

2023 NJSA Western Regional Health Requirements

With heightened awareness and concerns surrounding foreign animal diseases (FADs), following all health requirements is critical. Veterinarians and exhibitors must take extra precaution to ensure the health of their animals. All animals attending NJSA Western Regional must be inspected by a licensed and accredited veterinarian before departing for the show.

Failure to meet all animal health requirements will result in removal of animals from the exhibition premises. NJSA Western Regional staff are authorized to make the final determination of an animal's eligibility for exhibition.

The following animals are not eligible for exhibition in California:

- Animals that originate from a herd that is under quarantine
- An animal prohibited from exhibition under any law or order
- Any animal classified as a brucellosis "suspect"
- Animals showing signs of any infectious or communicable disease or that are a health hazard to people or other animals
- Any animal that does not meet California animal health requirements

Any animal that develops or shows signs of any infectious or communicable disease during exhibition must be removed from the premises, including the surrounding exhibition grounds. An owner who is disputing the exclusion of his/her animal(s) from exhibition may not exhibit the animal in question pending any appeal.

Requirements for ALL Swine

1. All swine (including delivery animals) must have a properly completed Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) **prior to entering** the Paso Robles Event Center. Animals without the proper documentation will be denied access to the venue.
 - a. CVIs must be completed by a licensed and accredited veterinarian who has personally inspected the swine.
 - b. A CVI must be issued on or after October 15, 2023, and is valid for 30 days.
 - c. CVIs must clearly include a description of each animal including the age, sex, and breed of the animal, and the official individual identification (see Section 4 below).
 - d. CVIs must be accessible while on the exhibition premises.
2. All swine and their respective original CVIs will be inspected by the show veterinarian and show staff prior to unloading. Multiple animals may be listed on one original CVI.

3. CVIs for this event MUST include the following:
 - a. The consignee/destination address as: NJSA Western Regional, Paso Robles Event Center, 2198 Riverside Ave, Paso Robles, CA 93446.
 - b. The date (month, day, year) of vaccination and/or testing when required
 - c. The premises ID number for the consignor/origin
 - d. The cell phone number of the veterinarian who issued the CVI
 - e. The following statements for the farm or origin of swine:
 - Has not had pseudorabies or swine dysentery in the last 12 months
 - Has not had any clinical signs or diagnosis of TGE or PEDv in the last 60 days
 - Feeds no raw garbage and uses no PRV vaccine
 - Is not under quarantine for any disease condition
 - Has not had vesicular stomatitis diagnosed within 10 miles of farm or origin in the last 30 days
4. Identification
 - a. All swine being exhibited at NJSA Western Regional MUST be officially identified with an official, federally approved ear tag. All official identification and any additional identification devices MUST be recorded on the CVI. RFID 840 ear tags are the standard for exhibition swine.
 - b. In addition to official identification, each animal shall be individually identified by ear notch, which MUST be listed on the CVI.
 - c. Animals not bearing an official ID will not be granted access to NJSA Western Regional.
 - d. For more information on federally recognized ear tags, visit <https://nationalswine.com/events/ear-tags.php>
5. Vaccinations
 - a. All breeding swine MUST be vaccinated against erysipelas and leptospirosis (6-way), including *L. bratislava*.
 - b. It is highly recommended that all animals, including market animals, are vaccinated against swine influenza.
 - c. The date(s) of vaccination (month, day, year) MUST be listed on the CVI.

Western Regional

General Show Information

- Contests: Purebred and crossbred Gilt Show, Purebred and Crossbred Barrow Shows, Showmanship Contest, Skillathon Contest, and Sweepstakes Contest.
- Limit per Exhibitor: Exhibitors may enter up to six total gilts, which can include a maximum of two crossbred gilts. Exhibitors may enter up to six total barrows, which can include a maximum of two crossbred barrows.
- Farrowing Deadline: March 1, 2022
- Ownership Deadline: October 1, 2022
- Barrow Weights: 290 lbs. with 15 lb. weigh-back
- Crossbred Gilt Weights: 375 lbs. or less with 15 lb. weigh-back
- Entry Deadline: October 19, 2022

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 of the current year.
- 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 \$50 per head. *NOTE: Entries postmarked after deadline are considered late entries. Late entry fees are \$100 a head. 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
- 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.
- Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification is required by all junior exhibitors at every NJSA show.
- A Premise ID number to exhibit at an NJSA event.

Arrival/Dismissal

- 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 are released when they are done showing.

Additional Information

- All NJSA purebred gilt and market hog entries must be registered Berkshire, Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace or Yorkshire.
- 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 replacements to use in showmanship.
- In order to show a crossbred gilt or barrow, you must show one purebred for every one crossbred.
- 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.
- There must be a minimum of 10 animals exhibited before a class will be split.
- A minimum of eight hogs must be shown per breed, including crossbred, in order to receive the full, published premiums. If less than eight head show up per breed, the champion and reserve champion will receive half of the published premiums. Class placings are excluded from this rule.
- A minimum of 100 barrows (both purebred and crossbred) must be exhibited in order for full champion and reserve champion overall premiums to be awarded. If less than 100 are exhibited, the champion overall and reserve champion overall will receive half of the posted premiums. This does not affect class money or prizes awarded at the show.
- 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 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 the determination is made 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 purebred animals are to be guaranteed negative of the stress gene to be exhibited at a NSR or NJSA event.
- All breed champions and reserve champions, champion and reserve champion Bred & Owned gilts, and breed champions and reserve champions will be DNA tested for presence of the stress gene, parentage verification and breed purity at the conclusion of the show.
- Overall premiums breed champion and reserve breed champion premiums, and Bred & Owned champion and reserve champion premiums will be released at the show. See DNA Procedures section for complete DNA protocols.
- 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, The Exposition 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.