

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

ARRIVAL OF ANIMALS

The cattle barns will be open for the arrival of cattle beginning at **Noon on Wednesday** of show week. Neither exhibitors nor cattle will be allowed access to the barns prior to noon Wednesday. In no case shall any animal be brought into the barns to be placed on exhibit except by and at the expense of the owner or his hired authorized agent. All early arrivals (Cattle arriving before noon on Wednesday) will be restricted to the designated tie-out area. The entry office, located at the northwest corner of the coliseum will open at noon on Wednesday. **All show and sale animals except entries for the Prospect Show Sale & Sale or Junior Shows must be on exhibit by 10:00 am on Thursday of show week.** Once on the grounds it is the responsibility of the exhibitor, owner or his hired authorized agent to notify the breed superintendent for show check-in. Health papers must be taken to the vet's office located in the lower level of the double deck barn. All vehicles, trucks and trailers must park in the designated area. **Parking is not allowed next to the barns. "No Parking" areas will be posted. Violators will be subject to ticketing and towing at the owner's expense.**

Exhibitors are required to familiarize themselves with all the rules of this show applicable to their exhibits.

- 1) **Violation of Rules.** All entries and exhibitors of any kind and character in this exhibition are subject to these regulations, and any violation will subject exhibitors to such penalty as management may order.
- 2) **Interpretation of Rules.** World Beef Expo reserves, to the Administrative Coordinator and the Executive Committee, the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, or incident to, the show.
- 3) **Application for Entry.** All applications for entry must be submitted on printed forms and in accordance with instruction on same.
 - Early entries** close on August 17, 2009 and must be postmarked, or received, on or before this same date.
 - Late Entries.** Entries postmarked after midnight of August 17, 2009 are considered LATE ENTRIES and will be subject to a late entry fee which **MUST** be included with the entry. See the entry form for specific due dates and late fees.In all cases, the official post office cancellation date will be used as the date of entry. Should the postage meter date and the official post office cancellation date be different, the official post office cancellation date will be the date of entry. Canadian exhibitors are encouraged to send entries via Purolator or Express Mail to insure timely receipt.
 - All fees must be paid in United States currency with checks payable to WORLD BEEF EXPO. All fees must accompany entry or entry will not be accepted. No refunding of entry fees or any other fees, will be made to exhibitors who enter animals, but do not show.
- 4) **Accepting Entries. In all cases, the management reserves the right to reject entirely or accept conditionally any entry or application.** It is intended that only such animals shall be exhibited as have merit. The manager may appoint a special committee on the opening day of the show to view the animals entered for exhibition and upon the recommendation of said committee that any animal or animals which do not have such merit as would entitle them to exhibit, the manager may require them removed from the World Beef Expo grounds.

World Beef Expo reserves to itself the right to withdraw the classification and prizes in any department, upon the closing of the entries, where it is found the animals entered would be discreditable to the exhibition.

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- 5) **Erroneous Entry.** Animals that have been erroneously entered may be transferred to their proper class, prior to the judging, upon application to the breed superintendent. Upon the approval of the breed superintendent or in his/her absence, the general manager, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to notify the entry office of an approved class change for any entry.
- 6) **Substitutions.** With the approval of the Breed Superintendent, substitutions WITHIN classes and with IDENTICAL ownership will be permitted. No other substitutions will be allowed and all substitutions must be made no later than the breed's time of check-in. Exhibitors in beef shows without defined classes can only substitute an animal of the same sex, with identical ownership, and with a birth date within 45 days of the animal it is replacing.
- 7) **Entry Numbers.** Each entry will be assigned a number. Entry numbers will be provided to all exhibitors. These numbers must be displayed by the handler when the animal is in the show ring.
- 8) **Breeds with less than 10 animals.** These breeds will still show, however, there will be no class breakdowns. All females will show in one class, as will all males show in another class. The resulting class winners will be named that breed's champions and will be eligible to compete for Supreme Champion. Breeds with less than 20 animals will show by age division only.
- 9) **Ownership of Animals.** Breeding animals in the open show, must be property of the owner on or before breed check-in time of show week, unless an animal is purchased at a World Beef Expo sale. JUNIOR SHOW HEIFERS AND STEERS MUST BE PROPERTY OF THE JUNIOR SHOW OWNER ON OR BEFORE CHECK-IN TIME OF THE JUNIOR SHOW, unless an animal is purchased at a World Beef Expo Sale. (Refer to JUNIOR Show Rules)
- 10) **Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor**
All breeds will follow the same formula and rules for premier exhibitor and premier breeder.

