



# HANDBOOK

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# NJSA Show and Event Information

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*Please check [nationalswine.com](http://nationalswine.com) for show details such as date, time and location*

## NJSA Winter National

- **Contests:** Purebred and Crossbred Gilt Shows, Purebred and Crossbred Barrow Shows, Bred and Owned gilt show, Showmanship Contest, Skillathon, and Sweepstakes Contest.
- **Additional Events:** Mentoring Event
- **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. Exhibitors must show one purebred gilt for every one crossbred gilt and one purebred barrow for every one crossbred barrow.
- **Barrow Weights:** 215-290 lbs. with 15 lb. weigh-back
- **Crossbred Gilt Weights:** 375 lbs. or less with 15 lb. weigh-back

## The Exposition Junior National

- **Contests:** Purebred and Crossbred Gilt Shows, Purebred and Crossbred Barrow Shows, Bred and Owned gilt show, Showmanship Contest, Judging Contest and Sweepstakes Contest.
- **Limit per Exhibitor:** 6 gilts with a maximum of 2 crossbred gilts. 6 barrows with a maximum of 2 crossbred barrows. You must show one purebred for every one crossbred.
- **Barrow Weights:** Barrow weight limits will be 215-290 lbs. with a 15 lb. weigh-back.
- **Crossbred Gilts Weights:** 375 lbs. or less with 15 lb. weigh-back

## National Junior Summer Spectacular

- **Contests:** Purebred Gilt Show, Purebred Barrow Show, Bred and Owned gilt show, Showmanship Contest, Judging Contest, Skillathon, Prepared Speech Contest, Extemporaneous Speech Contest, Photography Contest, Swine is Fine Art Contest, Amazing Advertising and Sweepstakes Contest, Foundations of Flavor cooking contest.  
**Additional Events:** Silent Auction, NJSA Foundation Female Auction, , Barnyard Olympics, SCO sponsored activity.
- **Limit per Exhibitor:** 6 pigs maximum. You must show one purebred for every one crossbred.
- **Barrow Weights:** 215-290 lbs. with 15 lb. weigh-back
- **Crossbred Gilts Weights:** 375 lbs. or less with 15 lb. weigh-back
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## NJSA Southwest Regional

- **Contests:** Purebred and Crossbred Gilt Show, Purebred and Crossbred Barrow Shows, Bred and Owned show, Showmanship Contest, Skillathon and Sweepstakes Contest.
- **Additional Events:** Mentoring Event
- **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. Exhibitors must show one purebred gilt for every one crossbred gilt and one purebred barrow for every one crossbred barrow.
- **Barrow Weights:** 290 lbs. or less with 15 lb. weigh-back

- **Crossbred Gilt Weights:** 375 lbs. or less with 15 lb. weigh-back

### **NJSA Eastern Regional**

- **Contests:** Purebred and Crossbred Gilt Shows, Purebred and Crossbred Barrow Shows, Bred and Owned gilt show, Showmanship Contest, Skillathon and Sweepstakes Contest.
- **Additional Events:** Mentoring/Pumpkin Painting Event
- **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. Exhibitors must show one purebred gilt for every one crossbred gilt and one purebred barrow for every one crossbred barrow.
- **Barrow Weights:** 290 lbs. or less with 15 lb. weigh-back
- **Crossbred Gilt Weights:** 375 lbs. or less with 15 lb. weigh-back

### **NJSA Western Regional**

- **Contests:** Purebred and Crossbred Gilt Shows, Purebred and Crossbred Barrow Shows, Bred and Owned gilt show, Showmanship Contest, Skillathon, and Sweepstakes Contest.
- **Additional Events:** Mentoring Event and Barnyard Olympics
- **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. Exhibitors must show one purebred gilt for every one crossbred gilt and one purebred barrow for every one crossbred barrow.
- **Barrow Weights:** 290 lbs. or less with 15 lb. weigh-back
- **Crossbred Gilt Weights:** 375 lbs. or less with 15 lb. weigh-back

### **AFFLIATE SHOWS**

#### **American Royal\*\***

- **Location:** Kansas City, Missouri
- **Contests:** Purebred and Crossbred Gilt Shows and Purebred and Crossbred Market Hog Shows.
- **Note:** Be sure to send in samples of DNA by published deadline date
- **Contact Information:** Please direct all questions to the American Royal, 816-569-4054 or visit [www.americanroyal.com](http://www.americanroyal.com)

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#### **North American International Livestock Exposition\*\***

- **Location:** Louisville, Kentucky
- **Contests:** Purebred and Crossbred Gilt Shows and Purebred and Crossbred Market Hog Shows and Showmanship Contest
- Junior exhibitors must no older than 21 on the day of show.
- **Contact Information:** Please direct all questions to the NAILE or visit [www.livestockexpo.org](http://www.livestockexpo.org)

### Arizona Junior Nationals\*\*

- **Location:** Phoenix, Arizona
- **Contests:** Purebred and Crossbred Gilt Shows and Purebred and Crossbred Market Hog Shows, Showmanship Contest
- **Contact Information:** [anls.org](http://anls.org)

### National Western\*\*

- **Location:** Denver, Colorado
- **Contests:** Purebred and Crossbred Market Hog Shows, Showmanship Contest
- **Note:** Be sure to send in samples
- **Contact Information:** [nationalswestern.com](http://nationalswestern.com)

\*\* Denotes affiliate event.

## Entry Requirements

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### General Rules and Regulations

1. NSR is not liable for accidents, theft, injury or property damage.
2. All entries must be penned in the designated stalling area.
3. No snaring of hogs is allowed on the show grounds.
4. No laser therapy or nebulizer treatments are allowed on the show grounds.
5. No print advertising is allowed on exhibitor clothing while in the show ring.
6. All NJSA purebred gilt and market hog entries must be registered Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace or Yorkshire.
7. Gilts that are being exhibited must be guaranteed open (not bred).
8. Substitutions will be allowed at the show.
9. 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.
10. Junior purebred gilts will ALL be weighed. Weight cards will be collected at the scales once the gilt has been weighed. Purebred gilts will be broken by month of birth, then by weight within month of birth.
11. Crossbred breeding gilt and all market hog classes will be broken according to weight, with class size as equal as possible.
12. 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 the 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.
13. No beverage containers allowed in the backdrop photo area.

### Exhibitor Requirements

1. All exhibitors must be members of the National Junior Swine Association (NJSA) to compete in NJSA events.
2. Exhibitors must be 21 years of age or younger as of January 1 of the current year.

3. 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.
4. Exhibitors must wear their exhibitor numbers given to them at registration during the gilt and barrow shows and showmanship contest.
5. If an 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.
6. PQA Plus or Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification is required for all junior exhibitors participating in an NJSA event. Youth ages eight to 21 are required to be YQCA certified, while youth seven and younger must have their parents certified in PQA Plus. Current PQA Plus or YQCA certificates or cards must be presented at check-in for each NJSA show in order to participate. You can become certified by attending the YQCA or Adult PQA Plus training sessions that will be available at most NJSA shows, or by contacting the National Pork Board to locate a PQA Plus trainer near you. For more detailed PQA Plus information please call the National Pork Board at (515)-223-2600. For detailed information about YQCA visit [yqca.org](http://yqca.org).
7. A premises ID number is required to exhibit at an NJSA event. It is easy to obtain a premises ID number, just go to the NSR website, <http://nationalswine.com> and click the events tab. Click junior show rule and regulations, click premises ID. This will prompt you to open a PDF document where you will then find you state and contact person listed for your state.
8. 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.
9. The NJSA and NSR reserve the right to excuse exhibitors who exhibit excessive use of their show utensil or hogs experience extreme stress or fatigue.
  - a. Options:
    - i. 1 – Verbal Warning
    - ii. 2- Asked to exit ring
    - iii. 3- Further offenses may be subject to disciplinary action, not excluding a ban from participating in events.

