

GENERAL INFORMATION

EXHIBITOR REQUIREMENTS

- All exhibitors must be members of the National Junior Swine Association (NJSA) to compete in NJSA events.
- Exhibitors must be 21 years of age or younger as of Jan. 1, 2018.
- 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.
- No entries accepted at the show.
- 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.
- All participants who do not show a gilt or barrow at NJSA events will pay a participation fee of \$5 per contest.
- **ALL ENTRIES ARE FINAL. NO REFUNDS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE**
- 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).
- Exhibitors must wear their exhibitor numbers given to them at registration during the gilt and barrow shows and showmanship contest.
- NSR is not liable for accidents.
- **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.**
- No clipping of hogs is allowed on the show grounds.
- No print advertising is allowed on exhibitor clothing while in the show ring.
- 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.
- Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) Plus or Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification is required by all junior exhibitors at every NJSA show.
- A premises ID number to exhibit at an NJSA event. It is easy to obtain a premises ID number by [clicking here](#). 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.

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

- 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 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.

- Animals will not be released until the completion of the Sweepstakes Award Ceremony or the posted release times. 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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 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, [click here](#).
- All NJSA purebred gilt and market hog entries must be registered Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace or Yorkshire.
- Gilts that are being exhibited must be guaranteed open (not bred).
- Substitutions will be allowed at the show.
- 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.
- 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.
- Any gilts or market hogs that do not meet eligibility requirements may not be used for showmanship. All efforts will be made to help these youth find replacement hogs to use in showmanship.
- 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.
- Purebred breeding gilt classes will be broken according to farrowing dates, with class size as equal as possible.
- Crossbred breeding gilt and all market hog classes will be broken according to weight, with class size as equal as possible.
- 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.)
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

- 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.
- NJSA reserves the right to randomly test for the presence of unapproved drugs in swine entries.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

HEALTH REGULATIONS

- 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.
- These health requirements must be met or the animals will not be allowed to enter the show grounds.