Premier Exhibitor

1. Exhibitor must enter and show a minimum of 3 head in a breed. There is no maximum number of entries per exhibitor. Cattle may represent one or both sexes.
2. To be eligible for premier exhibitor the exhibitor must be the owner of record on the animal registration. Exhibitor name on the registration must be an exact match for sole ownership or co-ownership.
Example: *Exhibitor John Jones enters three animals in a breed. One is solely owned by John Jones, the second animal is co-owned by John and Mary Jones, the third animal is owned by Jones Farm. Points earned by any of these animals will not be combined. Points would accrue only to each registered owner name.*
3. Points will be awarded for placement in the class through the top five placings: 1st = 5 points, 2nd = 4, 3rd = 3, 4th = 2, 5th = 1. Points will not be given for group classes or champion or reserve champion classes.
4. In case of a tie, the exhibitor with the most 1st places will be the winner. If a tie continues, the number of second places earned will be combined with the number of first places. The exhibitor with the highest point total **and** with the highest number of firsts and/or firsts and seconds, if necessary, would be declared the winner. The exhibitor with the most points (under the same name) will be designated premier exhibitor.

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Premier Breeder

1. To be eligible for premier breeder, the **breeder must be entered as an exhibitor at World Beef Expo.**
2. Cattle earning points toward premier breeder do not have to be owned by the breeder.
3. Breeder name on the registration must be an exact match for the breeder, breeder group or breed association member code. Example: Three animals are entered in one breed. One is bred by John Jones, the second animal is bred by John and Mary Jones, the third animal is bred by Jones Farm. Points earned by any of these animals will not be combined. Points would accrue only to each registered breeder name or association member code.
4. Points will be awarded for placement in the class through the top five placings: 1st = 5 points, 2nd = 4, 3rd = 3, 4th = 2, 5th = 1. Points will not be given for group classes or champion or reserve champion classes.
5. In case of a tie, the breeder with the most 1st places will be the winner. If a tie continues, the number of second places earned will be combined with the number of first places. The breeder with the highest point total **and** with the highest number of firsts and/or firsts and seconds, if necessary, would be declared the winner.

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- 11) **Sale Animals.** Animals to be entered in the **Prospect Show and Sale** will use the designated entry form found on the WBE website. All other animals entered for **breed sales** will enter through the specific breed representative. Additional information concerning breed sales can be obtained by contacting Kim Johnson. – 5891 E. Waterford Road, Hartford, Wisconsin 53027 or my phone at 262-573-4019. Entries for Hereford and Angus sales are due to the breed representative by July 14, 2009. All sale animals must meet WBE health requirements.

If sale animals are to be shown, they must be entered in the appropriate division and class on the Open Show entry form and pay the \$60 entry fee. All exhibitors who enter the Open Show are required to pay the \$10 exhibitor fee. Even if this is the only animal entered in a show by this exhibitor, the \$10 exhibitor fee is required. (See Open Show entry form on the website for details.)

- 12) **Assignment of Stalls.** The allocation of stalls will be assigned only to animals that arrive at the show. No refunds will be granted for animals who are entered but do not arrive at the show. Stalling assignments will be given on a first come first serve basis as exhibitors check in with the stalling superintendent upon arrival. The stalling superintendent's office will be staffed beginning Tuesday at noon. **Neither exhibitors nor cattle will be allowed access to the barns prior to noon Tuesday.** Cattle may not be stalled without authorization from the stalling superintendent.
- 13) **Tie-outs.** Tie-outs are limited to the designated area ONLY. **WBE will not be providing a central pre-constructed tie-out area. Cattle will need to be tied to the exhibitor's trailer or to personal gates in the tie-out area.** Bedding will not be supplied by WBE for the tie-out area. Cattle will be allowed to leave the barn for tie-outs at 5:00 pm and will be returned to barn by 8:00 am daily. Any exhibitor failing to abide by these rules may be disqualified and all premiums withheld at the discretion of the management. All animals are required to be double tied while at tie-outs.
- 14) **Cattle Washing.** Cattle washing must be done in designated wash racks. These are drained to sanitary sewers to comply with health requirements. Surface runoff of soaps, manure, etc. must be prevented.

