

2023 AJAA Junior Nationals

McCook, Nebraska

June 27- July 1

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AMERICAN JUNIOR ABERDEEN ASSOICATION

2023 AJAA Junior Nationals

TENATIVE Schedule of Events & Contest

Some events are being moved; cattle still need to be in place at the stated time. Final schedule will be shared before arriving!

McCook, Nebraska June 27-July 1, 2023

Tuesday June 27

9 am Cattle may start arriving

Wednesday June 28

9 am – 1 pm Check-in/Register-Tattoo & Paper Check/Turn in Poster Contest
1 pm- 1:30 pm Cattle must be in place
1:30 pm- 3 pm Opening Ceremonies & Group Photo
3 pm- 6 pm Quiz Bowl
5 pm- 7 pm Junior Board Candidate and Queen Interviews
7 pm Potluck Dinner

Thursday June 29

8 am Morning Roundup
8:30 am – 9:30 am Fitting Demonstration
10:30 am – 11:30 am Sullivan Supply's Stock Show U Team Fitting Competition
11:30 am -12 pm Clean Up Fitting Competition
12 pm – 1 pm **Sponsored Lunch**
1 pm – 2pm Annual Meeting
2:30pm – 4:30pm Speech Contest
7pm-9pm Pool Party

Friday June 30

8 am Morning Roundup
8:30 am – 9:30 am No-Fit Showmanship Clinic
9:30 am-11:30 am Sullivan Supply's Stock Show U No-Fit Showmanship
11:30 am-12 pm Over the Hill Showmanship
12 pm – 1 pm **Sponsor Lunch**
1:30 pm – 1:45pm Team Marketing Demonstration
1:45pm – 3:45 pm Team Marketing Competition
6:30 pm – 8: 30 pm AJAA Banquet and Awards Ceremony

Saturday July 1

7:30 am Morning Roundup
9 am Bred and Owned
Following Bred & Owned AJAA National Show

*** Presentation of Premier Exhibitor will follow the conclusion of the show***

2023 Junior National Rules & Regulations

Sponsorship & Eligibility

- ❖ This show is sponsored by the American Junior Aberdeen Association (AJAA). The show is open to all AJAA members.
 - ❖ Members who have turned 22 years old before January 1, 2023 are not eligible.
 - ❖ No alcohol or smoking will be permitted.
 - ❖ Animals must be registered in the sole ownership of the junior exhibitor by **May 15, 2023**, to be eligible to show.
1. Original registration certificates or copies for each animal must be presented at the time of check-in. Tattoos found to be missing, illegible, or in any other way incorrect with official AAA records will be disqualified.
 2. Entries must meet Nebraska health regulations.
 3. Entry fees are **\$55 per head**. Entries must be made by 11:59pm on or before **May 20, 2023**.
***** Late entries are \$75 per head and will be accepted until May 27, 2023**
 4. **ONLINE ENTRIES WILL BE OPENED UP VERY SOON.** Watch our social media pages for directions to the show entry website. We will be using the Showman app again like last year!
 5. Cattle check-in will begin Wednesday June 28th at 9 am.
 6. Stalls will be assigned to exhibitors.
 7. **GENERATORS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!!**
 8. **We reserve the right to pull DNA on any animal.**
 9. To maintain a high degree of confidence in the show, the AJAA reserves the right to disqualify any animals that have been fit or treated in an unethical manner.
 - a. Unethical testing includes any injection of gas, solid, or liquid under the skin to alter the normal conformation of the animal.
 - b. This includes and cutting or tearing of the hide, underneath the hide, or removal of any tissue in any attempt to alter the shape of the animal.
 - c. Any attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development, dying or coloring of the hair coat that alters the natural coloration, or artificial tail or tail head polls will disqualify the animal.
 - d. Any attempt to change the degree of firmness of any animal is considered unethical. Artificial means that the filling of cattle internally is prohibited.
 10. Initial betting will be provided. Additional bedding will be available for purchase locally. Show supplies will be sold on the grounds.
 11. Exhibitors must be present to exhibit their own animals entered in the show; emergencies will be decided on by the AJAA Board of Directors.
 12. Tie out stalls will be available on the fairgrounds.
 13. Any bull older than 12 months must be shown with a nose ring.

Arrival & Departure Times

Cattle begin arriving no earlier than Tuesday June 27, 2023, and **must be** in place by Wednesday June 28, 2023 at 1 pm
Contact Shane Goss, (720) 202-7798, Darwin Engelkes (319) 415-0540, Kiersten Gatewood (515) 890-1124, or Jack Sandford (940) 389-9225 for special arrangements. Cattle will be released following the show.

