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Dear National Junior Summer Spectacular Exhibitor,

The 2026 National Junior Summer Spectacular will be held June 28- July 3, 2026, in Indianapolis, In at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. To make this event run smoothly, we've included a few reminders.

Before You Leave Home

1. Be sure to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) (Health Papers) for all animals coming to the National Junior Summer Spectacular. Work with your veterinarian to make certain the CVI is filled out completely and accurately and meets all requirements for the health regulations.
2. Make sure all animals are identified with an official USDA ear tag. Ear tags must be in the animal's ear and tag numbers should be listed on the health certificate to identify each animal.
3. Ear notches must also be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for each animal.
4. Make sure all purebred animals meet breed eligibility requirements for their respective breeds. For more information on breed eligibility requirements, visit nationalswine.com, cpsswine.com and americanberkshire.com.
5. Be sure to bring pedigrees for all purebred animals. Please review pedigrees to make sure they accurately meet all required information (exhibitor name, ear notch, sex, date of birth, **transfer of ownership**/date of transfer).
6. Exhibitors will be able to pen one pig per pen. Please bring pen dividers, if needed, as they will not be provided.
7. **Is your Silent Auction donation ready for the annual National Junior Summer Spectacular Silent Auction? Join in the fun and bring an item that you think would be of interest to other NJSA members and their families. The money raised from this Silent Auction will support NJSA shows and activities. Please drop off your item during registration. New for 2026 the NJSA Silent Auction will be hosted on showpig.com.**

PARKING PASSES

- Parking passes will be used again this year . Upon arrival with trailers, please drive through the designated parking lots and staff will be there to direct you.
- Each family or exhibitor registration will receive one parking pass, additional parking passes will be \$25.
- Exhibitors will receive a parking pass during check-in, on Sunday, June 28 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. or Monday, June 29 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Exhibitors will only be allowed to enter through gates without parking passes upon initial arrival with their hogs. After this, you will need a parking pass each time you enter the fairgrounds.
- Each family will receive **one** parking pass, at no cost, to use for parking throughout the week of the National Junior Summer Spectacular. If families are double entered in the junior and open shows, they will still only get one pass.

HEALTH REGULATIONS

- All animals coming to the National Junior Summer Spectacular and Summer Type Conference must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) (Health Paper). A complete list of health regulations can be found by going to [2026 NJSS Rules and Regulations](#)
- Barrows and gilts that are ONLY being exhibited in the JUNIOR SHOW (NJSS) are not required to be blood tested for PRV and brucellosis. ALL animals that will be entered in the Summer Type Conference OPEN SHOW MUST be individually tested for PRV and brucellosis, UNLESS the animals come from a qualified, validated herd and perform quarterly testing. This rule is required for open show animals, due to the fact, that some purchasers of animals through the sale will return to states that have additional test requirements for interstate transport of swine.

Arrival, Unloading and Loadout Information

1. Trailers may begin arriving at the fairgrounds at 8 a.m. on Sunday, June 28th.
2. All junior entries must be in place by 10 A.M. Monday June 29th.
3. Trailers will be staged in the 46th street lot prior to vet check and pen assignments.
4. Upon arrival, all animals and CVIs will be inspected. Please have original CVIs ready upon arrival.
5. **Pens will be assigned during vet check-in.**
6. All animals are released once they are done showing – **EXCEPT** All breed champions and reserves must stay until the completion of the grand drive or they will forfeit their awarded premiums.
7. Stay tuned to NJSA social media and future e-blasts for more information regarding unloading and parking.

