

## 2025 Miniature Hereford Junior National Association Event Rules

### Registration, Entry and Fees

**All attendees at the Miniature Hereford Jr Nationals Gettin Silly in Stilly, Stillwater, OK agree to the following rules:**

Entries will open May 5, 2025, through May 19, 2025. Individual entry forms and required fees must be submitted by May **19,2025**.

ENTRY FEES ARE \$65 PER ENTRY.

LATE FEES INCREASE TO \$100 PER ENTRY ON MAY 19, 2025 AND ACCEPTED NO LATER THAN MAY 31, 2025  
BEDDING FEE \$20 PER ENTRY – This is base bedding, you may top dress.

All fees are nonrefundable.

The areas of competition (contests & show) in which an individual will participate must be designated at time of entry. Cattle, Showmanship, Fitting, Judging, Sales Talk, Speech, Photography and Arts and Crafts.

All animals must be registered with the AHA and transferred on or before May 19, 2025, to be eligible to show.

**All entries must be in place in the barn by 8:00 am Tuesday, June 17, 2025.**

Release will be after the Premier Exhibitor Announcement on Saturday June 21st, barns must be empty Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup> by Noon. Exhibitors can depart at the conclusion of the show Friday & Saturday, but would prefer no loading out an hour prior to or during the show. Please be respectful to those who are still showing.

There will be no premiums paid to MHJNA event exhibitors.

The MHJNA 2025 Rules will supersede any previous published rules for our Show.

### **Eligibility:**

Participants must have reached their 3rd birthday by June 16, 2025.

Participants must not have reached their 22nd birthday by January 1, 2025.

No participant will be discriminated against due to a physical, emotional, or mental handicap. The only request is to specify on the entry form and communicate needed accommodation in advance. Approval of assistance will not be given based solely on the age of the exhibitor.

Cattle must have been born after May 31, 2023, and be registered with the American Hereford Association. Exhibitor's name must be listed on the animals "registration certificate" as owner or co-owner as of entry deadline.

Cattle cannot be exhibited by more than one exhibitor, even if that animal is co-owned with a sibling, relative

or other; nor can the same animal be shown in both the Junior & Pre Jr-Show.

Youth not exhibiting an animal are still eligible to participate in the contest for a \$25 fee; this includes a T-shirt. **A separate completed entry is required for the exhibitor.** All youth must meet the age requirements.

#### **Competition and Awards:**

Pre-Junior: 3-7

Junior: 8-11

Intermediate: 12-15

Senior: 16-21

Pre-Junior Division exhibitors must be 3 years old on or before June 16, 2025, and not have reached their 8th birthday prior to January 1, 2025.

Junior Division exhibitors must be 8 years old on or before January 1, 2025, and not have reached their 12th birthday prior to January 1, 2025.

Intermediate Division exhibitors must be 12 years old on or before January 1, 2025, and not have reached their 16th birthday prior to January 1, 2025.

Senior Division exhibitors must be 16 years old on or before January 1, 2025, and not have reached their 22nd birthday by January 1, 2025.

To receive awards, exhibitors should attend the awards ceremony Friday June 20<sup>th</sup>. Prizes and awards will NOT be shipped if they are not picked up at the banquet. Awards will be presented to the top 5 participants for each age group and for all contests. Prizes for Arts & Crafts, Sales Talk, Speech, Photography, Fitting and Judging will be awarded at the Friday night meal. Herdsman of the Year and Premier Exhibitor will be presented 30 minutes after the conclusion of the show on Saturday.

#### **Health Requirements for Cattle:**

All cattle must meet the health requirements and present Health papers at check-in. Health inspection certificates issued by your local veterinarian must bear the animal's ID, age, and breed description. All questions regarding health requirements should be directed to your local or state veterinarian. Be aware that interstate travel with show cattle now requires a government approved permanent identification tag (EID).

