jacket, Banner & \$250
- Reserve Champion Breed & Crossbred Gilts and Barrows: Wind Shirt, Banner & \$100

Class Premiums – 1st=\$45, 2nd=\$40, 3rd=\$35, 4th=\$30, 5th=\$25, 6th=\$20

World Pork Expo Junior National

NJSA Overall Purebred Gilt Awards

- Champion NJSA Purebred Gilt Overall: One-Year Cimarron Trailer Lease & Banner
- Res. Champion NJSA Purebred Gilt Overall: Murphy Trailer Sales, Inc. Aluminum Popper & Banner
- 3rd Overall NJSA Purebred Gilt: \$300 & Banner
- 4th Overall NJSA Purebred Gilt: \$150 & Banner
- 5th Overall NJSA Purebred Gilt: \$75 & Banner

NJSA Purebred Gilt Awards

- NJSA Breed Champion: \$1,000, Clock, & Banner
- NJSA Res. Champion Breed: \$500 & Banner
- 3rd Overall NJSA Breed Champion: \$150 & Banner
- 4th Overall NJSA Breed Champion: \$75 & Banner
- 5th Overall NJSA Breed Champion: \$50 & Banner

NJSA Bred and Owned Gilt Awards

- Champion Bred & Owned NJSA Breed Gilts: \$500 & Painting
- Res. Champion Bred & Owned NJSA Breed Gilts: \$250 & Painting

Purebred Barrow Overall Awards

- Champion Purebred Barrow Overall: One-Year Cimarron Trailer Lease & Banner
- Res. Champion Purebred Barrow Overall: EBY Trailer Sales Aluminum Popper & Banner
- 3rd Overall Purebred Barrow: \$300 & Banner
- 4th Overall Purebred Barrow: \$150 & Banner
- 5th Overall Purebred Barrow: \$75 & Banner

NJSA Barrow Awards

- NJSA Breed Champion: \$1,000, Clock, & Banner
- NJSA Res. Champion Breed: \$500 & Banner
- 3rd Overall NJSA Breed Champion: \$150 & Banner
- 4th Overall NJSA Breed Champion: \$75 & Banner
- 5th Overall NJSA Breed Champion: \$50 & Banner

Crossbred Gilt & Barrow Overall Awards

- Champion Crossbred Barrow: One-Year Exiss Trailer Lease & Banner

- Reserve Crossbred Barrow: T.D. Wall Inc. Aluminum Popper & Banner
- Champion Crossbred Gilt: T.D. Wall Inc. Aluminum Popper, Clock & Banner
- Reserve Crossbred Gilt: \$500 & Banner
- 3rd Overall Crossbred Gilt & Barrow: \$400 & Banner
- 4th Overall Crossbred Gilt & Barrow: \$300 & Banner
- 5th Overall Crossbred Gilt & Barrow: \$200 & Banner

Class Premiums – 1st=\$45, 2nd=\$40, 3rd=\$35, 4th=\$30, 5th=\$25, 6th=\$20

National Junior Summer Spectacular

Champion Gilt Overall Awards

- Champion Purebred Gilt Overall: \$1,000, Banner, Traveling Trophy & One-Year Cimarron Trailer Lease
- Reserve Champion Purebred Gilt Overall: \$500, Banner & Murphy Trailer Sales, Inc. Popper
- 3rd Overall Purebred Gilt: \$300 & Banner
- 4th Overall Purebred Gilt: \$150 & Banner
- 5th Overall Purebred Gilt: \$75 & Banner

Champion Gilt Breed Champion Awards

- Breed Champion: \$1,000, Clock, & Banner
- Reserve Champion Breed: \$500 & Banner
- 3rd Overall NJSA Breed Champion: \$150 & Banner
- 4th Overall NJSA Breed Champion: \$75 & Banner
- 5th Overall NJSA Breed Champion: \$50 & Banner

Champion Bred and Owned Gilt Awards

- Grand Champion Bred and Owned Gilt: Leather Banner, Traveling Trophy, and Cimarron Stock Box
- Reserve Grand Champion Bred and Owned Gilt: Leather Banner
- Bred & Owned Champions: \$500 & Painting
- Bred & Owned Reserve Champions: \$250 & Painting

