

ILLINOIS CHAMPIONSHIP HOLSTEIN SHOW

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All exhibitors must be members of the Illinois Holstein Association.
2. Entries for the state championship show are to be prepared and submitted online or handed to the show chairman or his representative upon check-in at the show. Entry forms will be available at www.illinoisholsteins.com and from your local show chairman. Entry fees are \$20 per head if submitted by July 10th, after that date, entries are \$25 per head.
3. State health rules must be observed and health and identification papers must accompany all animals (including ET spring heifer calves) to the show.
4. All animals exhibited must be identified by official certificate verifying at least 87% Registered Holstein Ancestry (RHA) on Holstein Association USA, Inc. certificates. Ownership shall be established by the name listed on the identification certificate, or the presentation of the certificate along with a signed and completed transfer and fee to be retained by the state show chairman and forwarded to Brattleboro, VT. No calls will be made to Brattleboro to confirm ownership.
5. Set-up is allowed after **12 p.m. on Monday, July 17**. Cattle may arrive no earlier than **8 a.m. Tuesday, July 18** and must be off the grounds by **6 p.m. Friday, July 21**. Animals being exhibited must be checked in by **2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 19** to be included in the show catalog.
6. Identification papers **MUST** be in hand at the district and state shows unless the animal is a recent purchase, then Rule 4 shall apply.
7. Every district show must use the same classes as described but may add additional classes.
8. The owner of the dam at the time of service shall be considered the breeder of the animal. Where a herd is registered in the names of different members of a family, and where the herd is one unit, all entries may be considered as exhibits of one breeder. Otherwise, when animals are bred in partnership, each unique partnership is considered a unique breeder. The breeder winning the most points (for a maximum of six animals exhibited in the open single classes by him/herself and/or other exhibitors) shall be designated the Premier Breeder. In classes with ten or less animals, no more than two head per breeder will be counted toward premier breeder.
9. An exhibitor must be the owner. In case a herd is registered or bred in the names of different members of a family, residing on one farm or breeding establishment, and where the herd is one unit, all entries may be considered as a single exhibitor for all group classes. However, members of one family, where cattle are not housed as one unit will not be considered a single exhibitor. When animals are owned in partnership, each unique partnership is considered a unique exhibitor. The exhibitor winning the most points (for a maximum of six animals which he/she owns and exhibits in the open single classes) shall be designated the Premier Exhibitor. In classes with ten or less animals, no more than two head per exhibitor will be counted toward premier points.
10. An exhibitor must exhibit the same number of animals at a district show to be eligible to exhibit at the championship show.
11. Exhibitor's Herd—Five (5) head, owned by exhibitor, three (3) to have been bred by exhibitor. Two (2) females over 2 years of age (milking), two (2) under 2 years of age and one (1) any age.
12. Premier Breeder and Exhibitor awards will be based on a total of six (6) head using the following point system. Heifers (classes 1-7) - 1st, 7; 2nd, 6; 3rd, 5; 4th, 4; 5th, 3; 6th, 2; 7th, 1. Cows, 2 Years and Over—1st, 10; 2nd, 9; 3rd, 8; 4th, 7; 5th, 6; 6th, 5; 7th, 4; 8th, 3; 9th, 2; 10th, 1.
13. Production awards will be presented in the Open

Show in classes 12-14 and 16-18. In the 150,000# class the award will go to the highest lifetime producer. In the other classes the animal with the highest official DHI 305d 2x actual milk, and combined fat and protein record (CFP), regardless of age when made, shall be the winner. Official lifetime or lactation sheets must be presented for verification.

14. First and second best udders will be designated at the Illinois Championship show in each milking class.
15. First place Bred and Owned animal will be recognized in classes 1-7, 10-14 and 16-18.
16. A Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion will be chosen from classes 1-7. Following selection of Junior Champion, all first place non-milking age bred and owned animals (classes 1-7) will be shown for Junior Champion Bred and Owned. An Intermediate Champion and Reserve Intermediate Champion will be chosen from classes 10, 11, 12, 13 following class 13. A Senior Champion and Reserve Senior Champion will be chosen from classes 14, 16, 17, 18 after class 18. Prior to selection of Grand Champion, all first place milking-aged bred and owned animals (classes 10-14, 16-18) will be shown for Champion Bred and Owned. A Champion Production Cow will be selected.
17. It is recommended that a partnership animal be shown at only one state show, that being where it is primarily housed.
18. The interpretation of the rules or any other decision regarding the show will be the responsibility of the local committee. The same policy applies to the championship show except the state show committee is responsible.