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- 15) **Appearance of Exhibits/Exhibitors.** Stalls, pens and exhibition places must be cleaned before 8:00 am each day and all refuse matter disposed of properly. All animal waste must be deposited in the manure bin structures located at each barn. Exhibitors are encouraged to be neatly dressed when they take their animals into the show ring.
- 16) **Grooming Chutes.** Exhibitors may use grooming chutes or cattle safety devices. They must be kept with the exhibitor's cattle and cannot be placed in aisles, clean out alleys, fire lanes or wash rack areas. If space is limited in the stalling areas, exhibitors may be required to set grooming chutes outside of the building in an assigned area. Grooming chutes may be in the aisle when in use, providing that there is a walkway through the area. Any exhibitor that does not comply promptly, if requested by the management, to remove a chute, is subject to disciplinary action, including forfeiture of premiums. World Beef Expo will allow two chutes per exhibitor.
- 17) **Generator Regulations.** Generators ARE ALLOWED FOR CATTLE EXHIBITORS ONLY. Fire code regulations require that they CAN NOT BE ALLOWED INSIDE THE BARN, WHETHER IN USE OR NOT.
- 18) **Care of Animals.** The exhibitors themselves must see to the delivery of their animals to the appropriate area by the designated time. Exhibitors will be required to attend to their animals and to have them presented to the judges when called. Exhibitors are responsible to present his/her animals in the ring for the appropriate class. Exhibitors whose animals miss their class are not eligible for a refund.
- 19) **Nose Rings.** All bulls 1 year old or older must have a nose ring or nose lead when out of the stall.
- 20) **Conduct of Exhibitors.** If an exhibitor, in any way, whether in person or by agent, or employee, interferes with the judges during their adjudication, or shows any disrespect to them or the show, the management may exclude such exhibitor from competition and may also withhold from such exhibitor any premiums that may have been won.
- 21) **Decision of the Judges Final.** The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases, except where mistakes, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award, is proven. In such cases, the management or such referee as may be appointed may decide; or, at his/her discretion, the case may be appealed to the Executive Committee, from whose decision there is no appeal.
- 22) **Release of Cattle.**

ALL EXHIBITORS AT THIS SHOW ARE EXPECTED TO KEEP THEIR ANIMALS ON EXHIBITION AND ON THE GROUNDS UNTIL THE DESIGNATED TIME FOR RELEASE. Individual animals sold in sales on the show grounds will be allowed early release. Early release passes for cattle sold at WBE sales will be available at the entry office. The buyer must present proof of purchase for each animal to the designated entry office staff person. Early release passes will be collected by gate staff at Gate 5. (Gate 5 is the agriculture gate by the TGT Youth Center. All other gates are closed to trucks and trailers.)

Early release option will begin at 6:00 pm Saturday and conclude at 7:00 am Sunday. Exhibitors who wish to exercise this option must indicate their intention when arriving at World Beef Expo so that stalling can be arranged in an expedient pattern. Upon arrival, exhibitors will check in with the stalling superintendent to receive stalling assignments and to choose the early release option. Exhibitors who select this option are expected to leave exhibits and cattle in place until 6:00 pm on Saturday. Exhibitors who choose the early release option are expected to dispose of trash appropriately in their stalling area and surrounding aisles before leaving the barn.

Normal release: All remaining cattle will be released from the grounds of World Beef Expo at 4:00 pm Sunday or immediately after the awarding of the Youth Sweepstakes awards.

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All feed, bedding and veterinary bills must be settled before any animal is released. Bills may be paid in the entry office during posted office hours.

Release for show animals before 6:00 pm on Saturday will only be granted for animals going directly to another show. Proof of entry and payment must be provided prior to the issuance of this exceptional release pass. These passes are issued only by the entry office.

The penalty for departure, without the permission from show management is forfeiture of premiums. The exhibitor is also prohibited from exhibiting at World Beef Expo the following year

23) **JUDGING CONTEST.** IT IS MANDATORY THAT ALL EXHIBITORS COOPERATE WITH JUDGING CONTEST OFFICIALS IN PROVIDING ANIMALS FOR USE IN THE JUDGING CONTEST IF SELECTED BY THE CONTEST SELECTION COMMITTEE OR REPRESENTATIVES OF WORLD BEEF EXPO.

24) **Parking and Fire Code Regulations.** All trailers must be parked in the designated trailer parking area. Please comply with all NO PARKING and other posted safety regulations. Due diligence must be exercised to prevent fire, accidents or other damage. This includes keeping fire lanes around each barn open, NO SMOKING in any building, using no combustibles in display materials and proper restraint of animals. Citations and tow charges will be in effect.