### **Entry Information**

1. No entries accepted at the show.  
Exhibitors will pay an entry fee of \$50 per gilt or barrow listed on the entry form the fee. Bred and owned gilt show will be \$25 per gilt. **\*NOTE:** Entries postmarked after deadline are considered late entries. Entries made or postmarked within 10 business days of the start date of the show are \$100 per gilt or barrow listed on the entry form. **ALL ENTRIES ARE FINAL. NO REFUNDS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE.** Late entries will be at the discretion of NSR based on space limitations at each event.
2. Purebred and crossbred entries may be purchased females or market hogs, but must be owned by the junior exhibitor, the exhibitor's immediate family name, or exhibitor's immediate family farm name, 60 days prior to the date of show, or by the specified ownership deadline.
3. All participants who do not show a gilt or barrow at NJSA events will pay a participation fee of \$5 per contest. This fee does not apply if a participant made entries for the show.

### **Arrival/Dismissal**

1. Open and junior entries are penned separately.
2. Crossbreds, purebreds, barrows and gilts are all penned together.
3. Two pigs per pen per family are required; gilts and barrows will be penned together.
4. Divider gates will not be provided.
5. Pen cards cannot be moved once posted at a show.
6. All animals are released at the posted release time. Release times vary at each show.

### Health Requirements

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is **required** at all NJSA and NSR events. Due to specific state health rules, check the NSR website or call the NSR office to receive information on **ALL** health requirements for each NJSA show.
2. These health requirements must be met or the animals will not be allowed to enter the show grounds.

### Additional Information

1. All hogs must be identified by a permanent ear notch and a federally approved permanently numbered ear tag. For more information on what tags are required, visit the NSR website, [www.nationalswine.com](http://www.nationalswine.com).
2. **Exhibitors of Breed Champions, Reserve Breed Champions, Bred-and-Owned Breed Champions and Bred-and-Owned Reserve Breed Champions must come to the ring for the Overall Champion Drive (where applicable) or exhibitor will be disqualified and forfeit all awards and premiums.**
3. 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 it is determined that the hog is too injured or sick to compete, the reserve will move up. Only reserve will move up, no 2<sup>nd</sup> place class winners.
4. All breed gilt and barrow champions and reserve champions, champion and reserve champion Bred and Owned gilts will be DNA tested for the presence of the stress gene, parentage verification and breed purity at the conclusion of the show.
5. 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.
6. For more DNA information, please turn to page 13.
7. NJSA reserves the right to randomly test for the presence of unapproved drugs in swine entries.
8. The Western Regional, Southwest Regional, Eastern Regional, The Winter National, The Exposition Junior National 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.
9. Champion and Reserve Champion gilts of the Duroc Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire breeds from all NJSA events held in conjunction with NSR Open Shows and Sales are allowed in the NSR Sale with no consignment fee.
10. Champion and Reserve Champion Bred and Owned gilts of the Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire breeds from all NJSA events held in conjunction with NSR Open Shows and Sales are allowed in the NSR Sale with no consignment fee. NSR staff has the discretion over place in the sale order.
11. Gilts shown in the Winter National, National Junior Summer Spectacular and The Exposition Junior National are eligible to be exhibited in the NSR Open Show and sold, as long as they are double entered in the name of the junior exhibitor for both shows. All double-entered gilts must be entered with both the open show and NJSA show entry forms. If the gilt is selected to be in the sale from the open show, she **MUST** be offered for sale through the ring.

12. Double-entered gilts must follow NSR Open Show rules. If selected from the NSR/ABA Open Show to sell the gilt is required to be offered for sale through the ring. The owner has the option to buy the gilt back at 15% commission of the final bid price. **No exceptions will be made to this rule.** Any hog that does not show up for the sale of their hog will be fined the average sale price of that breed, banned from exhibiting for one year and will be unable to show after one year if the fine has not been paid.

## Champion Selection

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1. At each national show (The Winter National, The Exposition Junior National and National Junior Summer Spectacular), the following selections will be made:
  - a. Top 5 in each Division—open to the top 5 in each class.
  - b. Top 5 Overall in each Breed—open to top 5 in each division.
  - c. Top 5 Overall NJSA Purebred Gilts —open to ALL NJSA breed champions and reserve champions.
  - d. Top 5 Overall Team Purebred Gilts- open to ALL TEAM PUREBRED breed champions and reserve champions
  - e. Top 5 Overall NJSA Purebred Barrows —open to ALL NJSA breed champions and reserve champions.
  - f. Top 5 Overall Team Purebred Barrows- open to ALL TEAM PUREBRED breed champions and reserves
  - g. If there is one class within the breed, the 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> place pigs from the class will be awarded as the top 5 overall gilt/barrow in the breed. If barrows, all 5 will need to be weighed back.
2. Bred and Owned Breed Champions and Reserve Champions will be selected during the respective Bred and Owned Gilt show.
3. Only exhibitors who have entered and completed check in thru the Bred and Owned check in process will be eligible to compete in the Bred and Owned only show as well as for top 10 in their respective breeds of Bred and Owned.
4. Divisions will be broken by NJSA staff based on the number of classes within each breed and how many pigs are exhibited in each class.
5. If there is no division within a breed, the 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> place pigs from each class will be eligible to compete for the Top 5 Overall Gilt/Barrow in each breed.
6. If you are exhibiting a Champion or Reserve Champion, and you do not come up for the Grand Champion Selection, you will not receive your premium checks and you will be disqualified from the event.
7. Any gilt that is Top 5 in her breed in an NJSA junior show can sell in the Open Show without competing in open show. This would be for The Winter National, The Exposition and STC.
8. At each regional show (Southwest Regional, Eastern Regional and Western Regional), the following selections will be made:
  - a. Top 2 in each Division—open to the top 2 in each class.
  - b. Top 2 Overall in each Breed—open to top 2 in each division.
  - c. Top 2 Overall NJSA Purebred Gilts —open to ALL NJSA breed champions and reserve champions.
  - d. Top 2 Overall Team Purebred Gilts- open to ALL Team Purebred champions and reserve champions.
  - e. Top 2 Overall NJSA Purebred Barrows —open to ALL NJSA breed champions and reserve champions.
  - f. Top 2 Overall Team Purebred Barrows- open to ALL Team Purebred breed champions and reserve champions.

- g. If there is one class within the breed, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd place pigs from the class will be awarded as the top 2 overall gilt/barrow in the breed. If barrows, both will need to be weighed back.

## Bred and Owned Division

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1. Siblings living at the same address can be listed on the same pedigree as the breeder and owner and qualify for the Bred and Owned division
2. The owner number and breeder number must be identical to qualify for the Bred and Owned division.
3. Exhibitor must have owned the dam at time of breeding.
4. If more than one member is listed on a pedigree, a family certification form must be completed. This form can be found on the NSR website.
5. Family certification forms must be submitted to the NSR office 10 business days prior to the first show exhibitors plan to participate in the Bred and Owned program.
6. Animals have the option to enter in the owned gilt show, as well as the Bred and Owned division on the entry form. Entry fees for the Bred and Owned division will be \$25/animal.
7. To enter for the Bred and Owned division, you must have the animal's registration number as well as the breeder's owner number.
8. Entries for the Bred and Owned division will be done at time of show entry. **Bred and Owned entries will not be accepted at the show.**

Examples of acceptable Bred and Owned farm names listed on the pedigree.