#### **Conduct and Liability:**

**The MHJNA show is a family event. Any false representation, interference, or unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of any attendee will be dealt with by the MHJNA Board according to the equities of the case. If any attendee interferes in any way with the judges or shows disrespect to them, or to the show staff, fellow exhibitors and families, the MHJNA may withhold any awards or take any other steps deemed desirable.**

All Pre-Junior/Junior members in attendance at the MHJNA event are expected to conduct themselves in a manner becoming of a Junior Member. Violations of the above standard include, but are not limited to misrepresentation of animals, vandalism, theft, fighting, unsportsmanlike conduct, failure to comply with the directives of officials, being in possession or under the influence of intoxicating beverages or other prohibited substance on or about the grounds, or unwilful violation of rules.

All parents, family members, mentors and guests of junior exhibitors in attendance at the MHJNA event are expected to conduct themselves in a manner becoming an adult, a leader and a role model. Role models are expected to act in an ethical and respectful manner in their interactions with exhibitors, committee representatives, Payne County Expo, and others at the event. Violations of the standard can result in the disqualification of their Exhibitor.

All persons making entries in the show, participating, or attending this event, do so at their own risk and agree to abide by all the rules and regulations as stated and will not hold the Miniature Hereford Junior Nationals Association or the Payne County Expo, or any person's or companies associated with this event responsible for any and all accidents/theft to any person, animal, article or personal property.

If all requirements are not met, the MHJNA Board reserves the right to disqualify any entries.

### **In the Barn:**

There will be NO allowance for fans placed in any of the cattle aisles. Fans hanging from blocking chutes are prohibited. Porta Coolers are allowed; however, they will need to be run on your own generator and you cannot tie up a water supply. Generators must be placed outside of the barn and are recommended.

Cattle will be stalled on common bedding that will be in place upon the exhibitors' arrival, you may top dress, however, no straw is allowed in the barn.

Due to safety concerns dogs will not be allowed in the showring or on the main concourse. In the event your dog becomes a nuisance or disruptive, you will be asked to remove your dog from the premises. Owners assume liability for their dogs. Dogs must be "under immediate and effective restraint of a responsible person to include leash, dogs will not be able to be loose on the fairgrounds.

### **Cattle Show - General Rules:**

All entries showing at the Miniature Hereford Junior Nationals Association (MHJNA) event must be registered by the American Hereford Association (AHA) and be out of an AHA registered sire and dam.

All animals will be weighed and measured. Heifers and cows may be no greater than 45" tall at the hip, steers and bulls no greater than 48" at the hip. All measurements are final. All animals will be measured and weighed at check in. All cattle measurements will take place on a hard flat surface.

Each Exhibitor may bring and exhibit an unlimited number of entries to the MHJNA event, but will only receive Premier Exhibitor points for their top 3 entries.

All animals will have tattoos checked. Tattoos that are missing, illegible, altered, incorrect/or in any other way disagree with the registration paper will not be eligible to show.

**CHECK TATTOOS for accuracy BEFORE LEAVING FOR THE MHJNA EVENT!**

Substitutions may be made only in the name of the original exhibitor/recorded owner as listed on the entry form. To submit a substitution please email [contact@MHJN.org](mailto:contact@MHJN.org) no later than June 15, 2025.

All cattle will need to be stalled and tied out in designated areas.

### **DNA Requirements**

The MHJNA reserves the right to DNA any cattle being shown. Should testing reveal that the animal has been misrepresented on its registration papers, the exhibitor will be disqualified from the MHJNA event.

**NEW FOR 2025!!** ALL Steers & bulls ENTERED for MHJNA event will be required to be parent verified to both sire and dam, therefore, a DNA profile of the entered animal, the sire and the dam must be completed through the official AHA lab by entry deadline! To request a DNA kit for your animal, access your MyHerd or contact AHA customer service.

Steer & bull calves shown off the side of a cow-calf pair in an individual class MUST have parent verified DNA on file at AHA by entry deadline. Unless the steer or bull was born after January 1, 2025.

NEW FOR 2026!!! ALL ENTRIES WILL REQUIRE PARENT VERIFIED DNA.

### **Pre - Junior Show Exhibitors (3-7y/o):**

Exhibitors may have one person to assist with exhibiting their animal. An assistant may be a parent, adult, sibling, or another Junior exhibitor.