Heifer Show

- Junior Heifer Calf 01/01/2023 and younger
- Winter Heifer Calf 10/01/2022 to 12/31/2022
- Senior Heifer Calf 08/01/2022 to 09/30/2022
- Summer Yearling 05/01/2022 to 07/31/2022
- Spring Yearling 03/01/2022 to 04/30/2022

- Junior Yearling 01/01/2022 to 02/28/2022
- Senior Yearling 12/31/2021 to 08/01/2021

******* Females 20 months or older at time of show must have a confirmed pregnancy*******

Fullblood Division - Fullblood heifers born on or after August 1, 2021 are eligible. The show committee will divide the following classes into a total of 12 classes, including four division champions. Every effort will be made to have no more than 16 head per class.

Percentage Heifers - Females exhibited in the percentage heifer class must have been born on or after August 1, 2021 and be a registered percentage female from 50% to less than Fullblood Aberdeen.

Bred-and-Owned Heifers - Bred-and-owned shows will be separate for Fullblood and Percentage heifers. All heifers exhibited must show the exhibitor as owning the entry's dam at the time of conception. The exhibitor must be listed as the breeder and current owner on the registration papers.

Aberdeen Steer Rules

- No steers over 24 months of age
- Divisions and classes will be divided by weights (with the exception of steers over 17 months old that will automatically go into the market division regardless of weight)
- All steers will be required to have registration papers with the AAA

Division weight break will be as follows:

87.5% to fullbloods	87.49% to 50%
Prospect up to 500 lbs.	up to 700 lbs.
Progress 501-700 lbs.	701-900 lbs.
Market over 700 lbs. or 17-20 months	over 900 lbs. or 17-20 months

Cow/Calf

Both a Fullblood division and a Percentage division will be available. Two classes of cow/calf pairs for each division: two-year olds and cows 3 to 7 years of age. Cows must be lactating with their natural calf at side, born on or after November 1, 2022. Heifer calves may enter individual heifer classes and Bred-and-Owned divisions. Bull calves may be entered in the Junior Bull Calf Division. The calf must be registered and meet the criteria for the heifer or bull calf show class.

Bred & Owned Bulls

Bulls born on or after January 1, 2022 are eligible. There will be a fullblood and percentage show having a Junior and Senior Division. The exhibitor must be listed as the breeder and current owner on the registration papers.

*****Bull's will no longer need to be semen tested to show per AAA's new rules*****

Market Animal

1. All steers and heifers between 49.99% to 25% Aberdeen are eligible to compete.
2. If you plan to bring a market animal, you must enter and show an Aberdeen breeding animal of half-blood or higher. (Breeding animals must follow their respected show rules and must be present with market animals at Junior Nationals.)

Market Animal Division weight break will be as followed:

49.99% to 25% ***Ineligible to show for overall steer***
Prospect up to 800 lbs.
Progress 801-1,000 lbs.
Market over 1,000 lbs. or 17-20 months

Poster Contest- Tuesday June 27

- Poster will be turned in at Check in on Tuesday, June 27 at 12 pm
- Topic- Why are Aberdeen sweet as Kool-Aid?
- Will not count towards Overall points

Potluck Dinner – Tuesday June 27

- ❖ Bring a main dish, side, desert or all of the above to share and enjoy the time with friends and family.
 - A-H: Main dish
 - I-P: Side dish
 - Q-Z: Desert

No-Fit Showmanship- Wednesday June 28

- ❖ AJAA members who did not enter an animal in the National Junior Show are allowed to borrow an animal from another AJAA member.
- ❖ Contestants will exhibit animals in a clean, but unfitted condition.
- ❖ Age Divisions will be broken down into as many heats as deemed necessary. The judge will choose the number of individuals asked to return from each heat.
- ❖ Show will run Oldest to youngest.
- ❖ Age Break: As of January 1st, 2022
 - Senior (15-21 years of age)
 - Intermediate (10-14 years of age)
 - Junior (9 years of age and under)

PeeWee Showmanship- Wednesday June 28

1. Exhibitors must be able to handle the calf adequately and safely.
2. This division is set up for any member who feels that it is the appropriate division for them.
3. Exhibitors must be an AJAA member.
4. No points will be accumulated from this division for the overall awards

Over-the-Hill Showmanship- Wednesday June 28

This contest is for FUN & ENTERTAINMENT - Let's have the "professionals" show us how it's really done. The contest is for previous generations of showmen. Participants must be over 25 years old to enter and each may borrow an animal or not even use one!