**h. Breeder:**

Jack Smith  
West Lafayette, IN

**Owner:**

Jack Smith  
West Lafayette, IN

**i. Breeder:**

Katie and Emily Smith  
West Lafayette, IN

**Owner:**

Katie and Emily Smith  
West Lafayette, IN

**j. Breeder:**

Pig Farms  
Joe and Tom  
West Lafayette, IN

**Owner:**

Pig Farms  
Joe and Tom  
West Lafayette, IN

**\*Any pedigree with multiple names listed and no family certification form completed prior to the event, will not qualify for the Bred and Owned Program.**

9. DNA testing will be done on the Champion and Reserve Champion Bred and Owned winners
10. The Champion and Reserve Champion Bred and Owned gilt in each breed show will receive special premiums. This selection will be made by the bred and owned gilt show judge.
11. Premiums for the Bred and Owned division will be \$500 for Champions at national shows (The Exposition Junior National and National Junior Summer Spectacular) and \$250 for Reserve Champions at national shows (Winter National, The Exposition Junior National and National Junior Summer Spectacular) and \$250 for Champions at regional shows (Southwest, Eastern, and Western

Regional) and \$100 for Reserve Champions at regional shows (Southwest, Eastern, and Western Regional).

## Premier Breeder Guidelines

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- A. Points from each Bred and Owned division at each NJSA show are accumulated throughout the year.
- I. Champion=100
  - II. Reserve=95
  - III. 3rd=90
  - IV. 4th=85
  - V. 5th=80
  - VI. 6th=75
  - VII. 7th=70
  - VIII. 8th=65
  - IX. 9th=60
  - X. 10th=55
- i. If breed has divisions, Bred and Owned division candidates will be selected at the conclusion of each division rather than at the end of the breed show. Five animals will be selected from each division to be eligible for the top ten overall.
  - ii. Placings from the Bred and Owned division at a maximum of three of the following six shows will count for the Premier Breeder program each year points start accumulating at NJSS and end at The Exposition: National Junior Summer Spectacular, Southwest Regional, Eastern Regional, Western Regional, Winter National, and The Exposition Junior National will be counted
  - iii. The top five exhibitors in each breed with the most accumulated points will be contacted after the conclusion of The Exposition Junior National by NSR Staff to schedule an interview that will take place prior to National Junior Summer Spectacular with a panel of judges.
- B. If there is a tie in accumulated points, NJSA can have more than 5 exhibitors apply. In this case, all exhibitors that fill out an application will not be guaranteed to remain in the top 5 overall.
- C. Final scores will be calculated with 50% of the final score being the point total from the Bred and Owned division at shows and 50% of the final score being from their application. In the event of a tie, ties will be broken based on the exhibitor's application score. The exhibitor with the higher application score will win the tie.
- D. A Premier Breeder for each breed will be awarded at the awards ceremony following the National Junior Show, receiving a belt buckle and \$1,000 in NSR sale buyer credits.
- E. The biography of each Premier Breeder will be published in the Fall issue of the *Seedstock Edge* magazine with the official National Junior Show results.

### **Effective Beginning: 2026 National Junior Summer Spectacular (NJSS)**

To further align the NJSA Bred & Owned Premier Breeder Program with the organization's mission of promoting excellence, integrity, and fairness, the following updates to the points structure and program guidelines will take effect beginning at the 2026 National Junior Summer Spectacular.

- A. Points from each Bred and Owned division at each NJSA show are accumulated throughout the year.

I. Points will be awarded using the following scale:

- I. Champion = 100
- II. Reserve = 90
- III. 3rd = 80
- IV. 4th = 70
- V. 5th = 60
- VI. 6th = 50
- VII. 7th = 45
- VIII. 8th = 40
- IX. 9th = 35
- X. 10th = 30

- i. II. If a breed has divisions, Bred and Owned division candidates will be selected at the conclusion of each division rather than at the end of the breed show. Five (5) animals will be selected from each division to be eligible for the Top Ten Overall Bred and Owned placings.
- ii. III. Points earned in the Bred and Owned division will count from a maximum of three (3) of the following six (6) shows each year. Points accumulation begins at the National Junior Summer Spectacular and ends at The Exposition Junior National. The eligible shows include:
  - National Junior Summer Spectacular (NJSS)
  - Southwest Regional
  - Eastern Regional
  - Western Regional
  - Winter National
  - The Exposition Junior National
- iii. IV. Only the top three (3) highest-point-earning Bred and Owned animals per breeder per breed per show will be eligible to accumulate Premier Breeder points. Additional entries may compete and place but will not contribute to Premier Breeder totals beyond the top three.

B. Optional Breed Depth Bonus Points:

- If a breeder has three (3) or more Bred and Owned animals placing in the Top 5 of the same breed at a single event, bonus points will be awarded.
  - National level: +15 points
  - Regional level: +10 points
  - This bonus may be earned once per breed, per show.

VI. Overall Bred and Owned Bonus Points (added to breed placement totals):

- Champion Overall Bred and Owned (National): +100 points
- Reserve Overall Bred and Owned (National): +75 points
- Champion Overall Bred and Owned (Regional): +50 points
- Reserve Overall Bred and Owned (Regional): +35 points

**Overall Bred & Owned Bonus Points:**

- Champion Overall Bred & Owned (National): +100 points
- Champion Overall Bred & Owned (Regional): +50 points
- Reserve Champion Overall Bred & Owned (National): +75 points
- Reserve Champion Overall Bred & Owned (Regional): +35 points

## Overall Premier Breeder

- A. The Overall Premier Breeder will receive a one-year lease donated by Exiss Trailers with the option to buy along with a banner.
  - i. The Overall Premier Breeder will be selected based on the TOTAL points accumulated from all Bred and Owned projects. The top five exhibitors with the most total points after the conclusion of The Exposition will be contacted by NSR Staff to schedule an overall premier breeder interview.
- B. Final scores will be calculated the exact same as they are for the Premier Breeder for each breed, with 50% of the final score being the total points accumulated from all Bred and Owned divisions at shows and 50% of the final score being from the Overall Premier Breeder interview.

## PQA Plus Certification

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### Regulations:

1. PQA Plus or Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification is required for all junior exhibitors participating in an NJSA event. Youth ages eight to 21 are required to be YQCA certified, while youth seven and younger must have their parents certified in PQA Plus. Current PQA Plus or YQCA certificates or cards must be presented at check-in for each NJSA show in order to participate. You can become certified by attending the YQCA or Adult PQA Plus training sessions that will be available at most NJSA shows, or by contacting the National Pork Board to locate a PQA Plus trainer near you. For more detailed PQA Plus information please call the National Pork Board at (515)-223-2600. For detailed information about YQCA visit [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org).
2. We do not have access to these numbers so you MUST provide us with proof that you are certified or else you will have to become YQCA/PQA certified if you want to show.

### Check-in Process at Shows/Events:

Upon checking-in at the show, each exhibitor will be asked to bring a copy of their YQCA certification, PQA Plus card or state certificate. If you are not certified, your name and address will be placed on a list and submitted to the trainer at the show. All youth ages 8 and up who are not certified are required to attend the training session. All parents or guardians, who are not certified, of exhibitors younger than 8 years of age are required to attend the adult session. Roll call will be taken at the training sessions; it is your responsibility to be at the session on-time, stay for the entire session, and make sure your name and address is on our training list.

If you have any questions regarding PQA Plus training, the program, or the process for which to become certified, please do not hesitate to contact the National Pork Board at (800) 456-7675.