The exhibitors are to handle the showing, one show stick per animal and the use of the show stick is only to be done by the exhibitor. Adult role is for safety reasons only. Adults are not allowed to assist in leading unless absolutely necessary and only for the amount of time necessary for the pre-junior to regain control of his or her animal (ex. helping to stop the animal for set up). Adults are not allowed to assist with the setting up of the cattle at all (such as taking control of the show stick or halter to set up the animal). The Pre-Junior must always be attentive to their animal.

If the assistant is not following the guidelines as stated above, the exhibitor will receive one verbal warning; any further violations will result in the exhibitor being excused from the show. The MHJNA Board will appoint a group that will monitor the assistants' involvement.

Pre-Junior Exhibitors can choose to exhibit cattle in the Jr. Show. They then will be required to show in the Junior Cattle show for all divisions and contests. They will be awarded premier exhibitor points as a Junior. Junior exhibitors must show their animal independently. If a Pre-Junior exhibits an animal in the Pre-Junior cattle show, another sibling cannot exhibit the same animal in the Junior show.

Exhibitors must show their own animals unless excused by the MHJNA Board. Only exhibitors who are in attendance and are physically unable to show the animals due to illness or injury will be excused. The substitute will need to be a Pre Jr if the cattle were entered in the Pre Jr show. In the event an exhibitor has more than one animal in the ring at the same time they must have another Pre Jr. exhibitor show his/her animals.

If an animal is disruptive to its class, it is at the discretion of the show management to dismiss it from that class. Disruptive behavior includes all acts that may cause potential harm to the exhibitor, fellow exhibitors, ring staff, judge, or calf itself.

If an animal gets loose in the showring, an exhibitor will be given two chances to regain control of said animal throughout the duration of that show/class, this includes showmanship. The third instance exhibitor and animal will be excused from the showring.

The MHJNA Board reserves the right to combine or split classes and divisions.

#### **Junior Show Exhibitors (8-22 y/o):**

Exhibitors MUST exhibit their own animal independently. Only one person (the exhibitor) per animal will be allowed in the ring. Parents, adult or a fellow exhibitor will NOT be allowed in the ring to assist the Junior. (Unless pre-approved by the MHJNA Board at a minimum of 24 hours prior to the show.)

Exhibitors must show their own animals unless excused by the MHJNA Board. Only exhibitors who are in attendance and are physically unable to show the animals due to illness or injury will be excused. The substitute will need to be a Jr if the cattle were entered in the Jr show. In the event an exhibitor has more than one animal in the ring at the same time they must have another Jr. exhibitor to show his/her animals.

If an animal is disruptive to its class, it is at the discretion of the show management to dismiss it from that class. Disruptive behavior includes any and all acts that may cause potential harm to the exhibitor, fellow exhibitors, ring staff, judge or the calf itself.

If an animal gets loose in the showring, an exhibitor will be given two chances to regain control of said animal throughout the duration of that show/class, this includes showmanship. The third instance exhibitor and animal will be excused from the showring.

The MHJNA Board reserves the right to combine or split classes and or divisions.

#### **Heifer Show:**

Heifers must have been born after May 31, 2023 and prior to entry deadline, and be registered with the American Hereford Association. Exhibitor's name must be listed on the animals "registration certificate" as owner or co-owner, as of entry deadline.

Heifers may be no greater than 45" tall at the hip. Polled and horned heifers will be combined in one show.

**Note:** You may show the heifer calf at side of the Cow/Calf pair in the regular female show if she is born prior to May 19, 2025. If you choose to do so, you **must enter both the Cow/Calf pair and the calf**. If you have a heifer calf that is at the side of a cow/calf pair and you want to show in the Owned show and the Bred & Owned show that will be a total of 3 entries.

Bred and Owned heifers are defined as those in which the dam at the time the calf was conceived was owned by the exhibitor, the exhibitor must be listed as the breeder and owner/co-owner on the registration certificate. Animals can only be exhibited by one exhibitor throughout the entire event.

**Bred and Owned Show is separate from Owned Show.** Be sure to indicate whether your heifer(s) will show in the Owned show, the Bred-and-Owned show, or both. Heifers exhibited in **both shows will require two entries, an additional fee per animal** is required if you choose to enter the Owned and Bred & Owned

competitions.