Registration and Check-in Information

1. Registration will take place on Sunday, June 28th from 2 p.m. -- 6 p.m. in the swine barn concourse. and Monday, June 29th from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. in the swine barn concourse.
2. Each exhibitor must have their **registration papers (1 copy), health papers (1 copy) and PQA Plus or YQCA certificate or card (1 copy)** present at registration. Please bring a photocopy of the registration papers along with the originals to speed up the registration process. **Please DO NOT make extra copies of your health papers until check-in because we will have to have a copy of the health paper that the veterinarian signed upon arrival to the show.**
3. Substitutions will be allowed at the show until registration is over but are not to exceed the number of originally entered hogs.
4. All barrows and crossbred breeding gilts will be shown by declared weight. Exhibitors will receive a weight card at registration with a QR code to scan and complete with their hog's weight and information. Crossbred weights are due at 2 p.m. on Monday June 29. Purebred Barrow weights are due at 8 a.m. on Wednesday July 1st by 8 a.m. Exhibitors are NOT permitted to bring their own scales into the barn. Practice scales will be available at the show.
5. The National Swine Registry Executive Committee has voted to implement the weighing of ALL junior purebred gilts. All exhibitors will be weighed at 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 once the gilt is weighed at the scale.
6. Junior purebred gilt classes will be broken first by month of birth, then by weight within month of birth.
7. **All exhibitors ages 8-21 MUST be YQCA or PQA Plus certified.**
8. **Parents of youth ages 7 years old and under must be certified in Adult PQA Plus training.**
9. Any youth that are not PQA Plus certified prior to the National Junior Summer Spectacular **will not be allowed to exhibit their hogs.**
10. **YQCA training is available to be completed online at: yqcaprogram.org**

Show Information

1. Showmanship will be held on Tuesday, June 30th, at 8 a.m. Juniors will be first followed by Seniors in Ring A and Novice will be first, followed by Intermediates in Ring B.
2. The Bred and Owned Gilt show will begin Tuesday June 30 Ring A 30 mins after the conclusion of showmanship.
3. The Crossbred Breeding Gilt Show will take place in Ring A at the conclusion of Bred and Owned show and Crossbred Barrows in Ring B will start at 4pm on Tuesday, June 30th.
4. Crossbred Barrows must weigh between 215-290 lbs. and will have a 15 lb. weigh-back. Crossbred gilts must weigh 375 lbs. and less and will have a 15 lb. weigh-back.
5. Ring A and Ring B of the Purebred Gilt Show will begin at 8 a.m.. Ring A will consist of Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Poland and Tamworth. Ring B will be Berkshire, Chester, Landrace, Spot and Yorkshire.
6. Gilt grand drive will start at 6 p.m or 30 minutes after the conclusion of the purebred gilt show.
7. The Purebred Barrow Show will begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday July 2nd. Ring A will consist of Chester, Duroc, Hampshire, Poland and Tamworth. Ring B will start with Berkshire, Hereford, Landrace, Spot and Yorkshire
8. Grand barrow drive will begin 30 mins after the conclusion of the barrow show.
9. If your gilt is double-entered in the open show, please remember to **NOT** paint open show numbers on your double-entered gilts until after the completion of the junior gilt show on Wednesday.
10. The NSR Summer Type Conference sale will be on Friday July 3rd. The NJSA Foundation Female sale is a great opportunity for our members to purchase an elite female from Huinker Durocs of Decorah, Iowa. *Thank you for donating this incredible opportunity!*
11. Gilts and barrows MUST be moved out of the barn, within two hours, after the conclusion of the NSR Summer Type Conference sale on Friday.
12. Please be aware no grills will be allowed at the barns, this includes griddle style, smoker style and any other style of grill.
13. All pop up tents and exhibitor “camps” will not be allowed under the overhang at the south end of the Fall Creek Pavillion (swine barn) but there will be an area set up in the parking lot located on the east side of Fall Creek Pavillion for tents after all trailers have unloaded.
14. Reminder- Golf carts must be operated by a licensed driver and obey all traffic laws as the roads on the Indiana State Fairgrounds are considered legal roads.