2017 SHOW BASE DATES AND CLASSES

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| 1. Spring Heifer Calf | 3/1/17 and after |
| 2. Winter Heifer Calf | 12/1/16 to 2/28/17 |
| 3. Fall Heifer Calf | 9/1/16 to 11/30/16 |
| 4. Summer Yearling | 6/1/16 to 8/31/16 |
| 5. Spring Yearling | 3/1/16 to 5/31/16 |
| 6. Winter Yearling | 12/1/15 to 2/29/16 |
| 7. Fall Yearling | 9/1/15 to 11/30/15 |
| 8. Junior Best Three | |
| 9. 2 Year Old Futurity | |
| 10. Junior 2 Year Old | 3/1/15 to 8/31/15 |
| 11. Senior 2 Year Old | 9/1/14 to 2/28/15 |
| 12. Junior 3 Year Old | 3/1/14 to 8/31/14 |
| 13. Senior 3 Year Old | 9/1/13 to 2/28/14 |
| 14. 4 Year Old | 9/1/12 to 8/31/13 |
| 15. 5 Year Old Futurity | |
| 16. 5 Year Old | 9/1/11 to 8/31/12 |
| 17. Aged Cow | Before 9/1/11 |
| 18. 150,000# Cow | Must bring DHI or DHIR |
| 19. Dam and Daughter | |
| 20. Best Three Females | |
| 21. Produce of Dam | |
| 22. Exhibitor's Herd | |

RIBBONS AND TROPHIES

State Open Show: Ribbons to first ten (10) places; medallion to first and second place animals; rosette to first bred and owned animal; ribbon to first and second place best udder in milking classes; award to all champion and reserve champions; award to Champion Udder.

State Junior Show: Ribbons will be awarded in the heifer and cow classes; additional awards will be given for champions.

Ribbons and Trophies: Provided by the Illinois Holstein Association. Trophy donations are accepted from any business or breeder. Notify state secretary or show chairman if desiring to be a contributor.

HOLSTEIN ASSOCIATION USA SHOW RING POLICY

Showing cattle is an important part of the promoting, merchandising and breeding Registered HolsteinSM

cattle for breeders and Holstein Association USA, Inc. to stimulate and sustain interest in breeding Registered HolsteinSM cattle.

For the full list of Holstein Association USA Show Ring Policies, please visit www.holsteinusa.com.

ENFORCEMENT OF HOLSTEIN SHOW RING POLICY

Though the position on setting teats has been modified, it is the position of the Board of Directors that the practice should not be condoned and will be treated with slight to serious discrimination by the judge and show management. It is the responsibility of Holstein show judges at all levels of shows to take appropriate action if any teats are set or in any way manipulated to an unnatural position. While all milking animals must be subject to examination, the judge is instructed to closely examine the top five animals, not only for set teats, but for any other form of tampering requiring discrimination or disqualification.

GENERAL RULES

The Holstein Show Committee and the Illinois Holstein Association Board of Directors reserve the final and absolute right to interpret the rules and regulations of the Shows and will settle and determine all matters, questions, or differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of, or in connection with the Shows. In the event a question arises concerning the animal's age, the Show Committee Chairperson may request that an individual registration certificate be checked at ringside.

ILLINOIS HOLSTEIN SHOW RING POLICY

The following practices or procedures are unacceptable in the showing of registered dairy cattle:

- i. Criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management, other exhibitors, or other conduct detrimental to the breed or show;
- ii. Misrepresenting the age or ownership of an animal or the number of calvings and/or stage of lactation;
- iii. Filling an animal's rumen unnaturally with liquid (tubing);
- iv. Balancing the udder by any means other than leaving naturally produced milk in any or all quarters;
- v. Treating the udder internally with an irritant, counterirritant, or any other substance to temporarily improve conformation;
- vi. Overfilling or over bagging of udders;
- vii. Treating the udder externally with an irritant, counterirritant, or any other substance to temporarily improve conformation (allowable practices/substances include sealing and setting teats, but not shrinking or shortening teats);
- viii. Roping udders and the use of objects to physically improve definition of the suspensory center ligament;
- ix. Administering epidural anesthesia (blocking tails) and/or applying any irritant either externally or internally to the perineal (rectum and vagina) area;
- x. Inserting foreign material/articles under the skin, into the topline or on the feet (administration of acceptable medications is permitted);
- xi. Performing surgery of any kind to change the natural contour of appearance of the animal's body, hide, or hair. Not included is the removal of warts, teats, horns, clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves;
- xii. Draining of fluid from hocks unless authorized by a veterinarian at the show.
- xiii. Excessive manipulation of hair and/or the use of any hair not naturally attached to the animal or the use of any substance or material which is intended to resemble or imitate hair;
- xiv. Mistreatment of animals;
- xv. Any un-sportsmanship like conduct during the event.

