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Dear Eastern Regional Participants,

It's almost time for the NJSA Eastern Regional at the Erie County Fairgrounds in Hamburg, New York, - October 3-5, 2024! To make this event run smoothly, please read a few reminders listed below.

1. Upon arrival, please make sure that you follow the signs that are posted so that unloading can go smoothly.
2. Thursday is Family Fun Day at the NJSA Eastern Regional! Unload your hogs and spend the afternoon with your family and friends, having fun and exploring the Buffalo/Niagara area.
3. Camping is available on the fairgrounds. There are plenty of spots available, so no reservation is needed. Spots will include electric and water hookup for \$30/night. Please pay for your spot during show check-in.
4. Hogs may begin arriving at the fairgrounds at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and must be in place by 11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.
5. Please remember to bring a pen divider as exhibitors are required to pen two pigs per pen, with families penning together and barrows and gilts penning together. The size of one pen is 6' x 6'.
6. Exhibitors will be penned alphabetically by last name, within their state. However, exhibitors may request to be penned by other junior members from the SAME state. Requests must be made by Monday, September 30. Please email [corak@nationalswine.com](mailto:corak@nationalswine.com) with the name and state of the exhibitors in the pen group.
7. Registration will take place from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.
8. Each exhibitor must have their **registration papers, health papers and a copy of their YQCA certificate or card** present at registration. Please bring the original health paper along with a photocopy and a photocopy of your registration papers, along with the originals to speed up the registration process. At registration exhibitors will receive weigh cards with a QR code to scan in order to submit the weights of their barrows and crossbred gilts.
9. The National Swine Registry Executive Committee has voted to implement the weighing of ALL junior purebred gilts. All exhibitors will be required to go to one of the designated scales in the barn for breed eligibility checks and be weighed by NSR staff members during the designated time as posted on the schedule. Weight cards will be obtained at check-in and turned in at the scales. Junior purebred gilt classes will be broken first by month of birth, then by weight within month of birth.
10. All purebred gilts will be weighed from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.
11. There will be a Pumpkin Painting Youth Activity at 11:45 a.m. on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.
12. The Skillathon competition will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Friday. All participants must be checked in by 2:30 p.m. to compete. This event is for youth exhibitors only – no parents or spectators are allowed in the skillathon building. However, on Friday after all exhibitors have completed the contest, all parents and youth are invited to go back through the skillathon to review the questions and see the correct answers.
13. Showmanship will be held on Friday evening at 4:00 p.m. The showmanship order will be Novice, Junior, Intermediate, Senior.
14. The NJSA Family Pizza Party will begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday night and is free to all NJSA members & families! Take a break from the show and come enjoy a time to eat and fellowship with your family and other NJSA families!

15. Once again, the NJSA Eastern Regional will feature Family Movie Night! Friday evening at 7:00 p.m., following the Pizza Party, a movie will be shown in the Harvest Theater for all to enjoy.
16. All NJSA exhibitors and families are invited to the NJSA Family Donut Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday morning in the Show Ring.
17. The Purebred Barrow show will begin at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning and will go in the order of Berkshire, Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, Yorkshire and Crossbred.
18. Barrows must weigh 290 lbs. or less and will have a 15 lb. weigh-back. The top-five barrows in each class will be re-weighed. Barrows must weigh back within 15 pounds of their declared weight. Any barrows weighing more or less than 15 pounds of the declared weight will be disqualified.
19. The Purebred Gilt show will immediately follow the Barrow Show and will go in the order of Berkshire, Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, Yorkshire and Crossbred.
20. Crossbred gilts must weigh 375 lbs. or less and will have a 15 lb. weigh-back. The top-five crossbred gilts in each class will be re-weighed. Crossbred gilts must weigh back within 15 pounds of their declared weight. Any crossbred gilts weighing more or less than 15 pounds of the declared weight will be disqualified.
21. The Awards Ceremony will begin at the conclusion of the Crossbred gilt show on Saturday afternoon in the Show Ring.
22. All gilts and barrows will be released as they are done showing.

We are excited to be heading back to Hamburg this year to a wonderful facility! If you have any questions, please contact NSR Events & Education Manager, Cora Key, at [corak@nationalswine.com](mailto:corak@nationalswine.com) or 765.463.3594. See you in Hamburg!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cora Key". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name and title.

Cora Key  
Events & Education Manager

# 2024 Eastern Regional Schedule

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**Judge:** Hunter Langhoff, IA

## Thursday, October 3

**10 a.m.** Entries may arrive

## Friday, October 4

**8-11:30 a.m.** Registration  
**11 a.m.** All Entries Must be in Place  
**11 am – 1 p.m.** Weigh and breed eligibility check purebred gilts  
**11: 45 a.m.** Pumpkin Painting Youth Activity  
**1-3 p.m.** Skillathon  
**2 p.m.** Crossbred Gilt and Purebred/Crossbred Barrow Weight Cards Due – *Show Office*  
**3:30 p.m.** Skillathon Review (Questions & Answers Open to Public)  
**4 p.m.** Showmanship (Novice, Junior, Intermediate, Senior)  
**6:30 p.m.** NJSA Family Pizza Party (Free to all Exhibitors and their Families)  
**7 p.m.** Family Movie & Popcorn Night (Free to all Exhibitors and their families)

## Saturday, October 5

**7:30 a.m.** NJSA Family Breakfast – Show Ring (Free to all Exhibitors and their Families)  
**8 a.m.** Barrow Show (Berkshire, Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, Yorkshire, & Crossbred)

*\*Gilt Show will immediately follow the Barrow Show.*

**At the conclusion of the Gilt Show: Skillathon & Sweepstakes Awards Ceremony – *Show Ring***

**All hogs are released once they are done showing.**

**All purebred champion and reserve breed champion animals must be present for the grand drive or exhibitors forfeit all premium checks.**