



AJCA Show Management Guidelines 2025-2026 Series

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AJCA will be hosting the AJCA Point Show Series on showman.app. **AJCA sanctioned shows will be required to utilize showman.app.** There is no expense to the show for utilizing showman.app. Show management will be able to collect entries, entry fees (if they choose), and utilize the dashboard for show books as they will already be broken into breeds and commercial heifer divisions based on AJCA requirements. Steers and commercial heifer weights must be inputted and show management will break classes accordingly. Show management will be required to input the results of the show into showman.app, within 14 days of conclusion of show. This will count as the show reporting points as the results from the show will automatically be calculated into points and available for viewing in showman.app. Show management will coordinate with the Points Administer for more information about showman.app.

1. The fee to sanction an AJCA show is \$100.
2. Show management must fill out appropriate sanctioning request paperwork and submit to the AJCA State Director by January 31, 2026. (Date changes to November 15th starting 2026 for the 2027 show season).
3. An AJCA sanctioned show must be open to all youth in Arkansas age 20 or under as of **October 1, 2025**. (changes to 'as of Thanksgiving Classic season start' in 2027 show year)
4. Exhibitors are not required to be AJCA members to participate in AJCA sanctioned shows.
5. If allowed by show management, out of state exhibitors may participate in AJCA sanctioned shows.
6. It is suggested to show managers that judges will judge only one AJCA sanctioned show for the current show season (November 2025- May 2026) AJCA will post the names of the judge(s) at least 7 days prior to a show.
7. If a show is hosting more than 1 ring, there must be separate rings for each show (except showmanship).
8. Only 1 judge is allowed in a ring at a time except for showmanship ring.
9. Show flyers and entry forms will be published on the AJCA website announcements page, Showmanapp, Facebook, and other social media platforms.
10. 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 prizes only, that information should be specified on the flyer so that exhibitors are aware ahead of time.

- 11.** AJCA reserves the right to offer points only sanctioned shows and is the only organization that is allowed to offer points only sanctioned shows.
- 12.** AJCA sanctioned shows are expected to award appropriate prizes or cash awards to winners (Highly recommended but not required: prizes for the following; Breed Champions, Top 5 Steers, Top 5 Heifers, Top 5 Bulls, Top 5 Showmanship age division, etc.) that are reflective of entry fees charged.
- 13.** Entry Fees should be kept at reasonable levels.
- 14.** AJCA sanctioned shows are family friendly events. Alcoholic beverages, if consumed by of age adults, should be done so discretely.
- 15.** The show management is responsible to enforce all AJCA show guidelines/rules.
- 16.** Failure to follow AJCA guidelines will result in the show being placed on probation and/or losing sanctioning rights for the following year.
- 17.** The AJCA will not be responsible for accidents or loss of property.
- 18.** Exhibitor's show points begin calculating after the annual membership dues are received by the AJCA State Director via Showman App.
- 19.** In order to receive points, exhibitors must own the cattle they exhibit unless they have multiple cattle in the ring(s) at the same time; then, a fellow exhibitor may step in to show the additional cattle. If a long-term substitute exhibitor is required, the request must be made in writing to the AJCA State Director and only extenuating circumstances will be considered by the AJCA Show Committee. All decisions are final.
- 20.** In order to receive points, exhibitors must show their cattle unassisted (hold the lead, use the show stick, etc.) Ring help is only allowed to touch the halter if assisting in gaining control over a loose calf and then must remain in place until the showman comes to regain control over the halter.
- 21.** At the discretion of show management, cattle that cannot be controlled by the exhibitor will be removed from the ring with the exhibitor not receiving points. (each show is responsible for declaring the standard to ensure consistency throughout the show).
- 22.** 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 AJCA show series.
- 23.** 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).

24. Bulls

- a.** Breeding bulls will be broken into classes by no more than two months. Age breaks are automatically pre-set in Showman App.
- b.** Bulls will be shown with their breed. Please refer to the list of AJCA approved breed list.
- c. New 2025-2026:** Bulls will also be broken into their origin division (American, English, Exotic) and a top 4 in each division will be selected. (No additional points will be given for division for the 2025/2026 season as this is a trial year).
- d.** Bulls one year of age and older MUST be exhibited with a nose ring/nose clip and lead.
- e.** AJCA will award points on the top five overall registered bulls. Top 5 bulls will be named at the conclusion of all bull divisions. All results must be recorded in Showman app by show management no more than 14 days after conclusion of show.

25. Steers

- a. New 2025-2026:** Show management will break classes with no more than 60 pound variance in each class.
- b.** Steers should be divided by weights to make workable classes.
- c.** AJCA will award points on the top five steers. Top 5 will be named at the conclusion of the steer show.
- d.** All results must be recorded in Showman App by show management no more than 14 days after conclusion of show.

26. 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.
- b.** Commercial heifers should be divided by weights to make workable classes.
- c. New 2025-2026:** Champion, Reserve, 3rd, 4th, and 5th commercial heifers will be selected from each division (American, English, and Exotic). These 5 will be eligible to participate in the overall. (No additional points will be given for division for the 2025/2026 season as this is a trial year).
- d.** It is at the discretion of show management if prizes will be awarded to division winners, it is not required.
- e.** Required Commercial Heifer breaks
 - Class 1 500# & Below
 - Class 2 501 - 600
 - Class 3 601 - 700
 - Class 4 701 - 800
 - Class 5 801 - 900
 - Class 6 901 – 1000
 - Class 7 1001 – 1150
 - Class 8 1151 & Up
 - If a weight break class has more than six entries, that class may be broken into an A & B class. Example: there are 8 heifers in class 3 - 601-700 pounds. You may have Class 3a with 4 head and class 3b with 4 head.