All general rules will apply to the heifer show i.e. ownership, participant age, fitting, etc.

2026 DNA will be required for all heifers with the exception of those born after January 1, 2026.

### **Cow/Calf Competition:**

There is no maximum age for cows, and they must be registered with the American Hereford Association. Exhibitor's name must be listed on the animals "registration certificate" as owner or co-owner as of entry deadline.

Cows may be no greater than 45" tall at the hip.

Calf must be natural calf, no more than 270 days in age as of the day of the show. Polled and horned pairs will be combined in one Cow/Calf show.

Calves at the side of cow-calf pairs may show in separate heifer or bull shows, however, they must be entered with a separate entry. DNA required for any bull or steer born prior to January 1, 2025.

All calves on the side of the cow-calf pair must be registered with the AHA and tattooed at time of entry.

All general rules will apply to the Cow/Calf show i.e. ownership, participant age, fitting, etc.

2026 DNA will be required for all cattle.

### **Bulls:**

Bulls must be born after May 31, 2023, and prior to entry deadline, must be registered with the American Hereford Association. Exhibitor's name must be listed on the animals "registration certificate" as owner or co-owner as of entry deadline.

Bulls no greater than 48' at the hip

Horned and polled bulls will show together.

Bull calves in the cow/calf pairs are eligible to show in individual classes. They must be entered individually and pay the additional entry fee.

A bull over one year of age is required to have a ring in his nose; (permanent or removable). If not, he will be excluded from the MHJNA event.

All general rules will apply to the Bull show i.e. ownership, participant age, fitting, etc.

DNA is required for all bulls born prior to January 1, 2025

### **Steer Show:**

Steers must have been born after May 31, 2023, and by entry deadline, be registered with the American Hereford Association. Exhibitor's name must be listed on the animals "registration certificate" as owner or co-owner as of entry deadline.

No steer certificates will be accepted, only registration papers.

Steers may be no greater than 48" at the hip.

Prospect steers will not have exceeded one (1) year of age as of June 1, 2025

Market steers must exceed one (1) year of age as of June 2, 2025

DNA is required for all steers born prior to January 1, 2025

Steer classes will be divided by weight. Classes will be determined after check in.

We will select a Grand Champion Prospect Steer and a Grand Champion Market Steer for Pre-Jr's & Jr's.

All general rules will apply to the Steer show i.e. ownership, participant age, fitting, etc.

### **Divisions:**

Junior Heifer Calf – heifers calved after January 1, 2025	B/O	Owned
Senior Heifer Calf – heifers calved Sept -Dec 2024	B/O	Owned
Intermediate Heifer – heifers calved May- Aug 2024	B/O	Owned
Junior Heifer – heifers calved Jan – April 2024	B/O	Owned
Senior Heifer – heifers calved Sept – Dec 2023	B/O	Owned
Late Sr. Heifer – June - Aug 2023	B/O	Owned

Junior Bull Calf – bulls calved after Jan 1, 2025  
Senior Bull Calf – bulls calved Sept- Dec 2024  
Intermediate Bull – bulls calved May-Aug 2024  
Junior Bull – bulls calved Jan-April 2024  
Senior Bull – bulls calved June - Dec 2023

Prospect Steer – June 1, 2024 to June 1, 2025  
Market Steer – June 2, 2023 to May 31, 2024  
Cow/Calf Pair – 2 y/o cow  
Cow/Calf Pair – 3+ y/o cow

## **Contests:**

The following contests will be held at MHJNA 2025 event: Arts & Crafts, Photography, Sales Talk, Fitting, Judging, Showmanship and Speech. Contest Rules are continued on the following page. Exhibitors need to be entered in EVERY contest they wish to participate in by entry deadline.

Youth not exhibiting an animal are still eligible to participate in the contest for an \$25 fee; this includes a T-shirt. **A separate completed entry is required.** All youth must meet the age requirements.

While a contest is in progress, ONLY EXHIBITORS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, OFFICIALS, AND VOLUNTEERS RESPONSIBLE FOR facilitating the contest will be in the area. There shall be no conferring between exhibitors or between parents and/or advisors and exhibitors. Any violation of this rule will result in disqualification from the contest.

