



2018-2019

AJCA Member Guidelines

1. An AJCA sanctioned show must be open to all youth in Arkansas age 20 or under (as of October 1, 2018).
2. Exhibitors are not required to be AJCA members to participate in AJCA sanctioned shows.
3. If allowed by show management, out of state exhibitors may participate in AJCA sanctioned shows
4. AJCA will post the names of the judge(s) at least 7 days prior to a show.
5. It is suggested to show managers that judges will judge only one AJCA sanctioned show for the current show season (November 2018 – May 2019).
6. Show flyers and entry forms will be published on the AJCA website – ANNOUNCEMENTS page.
7. Shows should not use the word “jackpot” in their name unless the show plans to jackpot or pay out a percentage of entry fees. If the show is for points and/or prizes only, that information should be specified on the flyer so that exhibitors are aware ahead of time.
8. AJCA sanctioned shows are expected to award appropriate prizes or cash awards to winners (examples - Breed Champions, Supremes, Showmanship, etc.) that are reflective of entry fees charged.
9. Entry fees should be kept at reasonable levels.
10. Show management will check registration papers or bills of sale.
11. AJCA sanctioned shows are family friendly events. Alcoholic beverages, if consumed by of age adults, should be done so discretely.
12. Shows with multiple rings may give POINTS ONLY to no more than one ring. All other rings will present prizes or cash awards.
13. It is the show management’s responsibility to enforce all AJCA show guidelines/rules.
14. Failure to follow AJCA guidelines may result in the show being placed on probation and/or losing sanctioning rights for the following year.

15. The AJCA will not be responsible for the formulation or enforcement of individual show rules. These are the sole responsibility of the show management. Additional show rules MUST be posted. It is heavily suggested that additional show rules be submitted to the AJCA State Director for publication prior to the show.
16. The AJCA will not be responsible for accidents or loss of property.
17. Exhibitors will not be awarded show points until their membership dues are received by the AJCA Adult Treasurer. Postmark dates will be honored.
18. In order to receive points, exhibitors must own the animal(s) they exhibit unless they have multiple animals in ring(s) at the same time. Points will NOT be awarded if the exhibitor does NOT exhibit their own animal(s). Exceptions to this rule will be given in writing to show management. Permission will be granted only by the State Director for extenuating circumstances.
19. In order to receive points, exhibitors must show their animal(s) unassisted (hold the lead, use the show stick, etc.). Any exception must be approved by the State Director or an adult AJCA Board Member present at the show.
20. Dual registrations - Registered heifers and bulls holding dual breed association papers (those that can be registered in multiple breeds) must declare a breed at their first AJCA show and remain in that breed for the duration of the animals show life.
21. To be uniform and consistent, sanctioned shows will use the following AJCA guidelines:
 - a. Using the month of birth, no animals will be allowed to show before the age of six months or past two years of age. Use the month for determining eligibility – not the actual date of birth. For example, if a heifer's birthdate was March 1, she could show through the month of March. Another example - a heifer that would not turn six months old until March 30 would be eligible to show in an event on March 1.
 - b. AJCA does NOT award points for Division Champions or Division Reserve Champions (breeding bulls, heifers and steers).
22. Bulls
 - a. Breeding bulls and females will be broken into classes by no more than two months.
 - b. Bulls will be shown with their breed. Please refer to the list of AJCA approved breed
 - c. Bulls one year of age and older MUST be exhibited with a nose ring/nose clip and lead.
 - d. AJCA will award points on the top five overall registered bulls. Show management may or may not award prizes, but top 5 bulls will be named at the conclusion of all bull divisions. A special form will be provided to show management to report results.
23. Steers
 - a. Steers should be divided by weights to make workable classes.
 - b. AJCA will award points on the top five steers. Show management may or may not award prizes, but the top 5 will be named at the conclusion of the steer show. A special form will be provided to show management to report results.