Champion Barrow Overall Awards

- Champion Purebred Barrow Overall: \$1,000, Banner, Traveling Trophy & Cimarron Stock Box
- Reserve Champion Purebred Barrow Overall: \$500, Banner, & Murphy Trailer Sales, Inc. Popper
- 3rd Overall Purebred Barrow: \$300
- 4th Overall Purebred Barrow: \$150
- 5th Overall Purebred Barrow: \$75

Champion Barrow Breed Champion Awards

- NJSA Breed Champion: \$1,000 & Banner
- NJSA Res. Champion Breed: \$500 & Banner
- 3rd Overall NJSA Breed Champion: \$150 & Banner
- 4th Overall NJSA Breed Champion: \$75 & Banner
- 5th Overall NJSA Breed Champion: \$50 & Banner

Class Premiums – 1st=\$45, 2nd=\$40, 3rd=\$35, 4th=\$30, 5th=\$25, 6th=\$20

Southwest Regional

Champion & Reserve Champion Purebred Gilt & Barrow Overall

- Champion Purebred Gilt Overall: Banner & Cimarron Stock Box
- Reserve Champion Purebred Gilt Overall: Banner & \$500
- Champion Purebred Barrow Overall: Banner & \$750
- Reserve Champion Purebred Barrow Overall: Banner & \$500

Champion Bred & Owned Gilts

- Champion Bred & Owned Gilts in each Breed: Painting & \$250
- Reserve Champion Bred & Owned Gilts in each Breed: Painting & \$100

Breed Champions Gilts & Barrows

- Champion Breed & Crossbred Gilts and Barrows: Jacket, Banner, & \$250
- Reserve Champion Breed & Crossbred Gilts and Barrows: Wind shirt, Banner, & \$100

Class Premiums – 1st=\$45, 2nd=\$40, 3rd=\$35, 4th=\$30, 5th=\$25, 6th=\$20

NBS® Junior Barrow Classic

- Champion Purebred Market Hog Overall: \$500 & Aluminum Popper
- Reserve Champion Purebred Market Hog Overall: \$300
- Champion Purebred Breeding Gilt: \$500
- Reserve Champion Purebred Breeding Gilt: 300
- Champion Crossbred Market Hog: \$500
- Reserve Champion Crossbred Market Hog: \$300
- Champion Crossbred Gilt: \$500
- Reserve Champion Crossbred Gilt: \$300

Class Premiums – 1st=\$40, 2nd=\$35, 3rd=\$30 4th=\$25

Eastern Regional

Champion & Reserve Champion Purebred Gilt & Barrow Overall

- Champion Purebred Gilt Overall: Banner & One: Year Exiss Trailer Lease
- Reserve Champion Purebred Gilt Overall: Banner & \$500
- Champion Purebred Barrow Overall: Banner & \$750
- Reserve Champion Purebred Barrow Overall: Banner & \$500

Champion Bred & Owned Gilts

- Champion Bred & Owned Gilts in each Breed: Painting & \$250
- Reserve Champion Bred & Owned Gilts in each Breed: Painting & \$100

Breed Champions Gilts & Barrows

- Champion Breed & Crossbred Gilts and Barrows: Jacket, Banner & \$250
- Reserve Champion Breed & Crossbred Gilts and Barrows: Wind shirt, Banner, & \$100

Class Premiums – 1st=\$45, 2nd=\$40, 3rd=\$35, 4th=\$30, 5th=\$25, 6th=\$20

NJSA Western Regional

Champion & Reserve Champion Purebred Gilt & Barrow Overall

- Champion Purebred Gilt Overall: Banner & One Year Exiss Trailer Lease
- Reserve Champion Purebred Gilt Overall: Banner & \$500

- Champion Purebred Barrow Overall: Banner & \$750
- Reserve Champion Purebred Barrow Overall: Banner & \$500

Champion Bred & Owned Gilts

- Champion Bred & Owned Gilts in each Breed: Painting & \$250
- Reserve Champion Bred & Owned Gilts in each Breed: Painting & \$100

Breed Champions Gilts & Barrows

- Champion Breed & Crossbred Gilts and Barrows: Jacket, Banner, & \$250
- Reserve Champion Breed & Crossbred Gilts and Barrows: Wind shirt, Banner, & \$100