27. Heifers (Commercial & Registered)

- a. Once a heifer calves, she is still eligible to participate in AJCA sanctioned shows as long as she meets the age requirements of 6 months to 2 years (Commercial females once calved are no longer eligible to show).
- b. Registered females will be broken into classes by no more than two months.
- c. Registered heifers will be shown with their breed. Please refer to the list of AJCA approved breeds.
- d. **New 2025-2026:** Registered heifers will also be broken into their origin division (American, English, Exotic). A Champion, Reserve, 3rd, 4th, and 5th will be selected in each division. These top 5 in each division will be eligible for top 5 overall. (No additional points will be given for divisions for the 2025/2026 season as this is a trial year).
- e. It is at the discretion of show management if prizes will be awarded to division winners, it is not required.
- f. AJCA will award points to the top five overall breeding heifers (to include American, English, Exotic, and Commercial Divisions). A top 5 must be named at the conclusion of all division.
- g. All results must be recorded in Showman App by show management no more than 14 days after conclusion of show.

28. 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.
- e. Exhibitors will be expected to present documentation showing that the registration process has begun.

29. Showmanship

- a. Showmanship contest division ages are ages as of the start of **October 1, 2025**.
 - 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. A top 5 in each age division must be selected.

31. Point File Errors

- a. After AJCA show point files are posted on and members are notified, members have seven days to report possible discrepancies in placings or calculations.
- b. At the conclusion of seven days, the points for that reporting period become final.
- c. Members who find an error must follow this procedure:

- First- by email, contact the Show Management of the particular show to resolve the discrepancy and copy the AJCA State Director on email documentation at arkansasjrcattlemen@gmail.com
- *Contact the AJCA Point's Administrator to report a possible discrepancy.
- If the first step does not result in the resolution of the discrepancy- then by email, Contact the AJCA State Director to resolve the discrepancy.
- Show management will contact the AJCA State Director of any corrections.
- Members should follow up with the AJCA State Director via email to assure the matter has been resolved.

32. 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. Protest must be submitted via email and sent to arkansasjrcattlemen@gmail.com
- d. A \$100 fee must accompany the protest. If the protest is justified, the money will be refunded.
- e. All decisions of the AJCA Show Committee will be final without appeal.

34. Violations of any rules listed will result in the loss of points to exhibitors.

35. All exhibitors and parents are expected to be respectful of show management, volunteers and fellow exhibitors.

36. The Thanksgiving Classic will continue to receive double points in a specified ring. However, the show will only count as 1 show in an exhibitors top 10 shows.

2025-2026 AJCA Season Approved Breed List & Required Placings Each Ring

Heifers & Bulls

American Division

Beef Master

Brahman

Brangus

Santa Gertrudis

Star Five

AOB American Breeds (New for 2025-2026)

Top 5 American Division (these will compete for Top 5 Overall - New for 2025-2026)

- **Champion American Bull/Heifer**
- **Reserve American Bull/Heifer**
- **3rd American Bull/Heifer**
- **4th American Bull/Heifer**
- **5th American Heifer (HEIFER ONLY FOR 5th IN DIVISION)**

English Division

Angus
Hereford
Mini Hereford
Red Angus
Shorthorn
Shorthorn Plus

AOB English Breeds (New for 2025-2026)

Top 5 English Division (these will compete for Top 5 Overall - New for 2025-2026)

- **Champion English Bull/Heifer**
- **Reserve English Bull/Heifer**
- **3rd English Bull/Heifer**
- **4th English Bull/Heifer**
- **5th English Heifer (HEIFER ONLY FOR 5th IN DIVISION)**
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Exotic Division

Charolais
Charolais Plus
Chianina
Chi-angus
Limousin/Lim-flex
Maine Anjou
Maine Angus
Mainetainer
Simmental
Sim-Solution

AOB Exotic Breeds(New for 2025-2026)

Top 5 English Division (these will compete for Top 5 Overall - New for 2025-2026)

- **Champion Exotic Bull/Heifer**
- **Reserve Exotic Bull/Heifer**
- **3rd Exotic Bull/Heifer**
- **4th Exotic Bull/Heifer**
- **5th Exotic Heifer (HEIFER ONLY FOR 5th IN DIVISION)**
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Commercial Division – HEIFERS ONLY

American Commercial
English Commercial
Exotic Commercial

Top 5 Commercial Division (these will compete for Top 5 Overall - New for 2025-2026)

- **Champion Commercial Heifer**
- **Reserve Commercial Heifer**
- **3rd Commercial Heifer**
- **4th Commercial Heifer**
- **5th Commercial Heifer**

Top 5 Overall Bulls

- **Supreme Bull**
- **Reserve Supreme Bull**
- **3rd Overall Bull**
- **4th Overall Bull**
- **5th Overall Bull**

Top 5 Overall Heifers

- Supreme Heifer
- Reserve Supreme Heifer
- 3rd Overall Heifer
- 4th Overall Heifer
- 5th Overall Heifer

Top 5 Overall Steers

- Champion Steer
- Reserve Steer
- 3rd Overall Steer
- 4th Overall Steer
- 5th Overall Steer

Top 5 Overall PeeWee Showman

- Champion PeeWee Showman
- Reserve PeeWee Showman
- 3rd Overall PeeWee Showman
- 4th Overall PeeWee Showman
- 5th Overall PeeWee Showman

Top 5 Overall Junior Showman

- Champion Junior Showman
- Reserve Junior Showman
- 3rd Overall Junior Showman
- 4th Overall Junior Showman
- 5th Overall Junior Showman

Top 5 Overall Senior Showman

- Champion Senior Showman
- Reserve Senior Showman
- 3rd Overall Senior Showman
- 4th Overall Senior Showman
- 5th Overall Senior Showman