CONTEST INFORMATION

1. This event will consist of five main contests (Gilt Show, Barrow Show, Showmanship, Judging Contest, and Skillathon) that contribute points to a Sweepstakes Contest. You must compete in the Purebred Gilt or Barrow Show, Showmanship, Judging Contest, and Skillathon to be eligible for sweepstakes. We will also have a Prepared Speech Contest, Extemporaneous Speech Contest, Amazing Advertising and Swine is Fine Art Contest and Foundations of Flavor Cooking Contest. *Contestants are not required to compete in all educational contests but will receive points as mentioned above for eligible sweepstakes contests for participation.* However, we strongly encourage you to take part in these opportunities.
2. **At 7 p.m., on Sunday, June 28th we will have the famous Barnyard Olympics competition!** Come compete in fun barnyard games to win prizes and make new friends! Come with a pre-made team from your state or come by yourself and we’ll place you on a team to meet new people.
3. At 2 p.m. on Monday, June 29th, Skillathon will begin in Horse barn (Champions pavilion). **All contestants must be in line for the Skillathon by 3:30 p.m.** This event is for youth exhibitors only –

NO parents or spectators are allowed in the Skillathon rooms. *However*, on Monday at 4:30 p.m. all parents and youth are invited to go back through the Skillathon to review the questions and see the correct answers.

4. The Prepared Speech Contest and Extemporaneous Speech Contest will both begin at Noon. on Monday, June 29th. There are two age divisions: Novice/Junior and Intermediate/Senior. Both speech contests are NOT part of sweepstakes and you will receive no additional points for participating. **Prepared Speech Contestants: please be aware that you are required to turn in FOUR copies of your speech during show check-in!**
5. Between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m., on Thursday, the Judging Contest registration will take place in the Draft Horse Barn (Champions Pavillion). This registration includes all exhibitors (Novice, Junior, Intermediate and Senior). *Although you signed up for the Judging Contest at show registration on Sunday or Monday, you MUST still enter for the Judging Contest on Thursday to receive your judging cards and contestant number. If you have a team, please make sure you all register together at the same time. The Judging Contest will begin one hour after the conclusion of the grand barrow drive.* The Judging Contest will begin one hour after the conclusion of the barrow show in the Swine Barn. The contest will consist of four placing classes and two sets of oral reasons for Seniors, four placing classes, one set of oral reasons and one class of questions for Intermediates, and four placing classes and one class of questions for Juniors.
6. The Novice Judging Contest will be in the first round of the contest in the Swine Barn. Following a short judging instructional lesson, Novice contestants will evaluate two classes and answer questions on one class. No parents will be allowed near the judging contest. Assistants will be on hand to help Novices mark cards and view classes.
7. **Please note that it is an NJSA policy that any gilt or barrow exhibited at an NJSA show is eligible to be selected for use in the Judging Contest. If your hog is selected, you have the option to drive it during the contest yourself, but you may not decline its use. Please be cooperative if your hog is selected to be used in the Judging Contest.**
8. The pinnacle of the entire National Junior Summer Spectacular week... Thursday July 2nd at 6 p.m. or two hours after the conclusion of the judging contest all exhibitors, families and friends are encouraged to attend the Awards Ceremony, following the conclusion of Ray Perryman's Inspirational Service, National Junior Summer Spectacular contests, including the Speech Contest, Extemporaneous Speech Contest, Skillathon, Swine is Fine Art Contest, Amazing Advertising, Judging Contest and Sweepstakes Contest awards will be presented. In addition, the 2025-2026 NJSA Premier Breeders will be announced, 2026-2027 NJSA Junior Board of Directors will be introduced.

On behalf of NJSA, we are all looking forward to a great event in Louisville. If you have any questions, please call Carin Vickrey, NJSA, at 765-463-3594. The complete schedule and rules are online at www.nationalswine.com. We look forward to seeing you at the 2026 National Junior Summer Spectacular!

Sincerely,



Carin Vickrey
National Swine Registry
Youth Activities and Programs Manager

National Junior Summer Spectacular Rules

The following rules and regulations are applicable to the National Junior Summer Spectacular. Additional rules and regulations that apply to NJSA may be found in the handbook.

General Information

- 6 pigs total
- Each exhibitor must show (not just enter) one purebred for every one crossbred.
- All participants who do not show a gilt or barrow at this event will pay a participation fee of \$5 per contest if they wish to exhibit in showmanship or the judging contest.
- All hogs must be identified with a federally approved, permanently numbered ear tag.
- No laser therapy or nebulizer treatments are allowed on the show grounds.
- NJSA reserves the right to randomly test for the presence of unapproved drugs in swine entries. Complete details can be found in the NJSA Handbook.
- No entries will be accepted at the show.
- Entry fees are non-refundable.
- NSR and NJSA are not liable for accidents.

