



# December 4-6, 2025

Paso Robles Event Center • Paso Robles, CA.

**TO: 2025 WESTERN REGIONAL EXHIBITORS**

**RE: GENERAL SHOW INFORMATION, HEALTH REGULATIONS**

You are receiving this letter as confirmation of your NJSA Western Regional entries. Please adhere to the following reminders regarding general show information, arrival at the fairgrounds, penning and health regulations.

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**PLEASE ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING:**

If you have entries that will not be exhibited, please inform Carin Vickrey as soon as possible at [carinv@nationalswine.com](mailto:carinv@nationalswine.com) or (765) 463-3594.

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**BEFORE LEAVING FOR THE EVENT, PLEASE REMEMBER:**

1. **ALL animals entering the Paso Robles Event Center Fairgrounds MUST be listed on an official interstate health certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) issued by a licensed, accredited veterinarian.** Loads containing swine that do not meet all NSR Western Regional health requirements will not be granted access to the Paso Robles Event Fairgrounds.
2. **Before leaving for the show, please double-check CVI's to make sure all information is accurate and all requirements are met.** It is best to provide your veterinarian with a copy of the show health requirements and check to make sure each item listed is included on your CVI's.
3. **ALL animals (including deliveries) MUST be officially identified with a federally approved, permanently numbered ear tag. 840 USDA tags are preferred.** For more information on federally approved ear tags, please visit [http://www.nationalswine.com/shows/ear\\_tags.php](http://www.nationalswine.com/shows/ear_tags.php).
4. If you are planning to camp at the Paso fairgrounds please follow this link in order to pay for your camping spot [Western Regional Camping Form](#).
5. All exhibitors age 8-21 are required to be YQCA certified, if the exhibitor is 7 years or younger a parent must be PQA+ certified. We will have YQCA/PQA+ certification course from 12-12:30pm on Friday December 5 to assist exhibitors in meeting this requirement.
6. Each exhibitor must have their registration papers, health papers and a copy of their PQA/YQCA certification present for registration. Please have a copy of your health paper and a copy of your pedigree with you at check in as **COPIERS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.**

## 7. ALL MALE PIGS MUST BE CASTRATED AND HEALED PRIOR TO THE EVENT (NO BOARS)

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### ARRIVAL, PENNING

1. Please do not arrive before 1 p.m., Thursday, December 4th. Enter through the gate on the east side of the fairgrounds at the rodeo arena. **Check-in with the NSR Staff officials before unloading any animals.**
  2. **Prior to unloading, state officials will inspect animals and only *original* health certificates.** *Please have all animals' ORIGINAL health certificates ready for inspection upon arriving at vet check station.* Copies of the approved originals will be accepted by the NSR after approval by state officials. Approved originals can be copied during check-in.
  3. **All trailers must park in the designated areas!** *Trailers that are not parked in designated areas will be towed.* No trailers are allowed in the barn parking lots.
  4. **Exhibitors will be penned in alphabetic order by state and will be pre-assigned. Pen requests from exhibitors from the same state may be requested by filling out the pen request form her [Pen request form](#) by Monday December 1,2025. Do Not Move These Pen Cards!**  
*If your plans have changed and you are not bringing entries, please contact us as soon as possible. No tack pens will be allowed at NJSA Western Regional.*
  5. **NJSA will NOT be providing shavings. Exhibitors will be responsible for providing their own bedding.**
  6. **Please remember to bring a pen divider as exhibitors are required to pen two pigs per pen, with families penning together and barrows and gilts penning together.**
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### SHOW REQUIREMENTS & CONTEST INFORMATION

1. **Gilts:**
  - A. All purebred gilts and light crossbred gilts must be ran through breed eligibility check and weighed in the show ring on Friday December 5 from 1-3 p.m..
  - B. Crossbred gilts must weigh 375 lbs or less and will have a 15 lb weigh back of their declared weight. **The top 3 crossbred gilts in each class will be re-weighed. Crossbred gilts must weigh back within 15 pounds of their declared weight. Any crossbred gilts weighing more or less than 15 pounds of their declared weight will be disqualified**
  - C. Purebred and barrow and all crossbred weights are due Friday December 5<sup>th</sup> 4 p.m. by scanning the QR code on the back of the weigh cards handed out during registration or flyers located around the barns. Please be sure to list the dam, sire, breeder and the entire lot number for each animal.
2. **Barrows:**
  - A. **Barrows must weigh 290 lbs or less and will have a 15 lb weigh back. The top 3 barrows in each class will be re-weighed. Barrows must weigh back within 15 pounds of their declared weight. Any barrows weighing more or less than 15 pounds of their declared weight will be disqualified.**
  - B. All barrow weights are due Friday December 5<sup>th</sup> 4 p.m. by scanning the QR code on the back of the weigh cards or flyers located around the barns. Please be sure to list the dam, sire, breeder and the entire lot number for each animal.

### 3. Contests:

- A. The skillathon competition will take place on Friday December 5<sup>th</sup> from 2-3:30 p.m. All participants need to be checked in by 3:00 p.m.
  - B. Skillathon review will be on Friday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.
  - C. Showmanship will begin Friday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m and will show in order of Oldest to youngest.
  - D. Sweepstakes contest points will be awarded in the purebred gilt or barrow show, showmanship contest and skillathon. **Exhibitors must compete in showmanship, skillathon contests and either the purebred gilt or barrow show to qualify for sweepstakes. The exhibitors highest placing purebred gilt OR barrow will count toward sweepstakes contest, NOT both.**
  - E. **The awards ceremony for both skillathon and sweepstakes will be at the conclusion of the barrow show Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup>. Awards will not be mailed and must be picked up at the event.**
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## 2025 Western Regional Health Regulations

With heightened awareness and concerns surrounding foreign animal diseases (FADs), following all health requirements is critical. Veterinarians and exhibitors must take extra precautions 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 November 6, 2025, 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 is: 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.

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We are excited to see you in Paso Robles! If you have any questions, please contact Youth Activities and Programs Manager, Carin Vickrey, at [carinv@nationalswine.com](mailto:carinv@nationalswine.com) or 765-463-3594 ext. 109.

Sincerely,

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National Swine Registry