MONITORING PROCEDURES

The Ethics Committee, as defined below, shall have the authority to inspect all animals to determine if violations of Illinois Holstein Association Show Ring Policy have occurred. To help in this regard, the Ethics Committee has the authority to perform and review results of the following:

- i. An ultrasound examination of the udder of selected animals immediately upon completion of respective milking class competition. It shall be the exhibitor's responsibility to deliver the selected cow to the designated testing area. Within a reasonable time following said testing, the ultrasound official shall submit his/her report to the Illinois Holstein Association.
- ii. A milk out of any individual cow and/or
- iii. The collection and testing of any of the animal's body fluids and/or
- iv. The use of any other technology that may be useful in determining if a violation in any animal based on placement, random selection, or suspect characteristics.

The Ethics Committee or Show Chairman may, at any time, require the delivery to them of any hair samples or hypodermic syringe, needle or other device, swabs, cloths, or other material, or samples or any medicine, preparation, or substance, whether in liquid or other form, in the possession or control of exhibitor, fitters, agents, or person acting on behalf of exhibitor for analysis.

ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

- i. The Illinois Holstein Association Board of Directors

shall appoint an Ethics Committee to monitor violations at all state sponsored shows. The Ethics Committee shall consist of an anonymous team of at least three members.

- ii. Complaints of alleged violations must be presented in written and signed form to the Show Chairman of respective show no later than the final day of the respective show, except ultrasound results as noted as above.
- iii. If it is suspected that a violation will occur if an animal is shown the Show Chairman will inform the exhibitor that the showing of that animal may result in a violation of the Illinois Holstein Association Show Ring Policy. If the exhibitor decides not to show that animal, no violation will have occurred.
- iv. All complaints of alleged violations (as is designated in Enforcement Procedures point #2) received by the Show Chairman must be presented in written and signed form to the IHA for review of the Ethics Committee within five (5) days of receiving that notice of alleged violations, with the Ethics Committee to make a decision on the violations within ten (10) days.
- v. The Illinois Holstein Association President will notify the accused exhibitor immediately of the Ethics Committee decision that a violation has occurred and all the supportive evidence will be shared with the exhibitor. Within thirty (30) days the Illinois Holstein Association Show Committee shall review the findings from the Ethics Committee and make a recommendation to the Illinois Holstein Association Board of Directors of the disciplinary action. The exhibitor will be able to participate in the Show

Committee meeting. The Illinois Holstein Association Board of Directors shall meet on the same day to review that findings of the Ethics Committee, recommendations from the Show Committee and hear any presentations the exhibitor wishes to present.

- vi. The accused exhibitor must notify the Illinois Holstein Association within seven (7) days of receiving the violation notice of their intent to participate in the Show Committee meeting and/or the Illinois Holstein Association Board of Directors meeting, which is set for reviewing the evidence of the alleged violation(s) and the disciplinary action to be taken.
- vii. If the alleged violator is found in violation of the Illinois Holstein Association Show Ring Policy, the Illinois Holstein Association Board of Directors, at its discretion may pass onto the violator(s) its costs associated with violations, enforcement and review of violation(s). Cost associated with the review and/or appeals process must be paid in full; if this assessment is not paid in full the violator(s) will not be in "good standing" with the Illinois Holstein Association and therefore be denied any and all membership benefits of the association (voting, showing, etc.).
- viii. Illinois Holstein Association Board of Directors and/or the Show Committee may consider previous violations by an exhibitor in their decision of disciplinary action.
- ix. During this entire process the Directors of the Illinois Holstein Association Board, the Ethics Committee, the Show Committee, and members will not be obligated to maintain confidentiality.

ILLINOIS CHAMPIONSHIP JUNIOR HOLSTEIN SHOW

DISTRICT AND CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW RULES OWNERSHIP

1. Each animal to be exhibited must be must be identified by official certificate verifying at least 87% Registered Holstein Ancestry (RHA) on Holstein Association USA, Inc. certificates with ownership listed in the name(s) of the Illinois Junior Exhibitor(s) only. Partnership animals (if all junior members) will be allowed, but verification by Holstein Association as to partner members must accompany the certificate at check in.

