



## Winter National Exhibitor Letter

Dear Winter National Participants,

It's almost time for the NJSA Winter National that will take place at the Georgia National Agricenter & Fairgrounds in Perry, Georgia January 16-20, 2024! To make this event run smoothly, please read a few reminders listed below. The NJSA Handbook should be read thoroughly for all contest and show information and rules. To view the NJSA Handbook, click [HERE](#). All information regarding The Winter National, including health regulations, can be found [HERE](#).

### General Reminders

Pigs may begin arriving at the fairgrounds at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, January 16 and must be in place by 8 p.m.

**Due to space limitations, we will be assigning pens as exhibitors arrive based on the number of pigs each family brought to the show. It will be mandatory that exhibitors within the same family pen two pigs per pen (excluding boars)!**

**PLEASE** inform NJSA staff if your plans have changed, and you will not be attending or bringing the number of animals you have entered for the event.

State health officials and NJSA show officials will inspect animals and Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) prior to unloading animals.

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. The size of one pen is 6' x 6'.

Registration will take place from Noon- 8 p.m. on Tuesday, January

Each exhibitor must have their **registration papers, original CVI that has been approved by state health officials or NJSA show officials and a copy of their PQA Plus certificate or card** present at registration. Please bring a photocopy of the registration papers along with the originals to speed up the registration process.

Photocopies of approved original CVIs will be made for each exhibitor during check-in.

All exhibitors at any NJSA event MUST be PQA Plus or YQCA certified. **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (age 8+) training is available to be completed online at: [HERE](#)** Adult PQA Training (under age 8 must have adult represented certification) and YQCA training (age 8+) will be available. Location and time will be announced.

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\***

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.

Legacy Livestock Imaging is the official photographer of all NSR and NJSA events. All ring shots and backdrop photos can be purchased at [legacylivestockimaging.com](http://legacylivestockimaging.com).

### **Show Requirements**

1. Showmanship will be held on Wednesday, January 17 at 1:00 p.m. Showmanship will show in the order of Senior followed by Junior in Ring 2 and Intermediate followed by Novice in Ring 1.
2. The Barrow show will be held on Thursday, January 18 beginning at 8 a.m. and will show in the order of Ring 1: Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, and Yorkshire. Ring 2: Berkshire and Crossbred. Barrows must weigh between 215-290 lbs. and will have a 15 lb. weigh-back.
3. The Gilt show will be held on Friday, January 19 beginning at 8 a.m. The Gilt show order will be Ring 1: Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, and Yorkshire. Ring 2: Berkshire and Crossbred. Crossbred gilts must weight 375 lbs or less and will have a 15 lb. weigh-back.

### **Contest Information**

The Skillathon competition will be held on Wednesday, January 17 from 8-11 a.m. All participants must be checked in by 10:30 a.m.

Skillathon review will be held from 11:00-11:30 a.m.

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 skillathon contest.

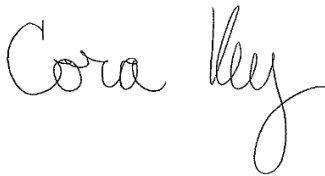
**The National Swine Registry Executive Committee voted to implement the weighing of ALL junior purebred gilts. All exhibitors will be required to go to one of the designated scales in the barn for breed eligibility checks and be weighed by NSR staff members during the designated time as posted on the schedule (**Wednesday January 17 following Showmanship**). Weight cards will be obtained at check-in and collected once the gilt is weighed at the scale. Junior purebred gilts classes will be broken first by month of birth, then by weight within month of birth.**

### **Contest Information**

The Awards Ceremony will be Friday, January 19 at the conclusion of the gilt show. Any contest awards not picked up will be mailed.

We are excited to be heading to Perry, Georgia! If you have any questions, please contact NSR Events and Education Manager Cora Key at [corak@nationalswine.com](mailto:corak@nationalswine.com) or 765.463.3594. See you in Georgia!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cora Key".

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