## **Showmanship:**

No-fit, no adhesive is allowed Showmanship will be blow & go. Must wear MHJNA T-Shirt.

We will recognize the top 5 for each age group at time of show Pre Jr, Junior, Intermediate & Senior.

Each exhibitor must use the same animal for all phases of the Showmanship Contest. One exhibitor per animal is allowed in Showmanship.

Pre Jr-Exhibitors may have one person to assist with exhibiting their animal. An assistant may be a parent, adult, sibling, or another Junior exhibitor.

The exhibitors are to handle the showing, one show stick per animal and the use of the show stick is only to be done by the exhibitor. Adult role is for safety reasons only. Adults are not allowed to assist in leading unless absolutely necessary and only for the amount of time necessary for the pre-junior to regain control of his or her animal (ex. helping to stop the animal for set up). Adults are not allowed to assist with the setting up of the cattle at all (such as taking control of the show stick or halter to set up the animal). The Pre-Junior must always be attentive to their animal.

Un-assisted pre-juniors will be placed above assisted pre-juniors unless the assistant following the assisted pre-junior does not end up touching the halter or show stick at all during the class.

## **Photography Contest:**

The purpose of this contest is to help exhibitors increase their communication skills through the creative display of a message or feeling through photography.

All photographs will be displayed at the Miniature Hereford Junior Nationals Association event. MHJNA reserves the right to reproduce work submitted in ANY FORM.

Exhibitors are to take photographs by themselves, without the assistance from a parent or adult. Exhibitor is limited to 1 entry per person.

The same photo or similar photo previously submitted will not be eligible for entry. Photographer must use their own ideas and concepts when creating their photos. Do NOT copy, duplicate, or replicate the ideas of other photographers or previous winners.



All photos must be mounted on 11"x 14" foam core or gator board that is at least 1/8" thick. Photos can be any size up to including 11"x14" but must be mounted on 11"x14" foam core or gator board.

All photos must be unframed. There should be NO hooks or wires attached to the back of entries. Do not cover entry with cellophane, acetate, or glass. There should be NO spray adhesives or self-stick adhesive exposed that could damage another person's photo.

Enhancements are allowed but must be the work of the exhibitor. Listed on the back of each photo:

- Full Name
- Division
- Title
- Description of how the photo was taken.

Scores will consist of the following criteria:

1. Creativity, communication, composition - 25 points
2. Highlight Miniature Hereford Breed - 25 points
3. Technical quality of photo - 25 points

Photos will be handled with care, however MHJNA is not responsible for any loss or damages.

### **Arts & Crafts:**

The purpose of this contest is to allow exhibitors to showcase their artistic skills (example painting, video, sculpture, artistic posters, music, etc.).

Exhibitors must complete the exhibit by themselves, without **assistance from a parent/adult**. Exhibitor is limited to 1 entry per person.

Duplications of entries in previous years is not permitted.

Exhibits must promote the Miniature Hereford Breed in some way.

Exhibitors must submit a signed Statement of Originality, that will include a short description about the process and supplies used to create the entry.

Statement of Originality will be submitted at check in. Parents CAN help Pre-Juniors complete the Statement of Originality.

Scores will consist of the following criteria:

1. Quality of craftsmanship – 10 pts
2. Attention to detail – 5 pts
3. Originality/creativity/age appropriateness – 15 pts
4. Promotion of the Miniature Hereford Breed -15 pts
5. Difficulty of medium used – 5 pts
6. Overall artistic appeal – 10 pts

MHJNA reserves the right to reproduce work submitted in **ANY FORM**.

Arts & Crafts will be handled with care, however MHJNA is not responsible for any loss or damages.

### **Sales Talk:**

The purpose of this contest is to evaluate the effectiveness of the presentation and the exhibitor's ability to merchandise cattle. All materials will be returned to the exhibitor at the conclusion of the talk.

