

2021 Miniature Hereford Junior National Rules

Registration, Entry and Fees

All attendees at the Miniature Hereford Jr Nationals agree to the following rules:

Entries will open May 1, 2022 through May 20, 2022. Individual entry forms and required fees must be submitted by May **20, 2022**.

There will be no late entries!!

ENTRY FEES ARE \$65 PER ENTRY.

Entry 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 20, 2022 to be eligible to show.

All entries must be in place in the barn by 11:00 am June 20, 2022.

Release will be after the Premier Exhibitor Announcement on Saturday June 25th, barns must be empty Sunday June 26th by Noon. Exhibitors can depart at the conclusion of the show Friday & Saturday, but 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 MHJN exhibitors.

The MHJN 2022 Rules will supersede any previous published rules for Miniature Hereford Shows.

Eligibility:

Participants must have reached their 3rd birthday by June 21, 2022.

Participants must not have reached their 22nd birthday by January 1, 2022.

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 accommodations in advance. Approval for assistance will not be given based solely on the age of the exhibitor.

Cattle must have been born after May 31, 2020 and be registered with the American Hereford Association. Exhibitors 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, regardless of if that animal is co-owned with a sibling, relative or other. Nor can the same animal be shown in the Junior & Pre Jr Show.

Youth not exhibiting an animal are still eligible to participate in the contest for a \$20 fee; this includes a T-shirt. **A separate completed entry in Fair 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 21, 2022 and not have reached their 8th birthday prior to January 1, 2022.

Junior Division exhibitors must be 8 years old on or before January 1, 2022 and not have reached their 12th birthday prior to January 1, 2022.

Intermediate Division exhibitors must be 12 years old on or before January 1, 2022 and not have reached their 16th birthday prior to January 1, 2022.

Senior Division exhibitors must be 16 years old on or before January 1, 2022 and not have reached their 22nd birthday by January 1, 2022.

To receive awards, exhibitors should attend the awards ceremony Friday June 24th. 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 for the State of Iowa. 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).

Iowa Residents will also need to provide health papers.

AHA Registration certificate & health papers must be presented at check-in.

Conduct and Liability:

The MHJN 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, the MHJN may withhold any awards or take any other steps deemed desirable.

All Pre-Junior/Junior members in attendance at the MHJN 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 a junior exhibitor in attendance at the MHJN are expected to conduct themselves in a manner becoming of adult, leader and role model. Role models are expected to act in an ethical and respectful manner in their interactions with exhibitors, committee representatives, Washington County Fairgrounds Staff and others at the event. Violations of the standard can result in 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 Washington County Fairgrounds, 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:

Only hanging fans in the stalls will be allowed in the cattle barn. There will be NO allowance for fans placed in any of the cattle aisles. The use of **free-standing fans are prohibited**. Fans hanging from blocking chutes are also 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.

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 showing. 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 (MHJN) 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.

Each Exhibitor may bring and exhibit an unlimited number of entries to the MHJN 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 MHJN!

Substitutions may be made only in the name of the original exhibitor/recorded owner as listed on the entry form and must be the same sex - bulls for bulls and females for females. To submit a substitution please email contact@mhjn.org no later than May 31, 2022.

No artificial filling (pumping/drenching) of animals will be allowed unless under the advice of a licensed, nonowner veterinarian. Exhibitors found in violation of this rule will be disqualified.

The MHJN 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 MHJN event in its entirety and will not be allowed back. This applies to all entries.

Cattle protests must be filed with a MHJNA Board Member. A formal protest must be submitted in writing, accompanied by \$500.00 in cash or cashier's check a minimum of 24 hours prior to the first cattle show of the MHJN. The written protest must plainly state the reason for the protest. The person placing the protest is responsible for all costs incurred to verify the protest. If the protest is not sustained, the protest money will be forfeited. Protests will be handled by the MHJNA Board.

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 and is **not allowed** to assist with setting up of the cattle. (ex. the assistant cannot take control of the show stick/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 one person to 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 the calf itself.

If an animal gets loose in the showing, 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 showing.

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

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Heifer Show:

Heifers must have been born after May 31, 2020 and prior to April 24, 2022 and be registered with the American Hereford Association. Exhibitors 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 24, 2022. 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.

Cow/Calf Competition:

There is no maximum age for cows and they must be registered with the American Hereford Association. Exhibitors 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.

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.

Bulls:

Bulls must be born after May 31, 2020 and prior to April 24, 2022 must be registered with the American Hereford Association. Exhibitors 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 MHJN.

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

Steer Show:

Steers must have been born after May 31, 2020 and prior to April 24, 2022 be registered with the American Hereford Association. Exhibitors 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, 2022

Market steers must exceed one (1) year of age as of June 2, 2022

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, 2022	B/O	Owned
Senior Heifer Calf – heifers calved Sept -Dec 2021	B/O	Owned
Intermediate Heifer – heifers calved May- Aug 2021	B/O	Owned
Junior Heifer – heifers calved Jan – April 2021	B/O	Owned
Senior Heifer – heifers calved Sept – Dec 2020	B/O	Owned
Late Sr. Heifer – June - Aug 2020	B/O	Owned

- Junior Bull Calf – bulls calved after Jan 1, 2022
- Senior Bull Calf – bulls calved Sept- Dec 2021
- Intermediate Bull – bulls calved May-Aug 2021
- Junior Bull – bulls calved Jan-April 2021
- Senior Bull – bulls calved June - Dec 2020

- Prospect Steer – June 1, 2021 to June 1, 2022
- Market Steer – June 2, 2020 to May 31, 2021
- Cow/Calf Pair – 2 y/o cow
- Cow/Calf Pair – 3+ y/o cow

Contests:

The following contests will be held at MHJN 2021: 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 May 24, 2021. There will be no late entries.