Class Premiums – 1st=\$45, 2nd=\$40, 3rd=\$35, 4th=\$30, 5th=\$25, 6th=\$20

Sweepstakes Contest

1. Sweepstakes contestants must compete in all four contests at the National Junior Summer Spectacular or three contests at the WPX Junior National and regional shows to be eligible for the Sweepstakes contest.
2. Points will be contributed from the highest placing purebred gilt OR barrow, showmanship contest, judging contest and/or skillathon toward the Sweepstakes awards.
3. Purebred Gilt or Barrow show points will be given on the exhibitor's highest-placing purebred gilt or purebred barrow toward the Sweepstakes award. You will not receive points for both. Example: John has a purebred gilt and a purebred barrow for an NJSA show. He places 5th with his purebred gilt and 2nd with his purebred barrow. Therefore John will only receive Sweepstake points from his highest placing pig, the purebred barrow; the purebred gilt will not be awarded points.
4. If a barrow is disqualified from its class, the exhibitor will not receive the Sweepstakes points.
5. All participants in the Sweepstakes contest **MUST** complete the full judging contest, including both the placing and reasons sections in order to be eligible for the Sweepstakes contest. Any participant who chooses not to complete the reasons portion of the judging contest will have all Sweepstakes points from that show revoked.
6. Sweepstakes points will be awarded as follows:
 - a. Regional Show Sweepstakes Point System**
 - i. Purebred Gilt/Barrow Show: 1st: 100; 2nd: 95; 3rd: 90; 4th: 85; 5th: 80; 6th: 75; 7th:70; 8th: 65; 9th: 60; 10th: 55; 11th-participation: 50
 - ii. Showmanship: 1st: 100; 2nd: 95; 3rd: 90; 4th: 85; 5th: 80; 6th: 75; 7th:70; 8th: 65; 9th: 60; 10th: 55; Participation: 50
 - iii. Skillathon: 1st: 100; 2nd: 95; 3rd: 90; 4th: 85; 5th: 80; 6th: 75; 7th:70; 8th: 65; 9th: 60; 10th: 55; 11th-participation: 50
 - iv. Judging Contest: 1st: 100; 2nd: 95; 3rd: 90; 4th: 85; 5th: 80; 6th: 75; 7th:70; 8th: 65; 9th: 60; 10th: 55; 11th -participation: 50
 - v. **Tie Breaker:** In the event of a tie break, ties will be broken on the following:
 - a. Skillathon
 - b. Judging Contest
 - c. Showmanship
 - d. Gilt/Barrow Actual
 - e. Gilt Show
 - f. Barrow Show
 - b. WPX Junior National Sweepstakes Point System**

- i. Purebred Gilt/Barrow Show: 1st – 5th: 100; 6th-10th : 75; 11th-15th:50; 16th-participation: 25
 - ii. Showmanship: 1st: 100; 2nd: 95; 3rd: 90; 4th: 85; 5th: 80; 6th: 75; 7th:70; 8th: 65; 9th: 60; 10th: 55; Make it out of first heat: 50, Participation: 25
Judging Contest: 1st: 100; 2nd: 95; 3rd: 90; 4th: 85; 5th: 80; 6th: 75; 7th:70; 8th: 65; 9th: 60; 10th: 55; 11th -participation: 50
 - iii. **Tie Breaker:** In the event of a tie at the WPX Junior Nationals, ties will be broken on the following:
 - a. Judging Contest
 - b. Showmanship
 - c. Gilt/Barrow Actual
 - d. Gilt Show
 - e. Barrow Show
- c. National Junior Summer Spectacular Sweepstakes Point System**
- i. Purebred Gilt/Barrow Show: 1st – 5th: 100; 6th-10th : 75; 11th-15th: 50 participation: 25
 - ii. Showmanship: 1st: 100; 2nd: 95; 3rd: 90; 4th: 85; 5th: 80; 6th: 75; 7th:70; 8th: 65; 9th: 60; 10th: 55; Make it out of the first heat: 50; Participation: 25
 - iii. Skillathon: 1st: 100; 2nd: 95; 3rd: 90; 4th: 85; 5th: 80; 6th: 75; 7th:70; 8th: 65; 9th: 60; 10th: 55; 11th - Participation: 50
 - iv. Judging Contest: 1st: 100; 2nd: 95; 3rd: 90; 4th: 85; 5th: 80; 6th: 75; 7th:70; 8th: 65; 9th: 60; 10th: 55; 11th-participation: 50
 - v. National Junior Summer Spectacular Bonus Contests: **No additional points will be rewarded for Sweepstakes points. However, participants will still be ranked and awarded for their efforts at the Awards Ceremony.**
 - a. Swine Is Fine Art Contest
 - b. Amazing Advertising Contest
 - c. Speech Contests
 - vi. **Tie Breaker:** In the event of a tie at the National Junior Summer Spectacular, ties will be broken on the following:
 - a. Skillathon
 - b. Judging Contest
 - c. Showmanship
 - d. Gilt/Barrow Actual
 - e. Gilt Show
 - f. Barrow Show

