Dear NBS ® Junior Barrow Classic Participants:

It’s almost time for the NBS® Junior Classic held on Sept. 10-14, in Austin, Minn. To make the show run smoothly, we've included a few reminders.

1. Registration will take place from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Sat., Sept. 11.
2. All junior purebreds must have their registration papers present at check-in. Please bring a photocopy of your registration papers along with your originals to speed up check-in.
3. Reminder – You must exhibit one purebred for every crossbred exhibited.
4. Junior entries may begin arriving at the Mower Co. Fairgrounds in Austin at 5 p.m. Friday, September 10. All junior entries must be in place by Saturday, September 11 at 1 p.m.
5. All junior market hogs and crossbred breeding gilts weigh cards are due Saturday, September 11 at 2 p.m.
6. All market hogs must weigh between 215-290 lbs. with a 15 lb. weigh back. All market hogs must be born Feb. 1, 2021, and after.
7. All breeding gilts must be born Jan. 15, 2021 or later. Crossbred gilts must weigh 375 lbs. and less with a 15 lb. weigh back.
8. All exhibitors must be PQA or YQCA certified and show proof of certification at check-in. If you are not certified, you will need to complete certification online prior to the show.
9. You must have a CVI with each hog individually listed. Please visit www.nationalswine.com for a complete list of health rules and regulations that MUST be followed for your hogs to be exhibited in Austin.
10. All purebred NSR breeds are to be guaranteed negative of the stress gene to be exhibited at a NSR or NJSA event. DNA samples will be collected on all NJSA breed show champions and reserve champions, as well as, champion and reserve champion Berkshires to determine compliance with NSR and ABA negative stress gene policy.
11. Chesters are required to be stress negative. Berkshire barrows must have the negative stress status denoted on the pedigree. HAL-1843*nm must be printed below the pig’s name on the pedigree.
12. All ABA, CPS, and NSR Breed Champions and Reserves will be DNA tested after the conclusion of the show.
13. All participants are invited to the pizza party at the Plager Building on the fairgrounds on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Free pizza for all exhibitors and their families. It’s an event you won’t want to miss!
14. Showmanship will take place on Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. Novice (8 years & under); Junior (9-12); Intermediate (13-16); and Senior (17-21). Ages are as of Jan. 1, 2021. We will begin with senior, followed by intermediate, and junior ending with novice.
15. The Junior Classic Breeding Gilt Show will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 12 and will be followed by the Junior Classic Market Show.
16. Powdering, oiling or any dressing applied to hogs other than water will not be allowed. Exhibitors may be asked to take their animals to the wash racks by the show officials to remove this dressing. Show officials reserve the right to disqualify any animal from competition not meeting this requirement. Whole body clipping of market hogs is discouraged.
17. Absolutely no clipping of hogs will be allowed on the show grounds.
18. All exhibitors are invited to enter the judging contest at 8 a.m. Monday.
19. Exhibitors that are showing in both the junior and open market shows do NOT have to re-weigh on Sunday. Weights from the junior show recorded on Saturday will be used for the open show on Monday.

On behalf of NJSA and Team Purebred, we are all looking forward to a great event in Austin. If you have any questions, please call Ellen Knauth, NSR, at 765.463.3594 or Kristi Smith, Team Purebred, at 309.645.7885. The complete schedule and rules are online at www.nationalswine.com or www.teampurebred.com. We look forward to seeing you at the 2021 National Barrow Show!

Sincerely,

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