## Procedures for DNA Testing and Reporting of Results

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### 1. DNA Collection at the Show:

- a. Samples must be collected by NSR staff or approved NSR representative
- b. Needed information on DNA cards and verification forms for tested animals will be

- completed by collector before sample is collected.
  - c. DNA collection process (each tested animal):
    - i. Exhibitor or legal guardian must be present.
    - ii. Exhibitor or legal guardian must sign verification form after DNA has been collected.
  - d. DNA samples and verification forms will be returned to the NSR DNA Secretary within 7 business days after the show to coordinate the testing process.
- 2. Required testing:**
- a. **HAL/Stress test**
    - i. Animal must be HAL/stress negative
  - b. **Breed Profile Test**
    - i. Animal must pass its respective breed's Breed Profile Testing requirements (breed composition and color)
  - c. **Parentage Test –10 - 75K SNP chip:**
    - i. PASS – Sire cannot be excluded as the sire of the offspring ( $\leq 3\%$  genetic discrepancies between sire and offspring)
    - ii. FAIL – Sire is excluded as the sire of the offspring ( $> 3\%$  genetic discrepancies between sire and offspring); see breeder options in section III.
- 3. Breeder Options (at breeder's expense):**
- a. If an initial 'Fail' result is determined:
    - i. If Stress and Breed Profile Test are passed (animal is a purebred), breeder will submit up to 10 sires to determine parentage of the animal. Once parentage is determined, pedigree will be updated to reflect the parentage results.
    - ii. If an animal fails Stress or Breed Profile Testing:
      - Owner may submit a new sample for retesting (in the case of barrows already harvested, the initial sample may be retested, provided there is ample tissue remaining)
      - Breeder may submit a sample from the dam to eliminate any cross-fostering or misidentification issues
        - If both parents pass, and are confirmed as parents of the pig – pig loses its pedigree, but no breeder penalty
      - Breeder may submit samples from littermates to determine if the entire litter fails, or identify a cross-fostering issue
    - iii. The re-testing procedure must be completed all at once and must be submitted within 30 days of the initial result.
    - iv. This process follows the same steps detailed in sections I and II.
  - b. If breeder opts to not attempt further testing, then a final 'Fail' result is determined.
    - i. Failed animal's pedigree will be cancelled
- 4. Breeder punishment for Failed results:**
- a. 1st Time Offense- Repay all premiums and awards plus \$1,000
  - b. 2nd Time Offense- Repay all premiums and awards plus \$5,000
  - c. 3rd Time Offense- Repay all premiums and awards. Swine from specific breeder/herdmark are:
    - i. Still eligible to be recorded/registered
    - ii. Ineligible to be transferred for a period of one year.
    - iii. Banned from participating in NSR, NJSA and affiliate events for one year.
    - iv. For one year after the ban, breeder must submit DNA sample to verify animals are DNA eligible to be transferred or compete in NSR, NJSA or affiliate events.
- 5. NSR Policy Regarding Failed DNA Tests:**
- a. Breeder/seller\* of gilts that fail DNA testing will:

- i. Refund the purchase price of the animal to the exhibitor.
  - ii. Pay the commission to the NSR if the animal(s) sells through an NSR event.
  - iii. Pay for any additional DNA tests outside of the original DNA test completed by the NSR.
  - iv. Not be considered a member in good standing with the NSR and will be unable to register any litters or participate in any events until they comply with above rules.
- \*The term breeder/seller may also refer to a boar stud, exhibitor, or an interim owner.
- b. Breeder/seller\* of barrows that fail DNA testing will:
  - i. Pay the commission to the NSR if the animal(s) sells through an NSR event.
  - ii. Pay for any additional DNA tests outside of the original DNA test completed by the NSR.
  - iii. Not be considered a member in good standing with the NSR and will be unable to register any litters or participate in any events until they comply with above rules.
- \*The term breeder/seller may also refer to a boar stud, exhibitor, or an interim owner.
- c. If the exhibitor is the breeder of the animal that fails DNA testing, all awards and premiums will be revoked.
  - i. Exhibitor has 30 days to return awards and premiums to the NSR office or will not be considered a member in good standing with the NSR and will be unable to register any litters or participate in any events until they comply.
  - ii. In the event that the breeder/exhibitor has been awarded a trailer or popper, it must be returned to the dealer and any expenses required to transport, remove lettering, and/or return to the dealership are the responsibility of the breeder/exhibitor. The breeder/exhibitor will not be considered a member in good standing with the NSR and will be unable to register any litters or participate in any events until they comply.

## 6. Related Policies:

- a. Applies across NJSA Events, Affiliate Shows, State Fairs, and OYE
- b. Time period for offenders is considered 3 Years
- c. Corrected parentage issues when an animal passes Stress and Breed Profile Testing is not considered an offense
- d. Littermates will be considered a single offense
- e. The same pig tested at different shows will be considered a single offense
- f. Offenses are cumulative across NSR breeds
- g. All DNA tests must be coordinated through NSR. Results will not be accepted from tests submitted by the breeder. DNA testing may take approximately eight weeks to complete.
- h. All DNA samples submitted for DNA banking requirements must be on the four-quadrant FTA card with sufficient sample on each of the four quadrants of the card or have sufficient hair follicles for DNA testing purposes.
- i. No test results will be released to anyone outside of NSR until all needed secondary tests are completed.
- j. The need for any further testing on 'Fail' results will be determined and coordinated by NSR staff.
  - i. A committee composed of NSR staff, Executive Committee members and legal council will determine further testing requirements.
- k. No 'internal R&D' results will be released to anyone outside of NSR staff until permitted by the NSR CEO.
- l. All submitted samples (regardless of test result) will be retained by NSR, and no submitted DNA samples will be released back to the breeder or exhibitor.
- m. Failed DNA results will result in Sweepstakes placing points for that animal being revoked. However, showmanship and contest standing will not be affected by failed test results.

- n. Failed test results will not be publicized. Photos will also be removed from the NJSA Web site show results. The NJSA will pay all premiums at the show. Exhibitors of animals failing DNA tests will still keep all awards and premiums. Exhibitors of Bred and Owned animals that fail DNA tests will be required to return all awards and premiums within 30 days of notification.

## Rules Regarding Exhibition of Unethically Fit Animals, Animals of Ineligible Age for Exhibition in the Class Entered, and Animals Administered Prohibited Substances

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To foster fair competition, to provide an equal playing field and to impart the importance of raising swine in an ethical and humane manner, the showing of unethically fitted animals, animals of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered, and/or animals being administered prohibited substances, as defined herein, is strictly prohibited.

- a. **Unethical fitting:** Animals showing any signs of being unethically fit will be disqualified. Examples of unethical fitting include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Application of paint, dye, or any other substance to any part of the animal's body that attempts to change the color pattern or alter any other aspect of the apparent breed character and eligibility of an animal.
- Cosmetically altering the underline of an animal.
- Evidence of cosmetically altering the form or function of an animal's foot or feet by the application of resin, epoxy, or other foreign substances. Including alteration or removal of dewclaws.
- Injection, drenching or application of any substance per the animal's rectum.
- Draining fluids by means of needle or syringe.
- Artificially filling by stomach pumping or airing injections.
- Artificially filling by way of the animal's esophagus, by stomach pumping, drench tubes or any other method, is prohibited and animals that have been artificially filled will be disqualified.

- b. **Appropriate age for class:** Any animal that is represented as a different age than its actual birth date will be disqualified.