Showmanship Contest

1. All contestants must be members of the NJSA.
2. Divisions will be randomly broken into classes according to entries, with no more than 20 exhibitors per class.
3. Registered Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire gilts or barrows and crossbred barrows or gilts used for showmanship are required to come from a junior exhibitor or open-show entry. It is the responsibility of the participants to make arrangements with another junior member to use their animal. No boars will be allowed in showmanship.
4. Any animals that do not meet breed eligibility requirements may **NOT** be used for showmanship.
5. The divisions will be as of Jan. 1 of the current year: Senior (17-21); Intermediate (13-16); Junior (9-12); and Novice (8 and under).

Skillathon

1. All contestants must be members of the NJSA.
2. No cell phones are allowed in the skillathon room.
3. Participants will rotate to four stations per age division where they will be asked to perform specific tasks that cover various aspects of the swine industry.
4. Each station should take approximately 5-10 minutes. Please follow the posted schedules. Each individual is responsible for organizing their time to complete the contest.
5. There will be a maximum of 10 minutes allowed at each station. After that you will be moved to the next station.
6. Contestants may be asked to complete a tie breaker station based on their score in the first four stations.
7. The following are examples of topics that could be used in the Skillathon: Ear Notching, Swine Breeds, Swine Health, Pork Quality Assurance, Meat Cut Identification, Swine Anatomy (External, Internal and Skeletal), Reproductive Physiology, Swine Diseases and Pedigree Information. Reference material may be obtained by contacting the NSR office.
8. No parents or spectators are allowed in the skillathon rooms. Youth with special needs will be allowed parental help if they submit this request with their entry form in advance of the show. **Students with IEP's will have access to volunteer assistance. Again, please let NJSA staff know prior to the event.**
9. Once a contestant completes the skillathon, they must leave the skillathon room and contest area immediately to avoid any sharing of answers, etc.
10. Stations will not be posted prior to the start of the skillathon at regional shows. There will be signs posted at the National Junior Summer Spectacular listing 8 stations, 5 of which are the chosen stations.

Swine Judging Contest

1. All contestants must be members of the NJSA.
2. **All hogs entered in an NJSA event are eligible to be used for the judging contest, if requested. If the exhibitor or parent wants to drive the hog in the contest, he or she may do so.**
3. Teams must have three to four contestants from the **SAME** age division. The top three scores will comprise the team score.
4. Parents are **NOT** allowed near the judging rings. Assistance will be available to novice or first-time judges who may not understand how to mark their cards.
5. If a contestant judges up a division, they are not eligible to receive placing points for sweepstakes if they are in the top ten in that division.
 - i. Ex: If an intermediate receives 5th place in the senior division they will not receive the 80 points in the intermediate sweepstakes.
6. Novice exhibitors will judge two classes and answer questions on one class. Bonus questions may be asked to break ties.
7. The novice will have their own separate contest. A teaching class will precede the contest where available and officials will be given immediately after their cards are turned in.
8. Junior exhibitors will judge six classes and answer two sets of questions.
9. Intermediate exhibitors will judge six classes, give one set of oral reasons and answer two sets of questions.
10. Senior exhibitors will judge six classes and give three sets of oral reasons.

