



Dear Western Regional Participants,

It is almost time for the NJSA Western Regional that will take place at the Reno-Sparks Livestock Event Center in Reno, Nevada, November 20-21, 2020. To make this event run smoothly, please read a few reminders listed below. In addition, the NJSA Handbook should be read thoroughly for all contest & show information and rules. The Handbook can be viewed at [www.nationalswine.com/NJSA](http://www.nationalswine.com/NJSA).

### General Reminders

1. Hogs may begin arriving at the fairgrounds at 6 a.m. and must be in place by 3 p.m. on Friday, November 20.
2. Exhibitors will be penned in alphabetical order according to state and will be pre-assigned. No pen requests.
3. NJSA will **NOT** be providing shavings. Exhibitors will be responsible for bringing their own bedding.
4. 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.
5. Registration will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, November 20.
6. Each exhibitor must have their **registration papers, health papers and a copy of their PQA Plus or YQCA certificate or card** present at registration. **Please have 1 copy of your health paper and a copy of your registration paper ready to turn in at check-in.** Copiers will be limited.
7. **All exhibitors ages 8 through 21 MUST be YQCA or PQA Plus certified in order to show.**
8. **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training is available to be completed online at: <http://yqca.org/>**
9. NJSA age divisions are: Novice (8 & under); Junior (9-12); Intermediate (13-16); and Senior (17-21). **\*All ages are as of Jan. 1, 2020\***
10. All animals are released once they are done showing – **EXCEPT** All breed champions and reserves must stay until the completion of their respective grand drives or they will forfeit their awarded premiums.

### Show Requirements

1. The Virtual Exhibitor Meeting will be available to view on November 19.
2. Showmanship will be held on Friday evening at 4:00 p.m.
3. The Gilt show will begin at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning and will go in the order of Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, Yorkshire and Crossbred followed by the Barrow show in the order of Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, Yorkshire and Crossbred.
4. Barrows must weigh 290 lbs. or less and will have a 15 lb. weigh-back. The top-three 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 the declared weight will be disqualified.
5. Crossbred gilts must weigh 375 lbs. or less and will have a 15 lb. weigh-back. The top-three 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 the declared weight will be disqualified.
6. The Awards Ceremony will begin at the conclusion of the Barrow show on Saturday in the show ring. All contest awards not picked up will be mailed.

## Contest Information

1. The Virtual Skillathon competition will be available November 17 - November 19 at midnight **EST**. Instructions to complete the Virtual Skillathon will be emailed to all exhibitors.
2. Sweepstakes contest points will be awarded in the purebred gilt/barrow shows, showmanship contest and skillathon contest. Exhibitors must compete in showmanship, skillathon contest and either the gilt show or barrow show to qualify for the sweepstakes contest. The exhibitors' highest placing purebred barrow OR purebred gilt will count toward the sweepstakes contest, NOT both. All participants in the sweepstakes contest **MUST** complete the entire virtual skillathon contest.
3. The Award Ceremony will take place at the conclusion of the barrow show on Saturday. All contest awards not collected will be mailed.

## Additional Information

1. Exhibitors can use go [here](#) to book their rooms at the Grand Sierra Resort for a discounted rate before **November 11, 2020**.  
Refer to your Group Res ID: NJSA2 when calling the Grand Sierra Resort Reservations Department at 1-800-648-5080.

We are excited to be heading to Reno! If you have any questions, please contact the Events and Education Manager, at [brynn@nationalswine.com](mailto:brynn@nationalswine.com) or 765.429.7324. See you in Nevada!

Sincerely,



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