- c. **Prohibited Substances:**

Prohibited Substances means:

- i. Any substance that has not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for use in food animals; and
  - ii. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any beta2-adrenergic agonist (beta agonist) not approved for use in swine and furosemide (Lasix) are also Prohibited Substances.
- d. **Animal Inspection:** By submitting entries for an NJSA event, each exhibitor agrees to submit for inspection any animal entered by the exhibitor as may be requested at any time. Exhibitors agree to have such animal submitted to any tests requested by the NJSA. The NJSA reserves the right to have ultrasound, D.N.A., hair, tissue, blood, urine and/or feces laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition. The exhibitor and, if the exhibitor is a minor, the exhibitor's parent, guardian, or responsible adult must be present during the sample collection for analysis and must witness, seal, and initial the sample as well as sign any documentation relating to the sample or collection of the sample; thus verifying the sample to have been properly collected and prepared for analysis.
- e. **NONADHERENCE TO RULES:** IF AN EXHIBITOR IS FOUND TO HAVE VIOLATED ANY RULE HEREIN, SUCH EXHIBITOR WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE EVENT WHERE SUCH VIOLATION TOOK PLACE AND WILL FORFEIT ALL TITLES, AWARDS, PREMIUMS, PRIZES OR SCHOLARSHIPS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXHIBITION AT THE EVENT. FURTHER, UPON THE FINDING OF A VIOLATION, THE NJSA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SUSPEND OR BAN THE EXHIBITOR, THE EXHIBITOR'S FAMILY MEMBERS, AND ANYONE RESIDING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD AS THE EXHIBITOR FROM PARTICIPATION IN ANY FUTURE NJSA EVENTS INCLUDING UP TO A LIFETIME BAN FOR SUCH VIOLATIONS. IN THE EVENT AN EXHIBITOR, THE EXHIBITOR'S FAMILY MEMBERS, OR ANYONE RESIDING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD AS THE EXHIBITOR, EXHIBITS IN A SUBSEQUENT NJSA EVENT OR EVENTS DURING THE PENDENCY OF AN INVESTIGATION INTO A VIOLATION OF ANY RULE HEREIN AND IT IS DETERMINED A VIOLATION OCCURRED, THE EXHIBITOR, THE EXHIBITOR'S FAMILY MEMBERS, AND ANYONE RESIDING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD AS THE EXHIBITOR, IN THE NJSA'S DISCRETION, MAY ALSO FORFEIT ALL TITLES, AWARDS, PREMIUMS, PRIZES OR SCHOLARSHIPS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXHIBITION AT SUCH SUBSEQUENT EVENT.

**THE NJSA FURTHER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONSIDER ANY VIOLATION OF ANY UNETHICAL FITTING OR PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE RULES OF TEAM PUREBRED AS A VIOLATION OF THE RULES STATED HEREIN AND TO DISCIPLINE ANY EXHIBITORS THAT HAVE VIOLATED ANY SUCH RULES OF TEAM PUREBRED THE SAME AS IF THE EXHIBITOR HAD VIOLATED A RULE OF NJSA HEREIN.**

**THE CONCLUSIONS REACHED BY THE NJSA, NSR, ANY OFFICER, DIRECTOR, OR EMPLOYEE THEREOF OR ANY VETERINARIAN OR ANY LABORATORY CONDUCTING ANY ANALYSIS SHALL BE FINAL AND BINDING WITHOUT RECOURSE AGAINST THE NJSA, NSR, ANY OFFICER, DIRECTOR, OR EMPLOYEE THEREOF OR ANY VETERINARIAN OR ANY LABORATORY CONDUCTING ANY ANALYSIS. THE EXHIBITOR, AS WELL AS THE EXHIBITOR'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN IF THE EXHIBITOR IS A MINOR, WAIVES ANY RIGHT OF ACTION WHICH THE EXHIBITOR OR THE EXHIBITOR'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN MAY HAVE FOR ANY ACTION TAKEN UNDER THESE RULES, AND RELEASES AND HOLDS HARMLESS THE NJSA, NSR, ANY OFFICER, DIRECTOR, OR EMPLOYEE THEREOF OR ANY**

VETERINARIAN OR ANY LABORATORY CONDUCTING ANY ANALYSIS FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS OR DEMANDS WHATSOEVER IN CONNECTION WITH THE INSPECTION OR TESTING OF ANY ANIMAL OR ANY RULING OR ACTION TAKEN HEREUNDER.

- f. **Emergency Treatment:** If an animal requires emergency treatment while at an NJSA event, the official veterinarian, in agreement with the NJSA, reserves the right to treat any animal if, in the opinion of the official veterinarian, it is in the best interest of the animal's health and well-being to be treated. Any costs for such treatment are the responsibility of the exhibitor.
- g. **DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES:** THE NJSA EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ANY EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES (INCLUDING MERCHANTABILITY), WHETHER THE GOODS OR SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY THE NJSA, NSR OR BY OTHERS (SUCH AS DRUG TESTING FACILITIES OR LABORATORIES). NJSA DOES NOT PROVIDE SECURITY OR GUARD SERVICES AND IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTS OF THIRD PARTIES. EXHIBITORS AND EXHIBITORS' PARENTS AND/OR GUARDIANS AGREE THAT THE NJSA SHALL BE ENTITLED TO DISQUALIFY ANY EXHIBITOR WHOSE ANIMAL TESTS POSITIVE FOR ANY PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE EVEN IF THE EXHIBITOR AND THE EXHIBITOR'S PARENTS OR GUARDIANS ARE INNOCENT OF ANY WRONGDOING AND HAD NO ROLE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE SHOWN IN THE TEST RESULTS. EVEN IF THE SOURCE OF THE PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE IS UNKNOWN, THE NJSA SHALL BE ENTITLED TO DISQUALIFY THE EXHIBITOR FROM THE EVENT WHERE THE ANIMAL WAS EXHIBITED AND BAN OR SUSPEND THE EXHIBITOR, MEMBERS OF THE EXHIBITOR'S FAMILY, AND ANY PERSON LIVING IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF THE EXHIBITOR AS SET FORTH IN (e) ABOVE.
- h. **Ultimate Care and Responsibility:** By entering an animal in an NJSA event, the exhibitor agrees and understands that the ultimate care and responsibility for an animal(s) rests solely upon the exhibitor.
- i. **Incorporation of International Association of Fairs and Expositions Code of Show Ring Ethics:** In addition to the provisions set forth herein, NJSA reserves the right to apply any and all provisions set forth in the International Association of Fairs and Expositions Code of Show Ring Ethics that are included and incorporated herein.

## NJSA Show Premiums

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Premiums and awards at NJSA shows will be allotted as follows, but are subject to change under these conditions:

1. 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.**
2. A minimum of 100 barrows or gilts (both purebreds 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 will receive half of premiums. This does not affect class money or prizes awarded at the show.

3. Overall premiums, breed champion and reserve breed champion premiums, and Bred and Owned champion and reserve champion premiums will be sent after the show.
4. Class premium checks will be mailed.
5. Any premium checks not cashed after 90 days will be forfeited and funds will be put in to the NSR Foundation.

## Sweepstakes Contest

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1. Sweepstakes contestants must compete in all four contests at the National Junior Summer Spectacular, three contests at Winter National and The Exposition Junior National, and three contests at regional shows to be eligible for the specific shows Sweepstakes Contest.
2. Points will be contributed from the highest placing purebred gilt OR barrow, showmanship contest, judging contest and/or skillathon toward the Sweepstakes awards.
3. Purebred gilt or barrow show points will be given on the exhibitor's highest-placing purebred gilt or purebred barrow toward the Sweepstakes award. You will not receive points for both. Example: John has a purebred gilt and a purebred barrow for an NJSA show. He places 5<sup>th</sup> with his purebred gilt and 2<sup>nd</sup> with his purebred barrow. Therefore, John will only receive Sweepstake points from his highest placing pig, the purebred barrow. The purebred gilt will not be awarded points.
4. If a barrow is disqualified from its class, the exhibitor will not receive the Sweepstakes points.
5. All participants in the Sweepstakes Contest **MUST** complete the full judging contest, including both the placing and reasons sections in order to be eligible for the Sweepstakes Contest. Any participant who chooses not to complete the reasons portion of the judging contest will have all Sweepstakes points from that show revoked this rule applies only to National Summer Spectacular.
6. Sweepstakes points will be awarded as follows:
  - a. **Regional Show Sweepstakes Point System**
    - i. Purebred Gilt/Barrow Show: 1st: 100; 2nd: 95; 3rd: 90; 4th: 85; 5th: 80; 6th: 75; 7th:70; 8th: 65; 9th: 60; 10th: 55; 11th-participation: 50
    - ii. Showmanship: 1st: 100; 2nd: 95; 3rd: 90; 4th: 85; 5th: 80; 6th: 75; 7th:70; 8th: 65; 9th: 60; 10th: 55; Participation: 50
    - iii. Skillathon: 1st: 100; 2nd: 95; 3rd: 90; 4th: 85; 5th: 80; 6th: 75; 7th:70; 8th: 65; 9th: 60; 10th: 55; 11th-participation: 50
    - iv. Judging Contest: 1st: 100; 2nd: 95; 3rd: 90; 4th: 85; 5th: 80; 6th: 75; 7th:70; 8th: 65; 9th: 60; 10th: 55; 11th -participation: 50
    - v. **Tie Breaker:** In the event of a tie break, ties will be broken on the following:
      - a. Skillathon
      - b. Judging Contest
      - c. Showmanship
      - d. Gilt/Barrow Actual
      - e. Gilt Show
      - f. Barrow Show
  - b. **Winter National Sweepstakes Point System**
    - i. Purebred Gilt/Barrow Show: 1st – 5th: 100; 6th-10th : 75; 11th-15th:50; 16th-participation: 25
    - ii. Showmanship: 1st: 100; 2nd: 95; 3rd: 90; 4th: 85; 5th: 80; 6th: 75; 7th:70; 8th: 65; 9th: 60; 10th: 55; Make it out of first heat: 50, Participation: 25
    - iii. Judging Contest: 1st: 100; 2nd: 95; 3rd: 90; 4th: 85; 5th: 80; 6th: 75; 7th:70; 8th: 65; 9th: 60; 10th: 55; 11th -participation: 50