Heavy duty 3-wire electrical cords must be used and under no circumstances can electrical cords touch straw, hay, metal beams or rafters. All fans must be UL approved. Fire regulations are designed for the protection and safety of the exhibitor, exhibits, the public and the grounds.

World Beef Expo has implemented a policy in an effort to prevent electrical and safety problems caused by worn, ungrounded and /or unapproved equipment. All equipment that is not properly grounded or not conforming to the manufacturer's specifications for safety and usage will be disconnected. Exhibitors with faulty/unapproved equipment will be warned, and if proper corrective action is not taken, the electrical cord will be cut to prevent further use while at World Beef Expo.

25) **Protests.** Individuals must submit a written protest and accompany it with \$500 in cash or check which will be forfeited to World Beef Expo if the protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint and must be delivered to the General Manager immediately after the occasion of the protest. Protests may be submitted prior to judging or immediately after the conclusion of class judging. Once an animal is eligible for the Supreme Drive, Prospect Champion, Overall Junior Prospect Champion, Overall Junior Market Steer Champion or Supreme Champion Junior Female, a protest will **NOT** be accepted.

Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation; and depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a thorough investigation is completed. No complaint or appeal that Judges overlooked an animal will be considered as a basis for a protest.

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- 26) **Code of Ethics.** To maintain a high degree of confidence in the World Beef Expo show, Show Management reserves the right to disqualify any animals that have been fitted in an unethical fashion. Unethical fitting shall include any injection of gas, solid, or liquid under the skin, as well as any cutting or tearing of the hide or underneath the hide removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the shape of the individual. It shall also include attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development as well as the dyeing or coloring of individuals which alters their natural coloration. Any attempts to change the degree of firmness of any individual shall also be considered unethical. In such cases where unethical fitting, fraud or misrepresentation appear to have been attempted and the alleged attempt is protested, World Beef Expo may appoint a veterinarian, official, or committee to inspect the entry. World Beef Expo will follow a course of action based upon the findings and conclusion of the examining veterinarian, official or committee to include forfeiture of all premiums, including sweepstakes. By submitting and signing an application for entry, participants agree to comply with all the rules and regulations governing World Beef Expo as displayed on the official website: www.worldbeefexpo.com.
- 27) **Loss or damage to property.** While the show management has created structures to provide a safe environment for exhibits, exhibitors and the public, it does not accept responsibility for any loss or damage to personal property that may be present on the show grounds. All exhibitors are encouraged to exercise appropriate care and diligence in the storage or placement of personal property.
- 28) **Dogs.** All dogs with the exception of on duty service dogs are prohibited in the barns, show rings and buildings. **All** dogs must be leashed when on the grounds.
- 29) **Animal and pedestrian safety.** The use of scooters, skateboards, bicycles and similar items are prohibited in the barns and on the sidewalks and roads which provide access to the barns, coliseum, and buildings in use during World Beef Expo. WBE management reserves the right to order such items removed from the grounds.
- 30) **Supreme Drive:**
Each open show breed has the opportunity and responsibility to present its Grand Champion Bull, Grand Champion Female, and Grand Champion Cow/Calf to compete for the title of Supreme Champion. Cattle who have achieved the honor of Grand Champions are expected to participate in this showcase event on Saturday evening. The Supreme Champion Bull, Female, and Cow/Calf pair will each be awarded \$1000. Premiums will be withheld from any exhibitor eligible for the Supreme Drive who does not show the breed's Grand Champion Bull, Female or Cow/Calf in the Supreme Drive.
Breed Associations with a separate low percentage female show, with a minimum of ten entries shown, have the opportunity to enter the Champion Female in the Supreme Champion Drive. No low percentage Champion Bulls will qualify or be eligible to participate in the Supreme Drive.
Any animal entered in the Supreme Drive may be fitted only in accord with the code of ethics as described in rule 26. The use of false tail heads is specifically prohibited. The addition of hair, or any similar substance, to any part of the animal's body is prohibited. Dyeing or artificially changing the color of the animal is prohibited. Coloring agents may be used on the legs and tail switches. NO POWDER of any kind or color may be used on ANY part of an animal. Failure to comply with these standards of fitting will result in disqualification.
- 31) **Cattle Check-in.** It is the exhibitor's responsibility to be present at the time the breed and particularly the exhibitor's cattle are checked in. If the exhibitor or the exhibitor's representative is not present the superintendents may refuse to allow the exhibitor's cattle to participate in the show.
- 32) **Tattoos.** Tattoos on all cattle will be checked according to the breed's national association exhibition rules.