**NOTE: AN ANIMAL WILL NOT BE USED IN THIS YEAR'S EVENT: two forms of documentation will be allowed to complete the Sales Talk discussion, these documents are to be papers not exceeding 8.5"x11". An exhibitor's score will be reduced by 10% if additional materials or written notes are utilized during the presentation.**

Sales Talk is a live setting with a "buyer". The exhibitor "sells" their animal to the "buyer" by using support documents.

Sales Talk will be three to five minutes in length. Time elapsed will be indicated during the contest so that exhibitors are aware of the time constraints, a 1-minute warning will be provided.

Exhibitors will be judged on their knowledge of the animal they are selling (25 percent), ability to relate important information about the animal, organization and style (25 percent), poise and delivery (25 percent), and their overall effectiveness in convincing the judge to buy the animal (25 percent).

While the contest is in progress, there shall be no conferring between exhibitors. Parents and/or advisors will not be allowed in the contest area. Any violation of this rule will result in disqualification from the contest.

### **Team Fitting**

The purpose of the Fitting Contest is for the exhibitors to test their fitting abilities and teamwork.

Pre-Juniors, Juniors, Intermediate, and Senior Division teams will be divided up by their age groups, with a **RANDOM selection AT THE EVENT.**

Pre- Junior teams **will be** assigned a mentor to coach/help them.

There will be no clipping in Pre-Junior & Junior Divisions, only paints and glues.

Exhibitors must bring all materials needed to the fitting area, this will include one can of break down, glue, paint, etc. All team members should be involved in the breakdown of the animal, including full bath and blow out. Cans of leftover product should go to the person that donated the calf when contest is complete.

Chutes, blowers, and power are the responsibility of each team.

Exhibitors may not use inappropriate fitting methods. Unethical fitting situations include but are not limited to the addition of any hair or hair like substances (including twine), false tail heads, false polls and false tail switches. Any altering of the natural color other than touch up paint is not allowed.

Targeted Time limit of 15 minutes for Pre Jr.'s.

Time limit of 20 minutes for Junior, Intermediate, Senior age groups

\*\*\*Time is subject to change based on team sizes, all teams within an age group will be given the same amount of time. \*\*\*

The Judges may ask questions of the team during this time.

Judges will base placing on both fitting techniques and results.

Only exhibitors, committee members, judges and volunteers responsible for the fitting contest will be allowed in the fitting area.

### **Judging Contest:**

The purpose of the Judging Contest is for the exhibitors to test their ability to evaluate desirable beef cattle phenotype.

The Judging Contest Committee will select 4 classes of cattle, consisting of 4 head per class – 2 classes of females, 1 class of bulls, and 1 class of steers.

The exhibitors will be allowed 12 minutes to place each class. There will be a two-minute time warning in each class before the signal for exhibitors to hand their cards in to the group leader.

\*\*\*If all cards & notes are completed prior to the 12 minutes expiring we will move forward with the next class. \*\*\*

Classes are worth 50 points each. The Judging Contest Committee will determine official placings and cuts (points deducted for placing out of official order) for each of the classes. Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors will have one Questions class with 10 questions worth 50 points (5 points per correct answer).

Intermediate and Senior divisions will have one oral reasons class, worth 25 points.

While the contest is in progress, ONLY EXHIBITORS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, OFFICIALS, AND VOLUNTEERS RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING PLACING CARDS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE JUDGING AREA!! There shall be no conferring between exhibitors or between parents and/or advisors and exhibitors. Any violation of this rule will result in disqualification from the contest.

Exhibitors may take writing materials only for use while judging reason/question class. **No other communication devices will be allowed during the Judging contest, for example smart watches, cell phones, headsets, etc.**

Exhibitors must remain with their assigned groups throughout the entire contest unless otherwise directed by their group leader.

A scribe can be requested to assist any exhibitor during the Judging contest, please request at time of entry.

Intermediate & Senior - 1<sup>st</sup> tie breaker will be the reasons score, 2nd is the questions score. If further tie breakers are needed, highest class placing scores are compared, then 2nd highest and so forth until the tie is broken.

Jr - 1<sup>st</sup> tie breaker will be the questions score. If further tie breakers are needed, highest class placing scores are compared, then 2nd highest and so forth until the tie is broken.