11. All vulvas and underlines will be considered sound. Please note any differences and be prepared to talk them in oral reasons or answer questions about them.
12. Soundness is to be judged as is, unless otherwise specified on contest day.
13. No talking at any time throughout the contest, except between the contestants and group leaders. If you are caught talking one time, you will be warned. The second time you are caught talking, your card will be taken away. The third time you are caught talking, you will be asked to leave the contest.
14. No cell phones are allowed in the contest.

Swine is Fine Art Contest: Photography Division

The National Junior Swine Association (NJSA) and *Seedstock EDGE* have combined to create the National Swine is Fine Art contest.

This contest encourages NJSA members to use art to communicate about the industry. Entries will be judged based upon their creativity, composition and technical skills such as lighting, color, and focus.

One Photography Contest winner will be chosen for each age division – Senior (17-21), Intermediate (13-16), Junior (9-12), and Novice (8 and under). A “Best in Show” will be awarded for the top entry over all ages and all divisions. The results will be announced at the National Junior Summer Spectacular (NJSS) in Louisville, Ky.

1. All contestants must be members of the NJSA.
2. Each contestant may only submit one photo. Color, black-and-white and sepia entries will be accepted.
3. All entries must be submitted during registration at the National Junior Summer Spectacular.
4. The photo must be related to the swine industry.
5. Photos must be taken by the contestant within the last calendar year.
6. All entries must be printed as an 8”x10” and mounted on black cardstock.
7. **Artist Statement:** The contestant is required to submit a short statement about the artwork. It should be approximately 50 words, describing the entry, including the media used. Elementary grade level entries may have teachers/parents assist in writing and/or transcribing the description. The Artist Statement may assist jurors in learning more about the artwork, which could affect judging outcome.
8. Photos which are deemed by contest jurors to have been digitally altered outside of the ethical standards of livestock professionals and photojournalists will be disqualified. This includes but is not limited to any editing besides cropping, optimizing color levels and saturation and reducing red eye, including artistic filters, digital addition of words and/or sayings and digital manipulation of subject matter such as warping, patching, stamping, etc.
9. All entries can be used by the NSR, NJSA, and the *Seedstock EDGE* for publication and promotion.

Swine is Fine Art Contest: Drawing, Painting, and Mixed Media Division

The National Junior Swine Association (NJSA) and *Seedstock EDGE* have combined to create the National Swine is Fine Art contest.

This contest encourages NJSA members to use art to communicate about the industry. Entries will be judged based upon their creativity, composition and technical skills such as lighting, color and focus.

One Drawing, Painting, and Mixed Media Contest winner will be chosen for each age division – Senior (17-21), Intermediate (13-16), Junior (9-12), and Novice (8 and under). A “Best in Show” will be awarded for the top entry over all ages and all divisions. The results will be announced at the National Junior Summer Spectacular (NJSS) in Louisville, Ky.

1. Each contestant may only submit one piece of art, featuring the swine industry, in any medium. (Examples include: Pencil, Colored Pencil, Charcoal, Pen, Oils, Acrylic, Pastels, Cray-Pas, Watercolor, Mixed Media)
2. Artwork can be no greater than 11x17-inches in size. It must be two dimensional, except for collage entries, which cannot extend more than ¼ inch from the surface. No lights or other electronic accents will be allowed.
3. Entries that have been electronically produced or altered are not eligible for this category.
4. Artwork must be completely dried and fixed.
5. Work on paper should be matted to protect the artwork. Works on canvas should not be matted. No artwork should be framed.
6. All entries must be submitted during registration at the National Junior Summer Spectacular.
7. **Artist Statement:** The contestant is required to submit a short statement about the artwork. It should be approximately 50 words, describing the entry, including the media used. Elementary grade level entries may have teachers/parents assist in writing and/or transcribing the description. The Artist Statement may assist jurors in learning more about the artwork, which could affect judging outcome.
8. All entries can be used by the NSR, NJSA and the *Seedstock EDGE* for publication and promotion.
9. Entries may be picked up at the NJSS in Louisville, Kentucky, on Friday, July 8, 2016.

Amazing Advertising Contest

The National Junior Swine Association (NJSA) and *Seedstock EDGE* have combined to create the National Swine Amazing Advertising Contest.