- iv. **Tie Breaker:** In the event of a tie at Winter National and The Exposition, ties will be broken on the following:
    - a. Judging Contest
    - b. Showmanship
    - c. Gilt/Barrow Actual
    - d. Gilt Show
    - e. Barrow Show
- c. The Exposition Sweepstakes Point System**
- i. Purebred Gilt/Barrow Show: 1st – 5th: 100; 6th-10th : 75; 11th-15th:50; 16th-participation: 25
  - ii. Showmanship: 1st: 100; 2nd: 95; 3rd: 90; 4th: 85; 5th: 80; 6th: 75; 7th:70; 8th: 65; 9th: 60; 10th: 55; Make it out of first heat: 50, Participation: 25
  - iii. Judging Contest: 1st: 100; 2nd: 95; 3rd: 90; 4th: 85; 5th: 80; 6th: 75; 7th:70; 8th: 65; 9th: 60; 10th: 55; 11th -participation: 50
  - iv. **Tie Breaker:** In the event of a tie at Winter National and The Exposition, ties will be broken on the following:
    - a. Judging Contest
    - b. Showmanship
    - c. Gilt/Barrow Actual
    - d. Gilt Show
    - e. Barrow Show
- d. National Junior Summer Spectacular Sweepstakes Point System**
- i. Purebred Gilt/Barrow Show: 1<sup>st</sup> – 5th: 100; 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> : 75; 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>: 50 participation: 25
  - ii. Showmanship: 1<sup>st</sup>: 100; 2<sup>nd</sup>: 95; 3<sup>rd</sup>: 90; 4<sup>th</sup>: 85; 5<sup>th</sup>: 80; 6<sup>th</sup>: 75; 7<sup>th</sup>:70; 8<sup>th</sup>: 65; 9<sup>th</sup>: 60; 10<sup>th</sup>: 55; Make it out of the first heat: 50; Participation: 25
  - iii. Skillathon: 1<sup>st</sup>: 100; 2<sup>nd</sup>: 95; 3<sup>rd</sup>: 90; 4<sup>th</sup>: 85; 5<sup>th</sup>: 80; 6<sup>th</sup>: 75; 7<sup>th</sup>:70; 8<sup>th</sup>: 65; 9<sup>th</sup>: 60; 10<sup>th</sup>: 55; 11<sup>th</sup> - Participation: 50
  - iv. Judging Contest: 1<sup>st</sup>: 100; 2<sup>nd</sup>: 95; 3<sup>rd</sup>: 90; 4<sup>th</sup>: 85; 5<sup>th</sup>: 80; 6<sup>th</sup>: 75; 7<sup>th</sup>:70; 8<sup>th</sup>: 65; 9<sup>th</sup>: 60; 10<sup>th</sup>: 55; 11<sup>th</sup>-participation: 50
  - v. National Junior Summer Spectacular Bonus Contests: **No additional points will be rewarded for Sweepstakes points. However, participants will still be ranked and awarded for their efforts at the Awards Ceremony.**
    - a. Swine Is Fine Art Contest
    - b. Amazing Advertising Contest
    - c. Speech Contests
    - d. Foundations of Flavor cooking contest
  - vi. **Tie Breaker:** In the event of a tie at the National Junior Summer Spectacular, ties will be broken on the following:
    - a. Skillathon
    - b. Judging Contest
    - c. Showmanship
    - d. Gilt/Barrow Actual
    - e. Gilt Show
    - f. Barrow Show

## Showmanship Contest

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1. All contestants must be members of the NJSA.
2. Divisions will be randomly broken into classes according to entries, with no more than 20 exhibitors per class.
3. All barrows or gilts used for showmanship are required to come from a junior exhibitor or open-show entry. It is the responsibility of the participants to make arrangements with another junior member to use their animal. No boars will be allowed in showmanship.
4. The divisions will be as of Jan. 1 of the current year: Senior (17-21); Intermediate (13-16); Junior (9-12); and Novice (8 and younger).

## Skillathon

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1. All contestants must be members of the NJSA.
2. No cell phones or smart devices including smart watches are allowed in the skillathon room.
3. Participants will rotate to each station per age division where they will be asked to perform specific tasks that cover various aspects of the swine industry.
4. Each station should take approximately 5-10 minutes. Please follow the posted schedules. Each individual is responsible for organizing their time to complete the contest.
5. There will be a maximum of 10 minutes allowed at each station. After that you will be moved to the next station.
6. Contestants may be asked to complete a tie breaker station based on their score at a specific station.
7. The following are examples of topics that could be used in the Skillathon: Ear Notching, Swine Breeds, Swine Health, Pork Quality Assurance, Meat Cut Identification, Swine Anatomy (External, Internal and Skeletal), Reproductive Physiology, Swine Diseases and Pedigree Information. Reference material may be obtained by contacting the NSR office.
8. No parents or spectators are allowed in the skillathon rooms. Youth with special needs will be allowed help by NSR staff or NJSA Junior Board of Directors if they submit this request with their entry form in advance of the show. **Students with IEP's will have access to volunteer assistance as well as additional time to complete the stations as necessary. Again, please let NJSA staff know prior to the event.**
9. Once a contestant completes the skillathon, they must leave the skillathon room and contest area immediately to avoid any sharing of answers, etc.

## Swine Judging Contest

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1. All contestants must be members of the NJSA.
2. **All hogs entered in an NJSA event are eligible to be used for the judging contest, if requested. If the exhibitor or parent wants to drive the hog in the contest, he or she may do so.**
3. Teams must have three to four contestants from the **SAME** age division. The top three scores will comprise the team score.
4. Parents are **NOT** allowed near the judging rings. Assistance will be available to novice or first-time judges who may not understand how to mark their cards.
5. If a contestant judges up a division, they are not eligible to receive placing points for sweepstakes if they are in the in that division.
  - i. Ex: If an intermediate receives 5<sup>th</sup> place in the senior division, they will not receive the 80 points in the intermediate sweepstakes.
6. Novice exhibitors will judge two classes and answer questions on one class. Bonus questions may be asked to break ties.

