



Dear Western Regional Participants,

We are thrilled you are going to be part of the NJSA Western Regional at the Paso Robles Event Center in Paso Robles, California, November 15-16, 2024! To make this event run smoothly, please read the reminders listed below. In addition, the NJSA Handbook should be read thoroughly for all contest and show information and rules. The NJSA Handbook can be viewed at <https://nationalswine.com/njsa/docs/NJSA%20Handbook%204.14.23.pdf>. For all Western Regional information and the complete schedule, visit, <https://nationalswine.com/events/shows/western/western-jr-main.php>.

General Reminders

1. Hogs may begin arriving at the fairgrounds at 6 a.m. and must be in place by 1 p.m. on Friday, November 15.
2. Exhibitors will be penned in alphabetical order according to state and will be pre-assigned. Pen requests from exhibitors of the same state need to be emailed to corak@nationalswine.com by Monday, November 11.
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 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, November 15.
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 NOT BE AVAILABLE!** At registration exhibitors will receive weigh cards with a QR code to scan in order to submit the weights of their barrows and crossbred gilts.
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, 2024
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.
11. **All pale pigs must be castrated and healed prior to the event (NO BOARS).**

Show Requirements

1. The Gilt show will begin at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning and will go in the order of Berkshire, Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, Yorkshire and Crossbred followed by the Barrow show in the order of Berkshire, Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, Yorkshire and Crossbred.
2. 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.

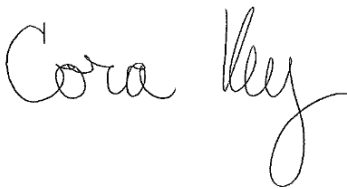
3. Crossbred gilts must weigh 375 lbs. or less and will have a 15 lb. The top-three crossbred gilts in each class will be re-weighed. Crossbred gilts must weigh back within 15 pounds of their declared weight. Any crossbred gilts weighing more or less than 15 pounds of the declared weight will be disqualified.
4. 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 members during the designated time as posted on the schedule. Weight cards will be obtained at check-in. Junior purebred gilt classes will be broken first by month of birth, then by weight within month of birth. All purebred gilts will be weighed from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Friday, November 15th. **(All light crossbreeds must also come to the scales from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. for classification).**

Contest Information

1. The Skillathon competition will take place on Friday from 2-4 p.m. All participants need to be checked into the contest by 3:30 p.m.
2. Skillathon Review will take place from 4-4:30 p.m. Friday.
3. Showmanship will be held on Friday evening at 5:00 p.m.
4. 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 pure 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 skillathon contest.
5. The Award Ceremony will take place at the conclusion of the barrow show on Saturday. All contest awards not collected will be mailed.

We are excited to see you in Paso Robles! If you have any questions, please contact Events & Education Manager, Cora Key, at corak@nationalswine.com or 765.463.3594 ext 106.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cora Key". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name and title.

Cora Key
National Swine Registry
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