24. Commercial Heifers

- a. Commercial heifers are defined as any female NOT registered with a breed association. Commercial heifers will be divided into three divisions to include American, English and Exotic crosses. The State Director may ask exhibitors exhibiting commercial heifers not meeting criteria for their division to move to another more appropriate division.
- b. Class breaks by weight is at the show management's discretion.
- c. Champion and Reserve commercial heifers will be selected from each division (American, English, and Exotic).

25. Heifers (Commercial & Registered)

- a. Once a heifer calves, she is no longer eligible to participate in AJCA sanctioned shows even if she meets the age requirements of 6 months to 2 years.
- b. Registered heifers will be shown with their breed. Please refer to the list of AJCA approved breeds.
- c. AJCA will award points to the top five overall breeding heifers (to include the three commercial heifers). Show management may or may not award prizes, but the top 5 heifers will be named at the conclusion of the heifer division. A special form will be provided to show management to report results.

26. Ownership

- a. Ownership – Exhibitors that have not yet received heifer or bull registration papers will be allowed to show in their respective breed with a bill of sale.
- b. Bills of sale must include the date of sale, the seller's name, the new owner's name, the breed of the animal, the sex of the animal, the date of birth of the animal, and the tattoo # of the animal.
- c. The bill of sale will be sufficient for 30 days from the date of sale to allow the new owner to receive registration papers.
- d. Exhibitors experiencing issues obtaining registration papers beyond the allowed 30-day period should contact the AJCA State Director for a possible waiver. Exhibitors will be expected to present documentation showing that the registration process has begun.
- e. It is not acceptable to allow a registered animal to show in the commercial show because the exhibitor does not have registration papers.

27. Showmanship

- a. Showmanship contest division ages are ages as of OCTOBER 1, 2018
 - Pee Wee 8 and under
 - Junior 9-13 years old
 - Senior 14 – 20 years old
- b. Animals used in showmanship classes must be owned by the exhibitor and be shown in class in addition to the showmanship division. The only exception is Pee Wee Showmanship.
- c. Pee Wee showmanship exhibitors do not have to own the animal used in the showmanship division.
- d. In order for an exhibitor to participate in a Field Day showmanship contest, they must have an animal entered and shown in the Field Day show.

28. Breed association shows or field days are open to those breeds announced.

29. At the discretion of show management, animals that cannot be controlled by the exhibitor (i.e. breaking away from the exhibitor more than 3 times during a class) may be removed from the arena with the exhibitor not receiving points.
30. Point File Errors
- A. Emails will be sent to members notifying them that a new point file has been posted. Facebook posts will also notify members of points postings.
 - B. After AJCA show point files are posted to the AJCA website, members have seven days to report possible discrepancies in placings or calculations.
 - C. At the conclusion of seven days, the points for that reporting period become final.
 - D. Members who find an error must follow this procedure:
 - Contact the AJCA Point's Administrator to report a possible discrepancy.
 - Contact the particular show manager to resolve the discrepancy.
 - Show management will contact the AJCA Point's Administrator of any corrections.
 - Members should follow up with the Point's Administrator to assure the matter has been resolved.
31. Protests
- a. An AJCA Show Committee will be appointed at the AJCA Annual Meeting.
 - b. All protests must be submitted in writing to the AJCA State Director within 48 hours of the incident/infraction to be referred to AJCA Show Committee for resolution.
 - c. A \$100 fee must accompany the protest. If the protest is justified, the money will be refunded.
 - d. All decisions of the AJCA Show Committee will be final without appeal.
32. Violations of any rules listed will result in the loss of points to exhibitors.
33. For award purposes, points will be tabulated on the exhibitor's highest placing twelve shows. Members must accumulate at least 80 points or exhibit cattle at a minimum of seven AJCA sanctioned shows to qualify for awards. The ONLY award that tabulates ALL points accumulated is the High Point Overall All Exhibitor – Jason Bertschy Memorial Award.
34. All exhibitors and parents are expected to be respectful of show management, volunteers and fellow exhibitors.
35. The Thanksgiving Classic and the Arkansas State Fair Spring Show will continue to receive double points. However, the shows will only count as 1 show in and exhibitors top 12 shows.