7. For Novice participants there will be a short instructional session to precede the contest where available and officials will be given immediately after their cards are turned in.
8. Junior exhibitors will judge six classes and answer two sets of questions.
9. Intermediate exhibitors will judge six classes, give one set of oral reasons and answer two sets of questions.
10. Senior exhibitors will judge six classes and give three sets of oral reasons.
11. Class numbers for judging, reasons and questions for each division will be under the discretion of the NSR staff and will be announced at the event.
12. All vulvas and underlines will be considered sound. Please note any differences and be prepared to talk them in oral reasons or answer questions about them.
13. Soundness is to be judged as is, unless otherwise specified on contest day.
14. No talking at any time throughout the contest, except between the contestants and group leaders. If you are caught talking one time, you will be warned. The second time you are caught talking, your card will be taken away. The third time you are caught talking, you will be asked to leave the contest.
15. No cell phones are allowed in the contest.

## Swine is Fine Art Contest: Photography Division

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The National Junior Swine Association and *Seedstock EDGE Media* have combined to create the National Swine is Fine Art contest.

This contest encourages NJSA members to use art to communicate about the industry. Entries will be judged based upon their creativity, composition and technical skills such as lighting, color, and focus.

One Photography Contest winner will be chosen for each age division – Senior (17-21), Intermediate (13-16), Junior (9-12), and Novice (8 and younger). A “Best in Show” will be awarded for the top entry over all ages and all divisions. The results will be announced at the National Junior Summer Spectacular (NJSS) .All contestants must be members of the NJSA.

1. Each contestant may only submit one photo. Color, black-and-white and sepia entries will be accepted.
2. All entries must be submitted during registration at the National Junior Summer Spectacular.
3. The photo must be related to the swine industry.
4. Photos must be taken by the contestant within the last calendar year.
5. All entries must be printed as an 8”x10” and mounted on black cardstock.
6. **Artist Statement:** The contestant is required to submit a short statement about the artwork. It should be approximately 50 words, describing the entry, including the media used. Elementary grade level entries may have teachers/parents assist in writing and/or transcribing the description. The Artist Statement may assist jurors in learning more about the artwork, which could affect judging outcome.
7. Photos which are deemed by contest jurors to have been digitally altered outside of the ethical standards of livestock professionals and photojournalists will be disqualified. This includes but is not limited to any editing besides cropping, optimizing color levels and saturation and reducing red eye, including artistic filters, digital addition of words and/or sayings and digital manipulation of subject manner such as warping, patching, stamping, etc.

8. All entries can be used by the NSR, NJSA and the *Seedstock EDGE Media* for publication and promotion.

## Swine is Fine Art Contest: Drawing, Painting, and Mixed Media Division

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The National Junior Swine Association and *Seedstock EDGE Media* have combined to create the National Swine is Fine Art contest.

This contest encourages NJSA members to use art to communicate about the industry. Entries will be judged based upon their creativity, composition, and technical skills such as lighting, color and focus.

One Drawing, Painting, and Mixed Media Contest winner will be chosen for each age division – Senior (17-21), Intermediate (13-16), Junior (9-12), and Novice (8 and younger). A “Best in Show” will be awarded for the top entry over all ages and all divisions. The results will be announced at the National Junior Summer Spectacular.

1. Each contestant may only submit one piece of art, featuring the swine industry, in any medium. (Examples include: Pencil, Colored Pencil, Charcoal, Pen, Oils, Acrylic, Pastels, Cray-Pas, Watercolor, Mixed Media)
2. Artwork can be no greater than 11x17-inches in size. It must be two dimensional, except for collage entries, which cannot extend more than ¼ inch from the surface. No lights or other electronic accents will be allowed.
3. Artwork must be completely dried and fixed.
4. Work on paper should be matted to protect the artwork. Works on canvas should not be matted. No artwork should be framed.
5. All entries must be submitted during registration at the National Junior Summer Spectacular.
6. **Artist Statement:** The contestant is required to submit a short statement about the artwork. It should be approximately 50 words, describing the entry, including the media used. Elementary grade level entries may have teachers/parents assist in writing and/or transcribing the description. The Artist Statement may assist jurors in learning more about the artwork, which could affect judging outcome.
7. All entries can be used by the NSR, NJSA and the *Seedstock EDGE Media* for publication and promotion.
8. Entries may be picked up at the NJSS after the awards ceremony

## Amazing Advertising Contest

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The National Junior Swine Association (NJSA) and *Seedstock EDGE* have combined to create the National Swine Amazing Advertising Contest.

This contest encourages NJSA members to improve their communication and selling skills by designing an advertisement for the NJSA. Entries will be based upon how effectively contestants “sell” the idea of NJSA membership by using images, text and design elements.

One Amazing Advertising Contest winner will be chosen for each age division – Senior (17-21), Intermediate (13-16), Junior (9-12), and Novice (8 and under). A “Best in Show” will be awarded for the top entry over all ages and all divisions. The results will be announced at the National Junior Summer Spectacular (NJSS) . A digital copy of the advertisement will be archived and may be used in publications by the National Swine Registry (NSR), NJSA and *Seedstock EDGE* magazine.

1. Each contestant can only submit one, full-page advertisement (no larger than 8.5x11-inches). Color, black-and-white and two-color entries will be accepted.
2. The advertisement must highlight the NJSA.
3. The entry should be the work of the contestant and include an attention-grabbing headline, a compelling image and copy or text designed to get other youth interested in the organization.
4. All entries must be submitted during registration at the National Junior Summer Spectacular.
5. **Advertiser Statement:** The contestant is required to submit a short statement about the advertisement. It should be approximately 50 words, describing the entry, including the unique selling point of the organization. Elementary grade level entries may have teachers/parents assist in writing and/or transcribing the description. The Advertiser Statement may assist jurors in learning more about the ad, which could affect judging outcome.
6. All entries can be used by the NSR, NJSA and the *Seedstock EDGE Media* for publication and promotion.

## Extemporaneous Speech Contest Rules

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1. Contestant must be a member of the NJSA.
2. Senior (17-21), Intermediate (13-16), Junior (9-12), and Novice (8 and younger) contestants are eligible. The intermediate and senior divisions will be combined, as will the novice and junior divisions.
3. Participants must confirm registration for the Extemporaneous Speech Contest during registration at the National Junior Summer Spectacular.
4. During contest registration, participants will be allowed to select their time slot.
5. All participants need to make sure to check-in for the contest by the time they selected on the schedule.
6. Each speech must be between two to six minutes in length with three minutes’ additional time allowed for related questions, which shall be asked by the judges.
7. A junior board member shall introduce the participant, and the participant may introduce their speech by title only.
8. Participants will be penalized one point per five seconds on each judge’s score sheet for being more than six minutes or under two minutes. The time commences when the speaker begins talking. The speaker may use a watch to keep a record of their time. No time warnings will be given by event officials or observers.
9. No microphone will be available to contestants.
10. By participating in the contest, exhibitors give permission to NSR and NJSA to record audio/video of the entry and utilize for promotion as they deem fit.

### Topics

1. NSR Staff will prepare six topics.
2. The selection of the topics shall be held 30 minutes before the event. The participant will draw two specific topics, selected at random from one pool of six, relating to the industry of agriculture and/or purebred Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace or Yorkshire swine. After selecting a topic from the choices, all topics will be returned for the next drawing.
3. Participants must use the uniform note cards provided. Any notes for speaking must be made during preparation time.
4. A list of all possible topics will be given to and reviewed by the judges prior to the event's start.
5. Each speech must be the result of the participant's own effort using approved reference material, which the participant may bring to the participation room. No other assistance may be provided.
6. Reference materials will be screened by the junior board members in charge of the event on the following basis.
  - a. Shall be limited to five items.
  - b. Must be printed materials such as books, magazines, and/or a compilation of collected materials. To be counted as one item, a notebook or folder may contain no more than 100 pages, single-sided (cannot be notes or speeches prepared by the participant or notes prepared by another person for the purpose of this event.) Copies must reference the origination point.

