

Sweepstakes Contest

1. Sweepstakes contestants must compete in all four contests at the National Junior Summer Spectacular, three contests at Winter National and The Exposition Junior National, and three contests at regional shows to be eligible for the specific shows 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 this rule applies only to National Summer Spectacular.
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. Winter 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

iii. 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

iv. **Tie Breaker:** In the event of a tie at Winter National and The Exposition, ties will be broken on the following:

a. Judging Contest

b. Showmanship

c. Gilt/Barrow Actual

d. Gilt Show

e. Barrow Show

c. The Exposition 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

iii. 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

iv. **Tie Breaker:** In the event of a tie at Winter National and The Exposition, ties will be broken on the following:

a. Judging Contest

b. Showmanship

c. Gilt/Barrow Actual

d. Gilt Show

e. Barrow Show

d. National Junior Summer Spectacular Sweepstakes Point System

i. Purebred Gilt/Barrow Show: 1st – 5th: 100; 6th-10th : 75; 11th-15th: 50 participation: 25 17

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

d. Foundations of Flavor cooking contest

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

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) Indianapolis, IN. 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 Media* for publication and promotion.

Extemporaneous Speech Contest

1. Contestant must be a member of the NJSA.
2. Senior (17-21), Intermediate (13-16), Junior (9-12), and Novice (8 and younger) 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 contest 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 a record of their time. No time warnings will be given by event officials or observers.

9. No microphone will be available to contestants.

10. By participating in the contest, exhibitors give permission to NSR and NJSA to record audio/video of the entry and utilize for promotion as they deem fit.

Topics

1. NSR Staff 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. NSR Staff will oversee the selection of 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% on speech content and organization, and 60% 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 undertime 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 the 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.

Foundations of Flavor Cooking Contest

1. All participants must be NJSA members
2. Teams will consist of 2-4 members of any age division
3. Teams will be judged on the following criteria (100 pts total)
 - a. Preparation (40 pts)
 - b. Showmanship (40 pts)

- c. Essay (20 pts)
4. Teams must submit their essay, as well as 5 copies of their recipe during registration at NJSS
 5. Essays may be up to two pages double spaced.
 6. The NJSA will provide a pork loin, however teams will be required to bring all sides, spices, sauces etc for their recipe.
 7. Absolutely no alcohol will be allowed as part of the meal preparation or presentation
 8. The NJSA will provide an air fryer to cook meals with. Other cooking tools such as Blackstones, crock pots, and toaster ovens will not be provided or allowed at the competition area, however you may prepare dishes using these methods beforehand and bring them to the competition.
 9. Teams will have one hour to prepare their meals. Each team will be staggered by 15 minutes (i.e. Team A at 1:00, Team B at 1:15 etc.)
 10. Teams will be allowed up to 8 minutes to present their meal, followed by 5 minutes of questions from judges.
 11. All entries can be used by the NSR, NJSA and the *Seedstock EDGE Media* for publication and promotion

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 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. For Novice participants there will be a short instructional session to 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. Class numbers for judging, reasons and questions for each division will be under the discretion of the NSR staff and will be announced at the event.
12. 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.
13. Soundness is to be judged as is, unless otherwise specified on contest day.
14. 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.
15. No cell phones are allowed in the contest.

Prepared Speech Contest

1. The contestant must be a member of the NJSA.
2. Senior (17-21), Intermediate (13-16), Junior (9-12), and Novice (8 and younger) 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 contest 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 at contest check-in (please check the event schedule for specific times). 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.

8. By participating in the contest, exhibitors give permission to NSR and NJSA to record audio/video of the entry and utilize for promotion as they deem fit.

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 for up to five minutes for questions from the judges following their speech.

5. No microphone will be available to contestants.

Method of Judging

1. NSR Staff will oversee the selection of three competent and impartial judges to evaluate the contestants.

2. A timekeeper will record each participant's speech time, noting undertime and overtime, if any, for which deductions will be made.

3. Contestants will be permitted to use notes. Excessive reference may result in a deduction of the contestant's score.

4. The use of visual aids (charts, slides, signs, etc.) is NOT permitted.

5. 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.

6. The contestant will score 40% on speech content and organization, and 60% on presentation.

7. The judges will ask questions after each speech. Contestants will be scored on their ability to respond effectively.

8. 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).

9. 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.

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. All 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. 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 younger).

Skillathon Contest

1. All contestants must be members of the NJSA.
2. No cell phones or smart devices including smart watches are allowed in the skillathon room.
3. Participants will rotate to each station 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 at a specific station.
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 18 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 help by NSR staff or NJSA Junior Board of Directors if they submit this request with their entry form in advance of the show. **Students with IEP's will have access to volunteer assistance as well as additional time to complete the stations as necessary. 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.

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

The National Junior Swine Association and *Seedstock EDGE Media* 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 younger). 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 in Indianapolis, IN.

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. Artwork must be completely dried and fixed.
4. Work on paper should be matted to protect the artwork. Works on canvas should not be matted. No artwork should be framed.
5. All entries must be submitted during registration at the National Junior Summer Spectacular.
6. **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.

7. All entries can be used by the NSR, NJSA and the *Seedstock EDGE Media* for publication and promotion.

8. Entries may be picked up at the NJSS in Indianapolis, Indiana, on Thursday, after the awards ceremony

Swine is Fine Art Contest: Photography Division

The National Junior Swine Association and *Seedstock EDGE Media* 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 younger). 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 Indianapolis, IN.

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 Media* for publication and promotion.