

AJCA Rookie of the Year

Objective: To establish an awards system for first year exhibitors (rookies) in the Arkansas Junior Cattlemen's Association (AJCA).

Rationale: Like any organization, The Arkansas Junior Cattlemen's Association depends on junior members for its survival. Loss of members can be attributed to graduation, age requirements, and loss of interest. Youth livestock exhibitors across the state of Arkansas will be actively encouraged to join AJCA, and every effort will be made to enhance their participation. In order to encourage new members to stay actively involved during and after their initial membership year, the AJCA will honor first year showmen with the AJCA "Rookie of the Year" program.

Guidelines:

1. Exhibitors must be a paid member of AJCA.
2. Exhibitors must meet age requirements and abide by rules established by the AJCA.
3. Accumulation of points will begin on the date that exhibitors apply for membership. If this date is in question, the date of the check used to pay membership dues will be used.
4. Exhibitors must be a first-year member to participate in this program. Exhibitors must exhibit cattle in at least five (5) AJCA-sanctioned point shows.
5. Overall year-end point totals (inclusive of showmanship, breeding beef, commercial heifers, and steers) will be used to determine the winner of each age division

Awards:

1. Awards will be presented at the annual AJCA Awards Banquet.
2. Awards will be presented in the following divisions:
 - a. Wee Junior "Rookie of the Year" (8 and under)
 - b. Junior "Rookie of the Year" (ages 9-13)
 - c. Senior "Rookie of the Year" (ages 14-20)
3. The exhibitor with the highest overall point total (any age group) will be named the "AJCA Overall Rookie of the Year." This exhibitor will receive a championship belt buckle.

*In order to participate in this program, please print and complete the "Rookie of the Year" [enrollment form](#).

**If you are not a current AJCA member, you must also complete a [membership application](#).

**AJCA Rookie of the Year
Enrollment Form**

Name: _____

AJCA membership # _____

Birthday (MM/YY): ____ ____ / ____ ____ Age as of January 1, 2008 _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Have you ever belonged to AJCA?

_____ Yes _____ No

IMPORTANT!

Parent's Name _____

Parental Signature _____

Required

Daytime Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please complete this form and mail to:

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