### **Method of Judging**

1. NSR Staff will oversee the selection of three competent and impartial judges to evaluate the contestants.
2. Contestants will be permitted to use notes. Excessive reference may result in a deduction of the contestant's score.
3. The contestant will be scored 40% on speech content and organization, and 60% on presentation.
4. The judges will ask questions after each speech. Contestants will be scored on their ability to respond effectively.
5. A timekeeper will record each participant's speech time, noting undertime and overtime, if any, for which deductions will be made.
6. Upon completion of all speeches, and without consultation, each judge shall total his/her score of the manuscript and presentation for each speaker. Contest officials will then collect the score sheets, deduct points, if necessary, for time violations and rank the contestants in numerical order on the basis of each judge's scores. (Highest scores first, lowest scores last).
7. The rankings, not the score, of the three judges, shall be added for each speaker, and the final placings will be determined by the lowest composite rankings. Actual scores will be used only to break ties.

### **Event Procedures**

1. Participants must check-in the contest 30 minutes prior to their speech time for topic selection and preparation. At this time, they will be select their topic then head to the preparation room to begin.
2. It is not required that you utilize all 30 minutes, however, once you enter the preparation room, you will not be allowed to leave for any reason until you have given your speech.
3. Participants will enter the preparation room at 10-minute intervals.
4. You will be introduced by a junior board member, and then you may enter the room to deliver your speech.

## Prepared Speech Contest Rules

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1. The contestant must be a member of the NJSA.

2. Senior (17-21), Intermediate (13-16), Junior (9-12), and Novice (8 and younger) contestants are eligible. The intermediate and senior divisions will be combined, as will the novice and junior divisions.
3. Participants must confirm registration for the Prepared Speech Contest during registration at the National Junior Summer Spectacular.
4. During contest registration, participants will be allowed to select their time slot.
5. All participants need to make sure to check-in for the contest by the time they selected on the schedule.
6. Each speech must be between three to six minutes in length with three (novice and juniors) to five (intermediates and seniors) minutes additional time allowed for related questions, which shall be asked by the judges.
7. Contestants must bring four copies of their typewritten, double-spaced speech manuscript on 8 1/2" x 11" white bond paper with them at contest check-in (please check the event schedule for specific times). The manuscript must be the result of the contestant's own efforts. A title page including the title of the speech, the speaker's name, hometown, and birthdate, must accompany the manuscript. No report covers or special binders may be used.
8. By participating in the contest, exhibitors give permission to NSR and NJSA to record audio/video of the entry and utilize for promotion as they deem fit.

### **The Speech**

1. Any subject pertaining to the swine industry is acceptable. Exploration of any and all phases of the industry is encouraged. Current issues, policies and trends are good topics, too.
2. The speech must be the result of the contestant's own efforts.
3. Each speech must be three to six minutes long. Deductions of one-half point per ten seconds will be taken from the score by each judge for speeches under or over the specified time frame.
4. Junior contestants will be allowed up to three minutes for questions from the judges following their speech. Intermediate and senior contestants will be allowed for up to five minutes for questions from the judges following their speech.
5. No microphone will be available to contestants.

### **Method of Judging**

8. NSR Staff will oversee the selection of three competent and impartial judges to evaluate the contestants.
9. A timekeeper will record each participant's speech time, noting undertime and overtime, if any, for which deductions will be made.
10. Contestants will be permitted to use notes. Excessive reference may result in a deduction of the contestant's score.
11. The use of visual aids (charts, slides, signs, etc.) is NOT permitted.
12. Judges shall receive copies of the manuscripts 30 minutes prior to the contest so the general idea of the speeches may be reviewed before the actual presentation.
13. The contestant will score 40% on speech content and organization, and 60% on presentation.
14. The judges will ask questions after each speech. Contestants will be scored on their ability to respond effectively.
15. Upon completion of all speeches, and without consultation, each judge shall total his/her score of the manuscript and presentation for each speaker. Contest officials will then collect the score sheets, deduct points if necessary for time violations and rank the contestants in numerical order on the basis of each judge's scores. (Highest scores first, lowest scores last).
16. The rankings, not the score, of the three judges shall be added for each speaker, and the final placings will be determined by the lowest composite rankings. Actual scores will be used only to break ties.

For applications and information go to [www.nationalswine.com/njsa/njsa.html](http://www.nationalswine.com/njsa/njsa.html).

- \$500 NJSA Visionary Leader Scholarship
- \$1,000 Outstanding Senior NJSA Member Scholarship\* (2)
- \$500 Outstanding Intermediate NJSA Member Scholarship\*
- \$300 Outstanding Junior NJSA Member Scholarship\*
- \$200 Outstanding Novice NJSA Member Scholarship\*
- \$500 TC Trailers Scholarship
- \$1,000 American Yorkshire Club Scholarship
- \$1,000 Juniors Helping Juniors Scholarship (3)
- \$1,000 Mike Cox Memorial Scholarship
- \$2,500 Rolling into Success Scholarship (4)
- \$1,000 Employees Making Professionals Scholarship
- \$1,000 Funding the Future Scholarship
- \$1,000 Pay It Forward Scholarship
- up to 5 \$1,000 The Maschhoffs Inc. Pork Production Scholarships
- \$1,000 Clay and Deanna Zwilling Future Leader's Scholarship
- \$1,000 Danner Livestock Scholarship
- \$1,000 Darrell Anderson Future Breeder Award
- \$1,000 Dennis Wilber Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 Friends of The Exchange Scholarship
- \$1,000 Hampshire Swine Registry Scholarship
- \$1,500 Guy Jackson Memorial Scholarship

\*These scholarships cannot be won more than once per division

## NJSA Junior Board of Directors

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### Running for the Junior Board

1. The NJSA Junior Board of Directors is made up of 10 to 15 members, each serving a two-year term.
2. To be eligible to run for the NJSA Junior Board of Directors, candidates must be between the ages of 17-21 as of January 1 of candidate year.
3. NJSA members must apply to run for the NJSA Junior Board .
4. NJSA Junior Board candidates must complete an interview with a group of NSR delegated committee members.
5. All candidates MUST attend and help with the National Junior Summer Spectacular in July.

### General Junior Board Information

1. Directors are appointed by a selection committee.
2. The successful Directors will be announced at the end of the National Junior Summer Spectacular Awards Ceremony.
  - g. Candidates will be informed of the selection results during the day before the Awards Ceremony.
3. The selection committee reserves the right to fill any vacant position(s) on the Junior Board of Directors for the remainder of their term.
4. The selection committee reserves the right to adjust the number of Junior Board Directors based on merit and need for the National Junior Swine Association.

# IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) Code of Show Ring Ethics

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Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the “IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics,” fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

## **The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:**

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of, consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal’s performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory, to which it is sent, is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly

reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expos and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

## Grievance Policy

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Complaints against NJSA members/exhibitors must be made in writing and signed by the person registering the complaint (Complainant), and accompanied by a deposit of \$200, which shall be forfeited if NSR Staff or the Youth Advisory Board determines the complaint unjustified. If the complaint is determined to be justified, the deposit shall be returned to the Complainant. If any member or other person is charged, in writing, with misrepresentation as to the pedigree of any animal bred or owned by him, or with willful misrepresentation concerning any other fact concerning any animal owned or bred by him, or with any conduct detrimental to the NSR or NJSA, NSR Staff will investigate the situation, and if they feels there is a valid basis for the charge, they shall have a complaint prepared setting forth the alleged improper acts of said member/exhibitor of the NJSA or other person. A copy of this complaint, together with notice of the time and place of hearing on said charges, shall be served upon the member/exhibitor of the NJSA or other person by certified or registered United States Mail, return receipt request.

If a grievance is filed and proven after the show concludes, no one will be moved into the unfiled position that was revoked from the former winner.

A grievance must be filed within 7 days after an event.

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