Pre Jr – 1<sup>st</sup> tie breaker will be number of classes judged. If further tie breakers are needed, highest class placing scores are compared, then 2nd highest and so forth until the tie is broken.

### **Pre-Junior Division:**

Exhibitors will have the choice to judge two to four classes. This is due to the age of exhibitors, with some without the attention span to complete four classes and some disappointed if they don't get to judge all four classes. Each Exhibitor's highest two class scores will be used. If an Exhibitor only judges 2 classes, those 2 scores will be used.

Pre-Juniors will not have a Questions class.

All Pre-Juniors will be placed in a group with a scribe to assist with class placements.

### **Speech Contest:**

**\*\*\*\*Rules have changed\*\*\*\***

The purpose of this contest is to help exhibitors increase their communication skills in public speaking. Contestants will prepare and present a speech on a topic related to cattle and/or the beef industry.

At the conclusion of their speech the judges will ask questions pertaining to the speech. One or more visual aids can be used for the speech contest. Types of illustrations could include charts, diagrams, props, inanimate models, puppets, posters, slides, videos, or electronic presentations. Please keep electricity in mind when planning. Outlets are not always available. Please have electronic devices charged and ready if using an electronic device. There will be a 10% reduction if the contestant exceeds the maximum time allowed. The contest will take place in a room with only the contestant and the panel of judges, no other person(s) will be allowed in with contestant.

Pre-Junior & Junior length of speech is 3 min and no longer than 6 min.

Intermediate & Senior length of speech is 5 min and no longer than 8 min.

The contestants' speech topic should be related to cattle and/or the beef industry.

Examples topics **could** be:

- daily care and grooming of the animal.
- how to pick a show animal.
- ways you can improve your herd.

Contestants can use one of the examples above or pick another topic of their choice that is related to cattle and/or the beef industry.

Scoring will be as follows:

Subject Knowledge - 30 points

Organization - 10 points

Presentation – 30 points

Response to questions – 20 points

Overall effectiveness – 10 points

Total points available = 100

### **Premiere Exhibitor:**

A Premiere Exhibitor will be awarded to an individual in each division.

No overall Premiere Exhibitor will be recognized.

Points will be awarded for top 3 cattle placings and each contest.

Points in cattle will be awarded by class placings only. **No additional points will be given for division champions or overall champions.**

You must compete in both cattle shows and contest within your appropriate age division to be eligible for premier exhibitor. Exception: If a Pre Jr is showing in the Junior show they will compete in all aspects of the event as Junior Exhibitor and will be awarded premier exhibitor points as a Junior Exhibitor.

The contests will be broken down into Cattle Show, Tier One and Tier Two contests. Tier One contests will be of greater value than Tier Two. Tier One contests include; Showmanship, Judging, Speech and Sales Talk. Tier Two contests include: Fitting, Photography, and Arts & Crafts.

In the event of a tie, tie breakers will be used. The first tie breaker will be Sales Talk, the second tie breaker will be Judging, the third tie breaker will be Showmanship. If more tie breakers are needed, they will be determined at the show.

Each Exhibitor may bring and exhibit an unlimited number of entries to the MHJNA event but will only receive premier exhibitor points **for their top 3 entries.**

Point breakdown:

Cattle Show Placing:

1<sup>st</sup>- 10 points

2<sup>nd</sup>- 9 Points

3<sup>rd</sup>- 8 Points

4<sup>th</sup>- 7 Points

5<sup>th</sup>- 6 Points

All remaining will receive 3 points

Tier One Contests: Showmanship, Judging, Speech and Sales Talk.

1<sup>st</sup>- 10 Points

2<sup>nd</sup>- 9 Points

3<sup>rd</sup>- 8 Points

4<sup>th</sup>- 7 Points

5<sup>th</sup>- 6 Points

All remaining will receive 3 points.

Tier Two Contests: Team Fitting, Photography Contest, and Arts & Crafts.

1<sup>st</sup>- 5 Points

2<sup>nd</sup>- 4 Points

3<sup>rd</sup>- 3 Points

All remaining will receive 2 points.

Premier Exhibitor will be presented 30 minutes after the conclusion of the show on Saturday.