This contest encourages NJSA members to improve their communication and selling skills by designing an advertisement for the NJSA. Entries will be based upon how effectively contestants “sell” the idea of NJSA membership by using images, text and design elements.

One Amazing Advertising Contest winner will be chosen for each age division – Senior (17-21), Intermediate (13-16), Junior (9-12), and Novice (8 and under). A “Best in Show” will be awarded for the top entry over all ages and all divisions. The results will be announced at the National Junior Summer Spectacular (NJSS) in Louisville, Ky. A digital copy of the advertisement will be archived and may be used in publications by the National Swine Registry (NSR), NJSA and *Seedstock EDGE* magazine.

1. Each contestant can only submit one, full-page advertisement (no larger than 8.5x11-inches). Color, black-and-white and two-color entries will be accepted.
2. The advertisement must highlight the NJSA.
3. The entry should be the work of the contestant and include an attention-grabbing headline, a compelling image and copy or text designed to get other youth interested in the organization.
4. All entries must be submitted during registration at the National Junior Summer Spectacular.
5. **Advertiser Statement:** The contestant is required to submit a short statement about the advertisement. It should be approximately 50 words, describing the entry, including the unique selling point of the organization. Elementary grade level entries may have teachers/parents assist in writing and/or transcribing the description. The Advertiser Statement may assist jurors in learning more about the ad, which could affect judging outcome.
6. All entries can be used by the NSR, NJSA and the *Seedstock EDGE* for publication and promotion.

Extemporaneous Speech Contest Rules

1. Contestant must be a member of the NJSA.
2. Senior (17-21), Intermediate (13-16), Junior (9-12), and Novice (8 and under) contestants are eligible. The Intermediate and Senior divisions will be combined, as will the Novice and Junior Divisions.
3. Participants must confirm registration for the Extemporaneous Speech Contest during registration at the National Junior Summer Spectacular.
4. During registration, participants will be allowed to select their time slot.
5. All participants need to make sure to check-in for the contest by the time they selected on the schedule.
6. Each speech must be between two to six minutes in length with three minutes additional time allowed for related questions, which shall be asked by the judges.
7. A junior board member shall introduce the participant, and the participant may introduce their speech by title only.
8. Participants will be penalized one point per five seconds on each judge's score sheet for being more than six minutes or under two minutes. The time commences when the speaker begins talking. The speaker may use a watch to keep record of their time. No time warnings will be given by event officials or observers.
9. No microphone will be available to contestants.

Topics

1. NJSA board members, the Director of Junior Activities and the NSR CEO will prepare six topics.
2. The selection of the topics shall be held 30 minutes before the event. The participant will draw two specific topics, selected at random from one pool of six, relating to the industry of agriculture and/or purebred Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace or Yorkshire swine. After selecting a topic from the choices, all topics will be returned for the next drawing.
3. Participants must use the uniform note cards provided. Any notes for speaking must be made during preparation time.
4. A list of all possible topics will be given to and reviewed by the judges prior to the event's start.
5. Each speech must be the result of the participant's own effort using approved reference material, which the participant may bring to the participation room. No other assistance may be provided.
6. Reference materials will be screened by the junior board members in charge of the event on the following basis.
 - a. Shall be limited to five items.

- b. Must be printed materials such as books, magazines, and/or a compilation of collected materials. To be counted as one item, a notebook or folder may contain no more than 100 pages, single-sided (cannot be notes or speeches prepared by the participant or notes prepared by another person for the purpose of this event.) Copies must reference the origination point.

Method of Judging

1. The NSR Chief Executive Officer and the NSR Director of Junior Activities will be in charge of selecting three competent and impartial judges to evaluate the contestants.
2. Contestants will be permitted to use notes. Excessive reference may result in a deduction of the contestant's score.
3. The contestant will be scored 40 percent on speech content and organization, and 60 percent on presentation.
4. The judges will ask questions after each speech. Contestants will be scored on their ability to respond effectively.
5. A timekeeper will record each participant's speech time, noting under time and overtime, if any, for which deductions will be made.
6. Upon completion of all speeches, and without consultation, each judge shall total his/her score of the manuscript and presentation for each speaker. Contest officials will then collect the score sheets, deduct points if necessary for time violations and rank the contestants in numerical order on the basis of each judge's scores. (Highest scores first, lowest scores last).
7. The rankings, not the score, of the three judges shall be added for each speaker, and the final placings will be determined by the lowest composite rankings. Actual scores will be used only to break ties.