Youth not exhibiting an animal are still eligible to participate in the contest for an \$20 fee; this includes a T-shirt. **A separate completed entry in Fair 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 MHJN 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 and is not allowed to assist with setting up of the cattle. (ex. the assistant cannot take control of the show stick/halter to set up the animal). The Pre- Junior must always be attentive to their animal.

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. MHJN 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:

- 1) Full Name
- 2) Division
- 3) Title
- 4) 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 MHJN 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

MHJN reserves the right to reproduce work submitted in ANY FORM.

Arts & Crafts will be handled with care, however MHJN 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. The judges will use one photo and registration certificate to evaluate the pedigree and may use the information provided by the exhibitor to ask questions. The registration and photo 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 items will be allowed; registration certificate and one photo (no larger than 8"x10").

Sales Talk is a live setting with a "buyer". The exhibitor "sells" their animal to the "buyer" by using registration certificate and one photo (no larger than 8"x10").

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).

An exhibitor may **NOT** use any written material, note cards, props or other items when presenting to the judges. **The only allowed items are the registration certificate and one photo.** An exhibitor's score will be reduced by 10% if additional materials are presented to the judges or used when completing their sales talk. This includes any props, business cards, written materials, etc.

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 left over product should go to 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.

Time limit of 15 minutes for Pre Jr.'s

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

After fitting, each calf will be presented to the judges. The calf will be held in line by one of the fitters, while the other teammates stand behind the calves off show side. 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.

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 - 1st 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 - 1st 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 – 1st 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:

The purpose of this contest is to help exhibitors increase their communication skills in public speaking.

Contestants will pick one topic from their age division listed below. At the conclusion of their speech the judges will ask questions pertaining to the speech. Only material allowed to be used is one 3X5 notecard, NO props of any kind are allowed, there will be a 10% reduction if the contestant exceeds the maximum time allowed. 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

Contestants speech should be a minimum of 3min and no longer than 6min.

They will be allowed 1 3X5 card for notes.

10% points reduction if time exceeds 6 min.

Choose from 1 topic below:

- 1) Explain why you show mini's and the advantages of showing mini Herefords
- 2) Showmanship - practices in the ring and out of the ring that make a good showman.
- 3) Daily care - explain the daily care it takes to care for show animals

Junior

Contestants speech should be a minimum of 3min and no longer than 6min.

They will be allowed 1 3X5 card for notes.

10% points reduction if time exceeds 6 min.

Choose from 1 topic below:

- 1) Qualities of a mini Hereford - what are the requirements and regulations for an animal to qualify as a mini Hereford
- 2) History of the miniature Hereford breed
- 3) Picking a show animal - how do you pick a show animal, what do you look for when picking a new heifer or steer for exhibition

Intermediate

Contestants speech should be a minimum of 6min and no longer than 9min

They will be allowed 1 3X5 card for notes.

10% points reduction if time exceeds 9 min.

Choose from 1 topic below:

- 1) History of the Miniature Hereford Breed
- 2) Breeding - types of breeding (Natural, AI, ET) the advantages and disadvantages
- 3) Explain ways to help the future of the Mini breed

Senior

Contestants speech should be a minimum of 6min and no longer than 9min

They will be allowed 1 3X5 card for notes.

10% points reduction if time exceeds 9 min.

Choose from 1 topic below:

- 1) Livestock show ethics - any current or future subject that addresses any aspect of the ethics practiced in the livestock show industry.
- 2) Breeding - types of breeding (natural, AI, ET) the advantages and disadvantages
- 3) Business - ways you can make a business in the cattle world

Scoring will be as follows:

Subject Knowledge - 30 points

Organization - 10 points

Presentation 30 – 30 points

Response to questions – 20 points

Overall effectiveness – 10 points

Total points available = 100

Herdsmen of the Year Award:

The Junior Herdsman of the Year award is an honor bestowed upon one MHJN exhibitor. This award is intended for an individual who generally commands respect of both Juniors and adults and upholds the honor

and dignity of a future cattleman. The nominee's pride in their cattle both in the show ring and at home should be evident to fellow members across the Miniature Hereford industry. A positive attitude, willingness to help wherever needed, and diligent work ethic are of utmost necessity in candidates for this prestigious honor.

Members are encouraged to nominate Junior exhibitors they deem suitable and deserving of this prestigious honor. If you would like to nominate a Junior exhibitor, please see a MHJNA Board member. Nominees must be at least 3 years of age and in attendance at the MHJN. This individual will be selected by the MHJNA Board.

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

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 MHJN but will only receive premier exhibitor points **for their top 3 entries.**

Point breakdown:

Cattle Show Placing:

1st- 10 points

2nd- 9 Points

3rd- 8 Points

4th- 7 Points

5th- 6 Points

All remaining will receive 3 points

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

1st- 10 Points

2nd- 9 Points

3rd- 8 Points

4th- 7 Points

5th- 6 Points

All remaining will receive 3 points.

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

1st- 5 Points

2nd- 4 Points

3rd- 3 Points

All remaining will receive 2 points.

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