

American Jersey Cattle Association National All-Jersey Inc.

RULES GOVERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED JUNIOR SHOW --- 2026

*Scheduled for review at the 2027 All American Committee Meetings
and AJCA Board Meeting, March 2027*

Eligibility

Rule 1, Exhibitors. Exhibitors must be no younger than nine (9) and no older than 20 years of age as of January 1, 2026. U.S. residents must be members (junior or lifetime) of the American Jersey Cattle Association.

Rule 2, Entries. Animals are eligible when recorded by the American Jersey Cattle Association in the Herd Register or with Generation Count 4 or greater, or by Jersey Canada with registry status of 93.75% and greater.

The exhibitor must be listed as Recorded Owner on the registration certificate, either (1) as the sole owner or (2) by his/her name in joint ownership. If the joint ownership includes more than one person meeting the eligibility requirements of Rule 1 (above), one of them must be declared as the exhibitor during check-in.

Animals must be registered and/or transferred to meet one of the above ownership requirements on or before August 1, 2026. The date of registration and/or transfer is the Date Recorded printed on the registration certificate. ADDED in 2022: For spring shows, animals must be in juniors ownership by April 1 of the show year.

Rule 3, Participation. Entries must be shown by the exhibitor, except by prior written approval from show management. Alternate leadpersons must (1) be associated with the Herd Unit and also eligible to show by age (Rule 1, above), or (2) if not, be the same age or younger than the exhibitor of the animal being shown. Requests for alternate leadperson must be submitted for approval by the dairy show superintendent on forms provided by the AJCA not later than 12:00 noon the day before the show.

No more than two (2) animals may be shown by one exhibitor in any one class. The exhibitor must lead the first entry and the second entry must be led by an approved alternate leadperson.

Adults are not allowed to show in any case.

Rule 4, Breeder Status. In order to qualify for Premier Breeder points and Best Bred and Owned awards, the exhibitor declared at check-in must have his/her name recorded as a Breeder on the animal's registration certificate. These awards will be made only to the individual exhibitor in the case of partnership animals.

Statement on Ethics (*All American Junior Jersey Show*)

Participants in The All American Junior Jersey Show, including but not limited to owners, exhibitors, fitters and absolutely responsible persons, are cautioned to read, fully understand, and comply with all of the following:

- (1) Laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky;
- (2) Rules and Regulations of the North American International Livestock Exposition;
- (3) rules and procedures specific to the NAILE Dairy Show; and
- (4) the PDCA Show Ring Code of Ethics (revised in 2025).

Testing or inspection of any and all animals entered in the shows may be conducted by the General Manager of the event or designated agent before, during or after the competition.

Any milk-outs during the show, whether in individual classes or the championship classes, will be at the discretion of the judge, the show committee and/or the AJCA Board of Directors.