Exhibitor Requirements

- Exhibitors must be 21 years of age or younger as of January 1st 2026.
- Exhibitors must wear their exhibitor number which they received when going thru show registration at all times during showmanship, crossbred show, purebred gilts and purebred barrows.
- 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.

Arrival/Dismissal

- All pigs must go through the vet check line upon arrival.
- Participants must pen their entries in the designated area, even if they are entered in the open show. No moving or switching of pen cards is allowed at the show.
- All animals are released once they are done showing – **EXCEPT** All breed champions and reserves must stay until the completion of the grand drive or they will forfeit their awarded premiums.

Purebred Gilt Requirements

- Purebred gilt entries must be registered Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Landrace, Poland China, Spotted, Tamworth or Yorkshire gilts that are farrowed on or after November 1, 2025.
- All NJSA bred and owned animals **MUST** be declared on the entry form.
- All ABA, CPS, and NSR Breed Champions and Reserves will be DNA tested after the conclusion of the Grand Champion Gilt Drive.
- 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 or an NSR approved committee.

- Junior purebred gilts classes will be broken first by month of birth, then by weight within month of birth.
- Purebred gilt entries may be purchased females, but must be owned by the junior exhibitor, the exhibitor's family name, or exhibitor's farm name by June 3, 2026.
- Purebred gilts must be registered in the junior exhibitor's name, exhibitor's family name, or exhibitor's farm name.
- Junior exhibitors must bring their original pedigree and a copy of their pedigree to check-in.
- Substitutions will be allowed at the show.
- If an animal is double-entered in the Summer Type Conference, it must be entered in the junior exhibitor's name for both shows.

Crossbred Breeding Gilt Requirements

- Exhibitors must show one purebred gilt or barrow for every one crossbred gilt or barrow.
- All crossbred gilts will be shown by declared weights. Test scales will be available.
- Crossbred gilts must weigh-back within 15 pounds of their declared weight, maximum being 375 lbs. The top-five gilts in each class will be weighed during the show.
- Each exhibitor will receive a weigh cards with a QR code located on the back you must scan and complete the google document with their crossbred gilt's weight. Scales will be available at the show.
- Crossbred Gilt Weights are due by 2 PM. on Monday, June 29th, by scanning the QR code located on the back of weight cards given during show check in.
- If showing a Purebred influenced crossbred gilt, you must declare at check-in with a purebred influence crossbred pedigree.
- If an animal is double-entered in the National Junior Summer Spectacular, it must be entered in the junior exhibitor's name for both shows.

Purebred & Crossbred Barrow Requirements

- Exhibitors must show one purebred gilt or barrow for every one crossbred barrow.
- Purebred barrow entries must be registered Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Landrace, Poland China, Spotted, Tamworth or Yorkshire barrows born November 1, 2025, and after.
- All barrows will be shown by declared weights.
- All barrows (purebred and crossbred) must weigh between 215 and 290 pounds. The top-five barrows in each class will be weighed back. All barrows must weigh-back within 15 pounds of their declared weight.
- Each exhibitor will receive a weigh cards with a QR code located on the back you must scan and complete the google document with their market hog's weight. Scales will be available at the show.
- Purebred Barrow Weights are due at 8:00 AM on Wednesday, July 1st.
- Crossbred Barrow Weights are due at 2:00 PM on Monday, June 29th.
- Purebred barrow entries may be purchased barrows, but must be owned by the junior exhibitor, the exhibitor's family name, or exhibitor's farm name by June 3, 2026.
- Purebred barrows must be registered in the junior exhibitor's name, exhibitor's family name, or exhibitor's farm name.
- Junior exhibitors must bring their original pedigree and a copy of their pedigree to check-in.

- If showing a Purebred influenced crossbred barrow, you must declare at check-in with a purebred influence crossbred pedigree.
- Substitutions will be allowed at the show.
- This is not a terminal show.
- All ABA, CPS, and NSR Breed Champions and Reserves will be DNA tested after the conclusion of the Grand Champion Gilt Drive.