Event Procedures

1. Participants must check-in the contest 30 minutes prior to their speech time for topic selection and preparation. At this time they will be select their topic then head to the preparation room to begin.
2. It is not required that you utilize all 30 minutes, however, once you enter the preparation room, you will not be allowed to leave for any reason until you have given your speech.
3. Participants will enter preparation room at 10-minute intervals.
4. You will be introduced by a junior board member, and then you may enter the room to deliver your speech.

Prepared Speech Contest Rules

1. Contestant must be a member of the NJSA.
2. Senior (17-21), Intermediate (13-16), Junior (9-12), and Novice (8 and under) contestants are eligible. The Intermediate and Senior divisions will be combined, as will the Novice and Junior Divisions.
3. Participants must confirm registration for the Prepared Speech Contest during registration at the National Junior Summer Spectacular.
4. During registration, participants will be allowed to select their time slot.
5. All participants need to make sure to check-in for the contest by the time they selected on the schedule.
6. Each speech must be between three to six minutes in length with three (novice and juniors) to five (intermediates and seniors) minutes additional time allowed for related questions, which shall be asked by the judges.
7. Contestants must bring four copies of their typewritten, double-spaced speech manuscript on 8 1/2" x 11" white bond paper with them through check-in on Tuesday from noon to 8 p.m. The manuscript must be the result of the contestant's own efforts. A title page including the title of the speech, the speaker's

name, hometown and birthdate, must accompany the manuscript. No report covers or special binders may be used.

The Speech

1. Any subject pertaining to the swine industry is acceptable. Exploration of any and all phases of the industry is encouraged. Current issues, policies and trends are good topics, too.
2. The speech must be the result of the contestant's own efforts.
3. Each speech must be three to six minutes long. Deductions of one-half point per ten seconds will be taken from the score by each judge for speeches under or over the specified time frame.
4. Junior contestants will be allowed up to three minutes for questions from the judges following their speech. Intermediate and senior contestants will be allowed up to five minutes for questions from the judges following their speech.
5. No microphone will be available to contestants.

Method of Judging

8. The NSR Chief Executive Officer and the NSR Director of Junior Activities will be in charge of selecting three competent and impartial judges to evaluate the contestants.
9. A timekeeper will record each participant's speech time, noting under time and overtime, if any, for which deductions will be made.
10. Contestants will be permitted to use notes. Excessive reference may result in a deduction of the contestant's score.
11. The use of visual aids (charts, slides, signs, etc.) is NOT permitted.
12. Judges shall receive copies of the manuscripts 30 minutes prior to the contest so the general idea of the speeches may be reviewed before the actual presentation.
13. The contestant will be scored 40 percent on speech content and organization, and 60 percent on presentation.
14. The judges will ask questions after each speech. Contestants will be scored on their ability to respond effectively.
15. Upon completion of all speeches, and without consultation, each judge shall total his/her score of the manuscript and presentation for each speaker. Contest officials will then collect the score sheets, deduct points if necessary for time violations and rank the contestants in numerical order on the basis of each judge's scores. (Highest scores first, lowest scores last).
16. The rankings, not the score, of the three judges shall be added for each speaker, and the final placings will be determined by the lowest composite rankings. Actual scores will be used only to break ties.

Scrapbook Contest

1. Each individual may enter one scrapbook in this contest at the National Junior Summer Spectacular.
2. Scrapbooks will be judged on creativity, eye appeal, theme, educational value and neatness.
3. Scrapbooks must have been designed and put together by NJSA members and will be displayed in the designated area.
4. Electricity will **NOT** be available for displays due to safety rules.
5. Scrapbooks must include a label or title with the scrapbook that easily identifies the exhibitor and any participants.
6. Computer generated fonts and designs are allowed, if desired.
7. Enclose any included memorabilia in a plastic sleeve or use archival spray to protect it.

NJSA Scholarships

For applications and information go to www.nationalswine.com/njsa/njsa.html.