EXHIBITOR

1. A Junior exhibitor must be a member of the Illinois Holstein Association, Inc.
2. A junior exhibitor must not yet have turned 21 by January 1, 2017.

TITLE

1. All animals - must be recorded in the name of the exhibitor before June 1 of the current year. (This applies to the Illinois Junior Championship Show and national shows - for the state fair animals over 2 years of age must be recorded in the name of the exhibitor before January 1 of the current year.)

CLASSES

1. Junior classes will include SINGLE female classes as listed for the Open Show (Classes 1 through 18 with the exception of 8, 9 and 15).
2. District shows: A Junior Champion, Reserve Junior Champion, Intermediate Champion, Reserve Intermediate Champion, Senior Champion and Reserve Senior Champion, Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of the Junior show will be selected. Ribbons will be provided for these awards. Other champions may be selected if the local club provides awards.
3. Championship Junior Show: A first place Bred and Owned award will be given in each class. Certificates must accompany the animal and exhibitor to the ring and will be checked. The recorded breeder must be identical to the owner.
4. Championship Junior Show: A Junior Champion, Reserve Junior Champion, Intermediate Champion, Reserve Intermediate Champion, Senior Champion,

Reserve Senior Champion, Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be selected. A Champion and Reserve Champion Bred and Owned will be selected from 1st place bred and owned animals.

5. Order of showing at the Junior Championship Show will be: senior females classes starting with Junior 2-year-olds, then junior female classes, ending the day with Showmanship.
6. First and second place class winners will be designated Junior All-Illinois and Reserve Junior All-Illinois, respectively.

SHOWING

1. Junior exhibitors will be required to pay the \$20 per head entry fee payable at the time of arrival at the Illinois Championship Show.
2. Local Holstein clubs may either hold a separate Junior Show or show classes simultaneously with the Open Show with proper recognition given to the Junior exhibitors.
3. The same number of animals MUST be shown at a district/local show during the current year to show at the state show (Mississippi Valley Juniors must exhibit the same number of animals at their district show following the state show). All Open Show rules will be adhered to for the Junior Show.
4. All Junior Championship show exhibitors will be responsible for filling out show entry blanks prior to their district show, have each animal shown initialed on the entry blank by a district show official, and return them at the Illinois Championship Junior Show. The initialed entry blanks will be proof of being shown at a district show and thus meeting Rule #3 above.
5. Junior exhibitors must show their own animals. Emergency assistance will be permitted by another state junior member at the discretion of the Junior Show Chairman where the Junior member cannot properly handle the animal. In such cases the Junior exhibitor must remain with the animal.
6. If a Junior exhibitor cannot be present to show their animal, the Junior may request that an alternate leadsman be permitted to lead their animal. The alternate leadsman must be two or less years older

than the owner. An Alternate Leadsman Request Form must be submitted to the Junior Show chairman who will grant approval if there is a valid reason that owner is not exhibiting their own animal.

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

1. Any Illinois Junior Holstein Association member is eligible to compete. At the Championship Show, entry must be made with the show office and will be listed in the catalog if made by 2 p.m., Wednesday, July 19.
2. Any current junior member of the Illinois Holstein Association may exhibit another Junior owned animal in the Showmanship contests ONLY. Current membership and payment must be on file with the show office by 2 p.m., Wednesday, July 19. Juniors exhibiting animals in the Junior show, beyond the Showmanship contests, may only use their Junior owned animals for Showmanship.
3. Each local show may hold showmanship classes and will determine the age divisions based on need and participation on an individual level.
4. There will be five divisions at the state level combining boys and girls together in each division: PeeWee - under 9 years of age; Junior - 9 to 12 years of age; Intermediate - 13 to 16 years of age; Senior - 17 years and older; Advanced - any junior who is under 21 years of age, but who has won the Senior age division and wishes to still compete in Showmanship. All ages determined as of January 1, 2017.
5. At the championship show, the top three boys and top three girls will be recognized in each division within the class. The top boy and top girl from each contest are then invited back to compete in the Advanced division at the conclusion of the Showmanship contest.
5. A junior may compete in their respective division until they have won their division at the state show. A previous Junior or Intermediate division winner may compete in the next higher division. Any junior under the age of 21 who has won the Senior division is eligible to compete in the Advanced division at state show.