March 1 • \$1,000 Claude Robinson Judging Scholarship

March 1 • \$1,000 Jason Shipley Memorial Scholarship

March 1 • \$1,000 Gregory D. Johnson Memorial Scholarship

March 1 • \$500 NJSA Visionary Leader Scholarship

March 1 • \$1,000 Outstanding Senior NJSA Member Scholarship* (2)

March 1 • \$500 Outstanding Intermediate NJSA Member Scholarship*

March 1 • \$300 Outstanding Junior NJSA Member Scholarship*

March 1 • \$200 Outstanding Novice NJSA Member Scholarship*

March 1 • \$500 TC Trailers Scholarship

March 1 • \$1,000 American Yorkshire Club Scholarship

March 1 • \$1,000 Juniors Helping Juniors Scholarship

May 1 • up to 5 \$1,000 The Maschoffs Inc. Pork Production Scholarships

*These scholarships cannot be won more than once per division

NJSA Junior Board of Directors

Running for the Junior Board

1. The NJSA Junior Board of Directors is made up of twelve directors, each serving a two-year term.
2. To be eligible to run for the NJSA Junior Board of Directors, candidates must be between the ages of 17-20 as of Jan. 1, 2018.
3. NJSA members must submit an application to run for the NJSA Junior Board by March 1.
4. NJSA Junior Board candidates must complete an interview with the NSR Youth Advisory Board members at the NJSA National Youth Leadership Conference, either in person or over the phone.
5. All candidates **MUST** attend and help with the National Junior Summer Spectacular in July.

General Junior Board Information

1. There are six Region Directors (Eastern, 2 Central, Southeast, Southwest and Western) and six At-Large Directors.
2. The six Regional Directors and six At-Large Directors are appointed by a selection committee.
3. The successful At-Large and Region Directors will be announced at the end of the National Junior Summer Spectacular Awards Ceremony.
 - g. Candidates will be informed of the election results during the day on Friday before the Awards Ceremony.
4. Election breakdown:
 - h. Elected at 2018 National Junior Summer Spectacular/Selected at 2018 NYLC:
 - i. Southwest Region Director
 - ii. Southeast Region Director
 - iii. Central Region Director
 - iv. At-Large Director
 - v. At-Large Director
 - vi. At-Large Director
 - i. Positions Available:

- i. Even Years:
 - 1. Southwest Region Director, Southeast Region Director, Central Region Director, At-Large Director, At-Large Director, At-Large Director
- ii. Odd Years:
 - 1. Central Region Director, Western Region Director, Eastern Region Director, At-Large Director, At-Large Director, At-Large Director
- 5. If the selection committee cannot reach a qualified regional candidate(s) the position(s) may be changed to At-Large Position(s).
 - a. That Region Position will then be re-opened in 2 years to be filled.
- 6. The selection committee reserves the right to fill any vacant position(s) on the Junior Board of Directors for the remainder of their term.
- 7. The selection committee reserves the right to adjust the number of Junior Board Directors based on merit and need for the National Junior Swine Association.

IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) Code of Show Ring Ethics

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the “IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics,” fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of, consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not

entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory, to which it is sent, is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expos and any special notices to members.

11. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

Grievance Policy

Complaints against NJSA members/exhibitors must be made in writing and signed by the person registering the complaint (Complainant), and accompanied by a deposit of \$200, which shall be forfeited if the Director of Junior Activities or the Youth Advisory Board determines the complaint unjustified. If the complaint is determined to be justified, the deposit shall be returned to the Complainant. If any member or other person is charged, in writing, with misrepresentation as to the pedigree of any animal bred or owned by him, or with willful misrepresentation concerning any other fact concerning any animal owned or bred by him, or with any conduct detrimental to the NSR or NJSA, the Director of Junior Activities will investigate the situation, and if he/she feels there is a valid basis for the charge, he/she shall have a complaint prepared setting forth the alleged improper acts of said member/exhibitor of the NJSA or other person. A copy of this complaint, together with notice of the time and place of hearing on said charges, shall be served upon the member/exhibitor of the NJSA or other person by certified or registered United States Mail, return receipt request.

If a grievance is filed and proven after the show concludes, no one will be moved into the unfiled position that was revoked from the former winner.

A grievance must be filled within 7 days after an event.

2017-2018 NJSA Junior Board of Directors

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