Junior Board of Directors Interviews—Wednesday June 28

Application form and rules are in this packet and posted on the website at <https://americanaberdeen.com/>

Contact: Shane Goss (720) 202-7798, Darwin Engelkes (319) 415-0540, Kiersten Gatewood (515) 890-1124 or Jack Sandford (940) 389-9225

Queen and Princess Contest – Wednesday June 28

Application form and rules are in this packet and posted on the website at <https://americanaberdeen.com/>

Contact: Danielle Langley (641) 494-8685; dhenni5@wgu.edu or Kiersten Gatewood (515) 890- 1124; kbeilke15@gmail.com

Quiz Bowl- Wednesday June 28

Procedure:

1. Quiz Bowl is a single elimination tournament with the participation drawn at random.
2. Questions cover both the beef industry in general and the Aberdeen Breed
3. Each round consists of 15 toss-up questions
4. Any contestant may answer a toss-up question; however, the contestant must first press the buzzer and be recognized by the quizmaster
5. The quizmaster reads a toss-up question until, the question is completed or a contestant buzzes in
6. If a contestant buzzes in during the reading of a question, the quizmaster stops reading immediately, the contestant must begin his/her answer within 5 sec.
 - a. Contestants are warned that toss-up questions may have more than one part, so "buzzing in early" may hurt the teams' score.
7. If the answer given by the first responder is correct, they will gain the points.
8. If the answer given by the first contestant is incorrect, the toss- up question will be repeated for the opposing team.
 - a. An individual on the opposing team must sound his/her buzzer before the individual may answer the question.
 - b. The team is never allowed to confer on a toss-up question.
9. If neither team answers the toss-up question correctly, the quizmaster goes on to the next question
10. In case of a tie there will be 3 toss-up questions given to the round finalists. In this "sudden death" round, whoever answers 2 of the 3 questions correctly will be declared the winner

Team Fitting- Thursday June 29

Teams will consist of at least four participants chosen at random; including at least one junior, intermediate, and senior individual.

- ❖ A **35-minute** time limit is set to allow the team to prepare or "fit" the animal with proper grooming techniques. Animals will not be shown.
- ❖ An AJAA team member participating in the contest must be willing to use their animal and chute for the contest.
- ❖ If there are AJAA members that want to participate and do not have a team, the AJAA Board will place them on teams.

Speech Contest – Thursday June 29

- ❖ Senior & Intermediate Topic: TBA The intermediate and senior speech division will have a specified topic that will be industry related.
- ❖ The junior speech division topic can be any subject pertaining to Red Angus cattle or the beef industry in any phase of the business.
- ❖ The contestant will be evaluated on organization and content, language and delivery, presentation, total effectiveness, and in response to questions.
- ❖ Visual aids are limited to physical charts etc. No slides, overheads or any other electrical aids will be allowed.
- ❖ Time Limits are listed below.
- ❖ Deductions of half a point per ten seconds will be made from the score by each judge for speeches under or over the specified length: Individual contest participation counts towards the sweepstakes contest.
- ❖ Speech rooms will be open to the public.
- ❖ Time Limits:
 - Novice speeches are not to exceed 5 minutes
 - Junior speeches are not to exceed 5 minutes
 - Intermediate 5-7 minutes
 - Senior 5-7 minutes.
- ❖ Deductions of half a point per ten seconds will be made from the score by each judge for speeches under or over the specified length.

Team Marketing- Friday June 30

1. Two/Three people will be on a team. Teams must include members from the same age group. Teams will be picked by randomly drawing names out of a hat and announced the morning of the event.
 2. The team will be responsible for developing its own marketing strategy.
 3. Presentations will be a minimum of 5 minutes, but not to exceed 10 min including questions including questions. The presentation will be stopped at the end of 10 minutes. Each individual on the team will be expected to speak during the presentation. The objective of the team is to sell their animal.
 4. The following topics should be discussed:
 - a. Pedigree information
 - b. Performance information
 - c. Visual characteristics
 5. The judge's questions will not necessarily be limited to the three topics listed above.
 6. Teams will be discounted for using notes but are encouraged to use reference materials.
 7. Each team will be responsible for selecting an animal to use.
 - a. Two copies of registration certificates should be provided. (Printer available in AJAA Office)
 - b. Points will be deducted for teams that do not supply two certificates.
 - c. In addition to the registration certificates, each team may supply performance data, pictures, show records, etc. as part of the sales package to the panel of judges.
 8. Points will be awarded as follows:
 - a. Knowledge - 25 points
 - b. Ability to communicate - 25 points
 - c. Team organization - 25 points
 - d. Overall effect - 25 points
- ❖ Up to 10 points will be deducted for dependence on notes
 - ❖ Five points will be subtracted if registration certificates are not submitted.
 - ❖ Ten points will be subtracted if all three team members do not speak.

- ❖ Two points will be subtracted for each minute the team presentation goes under 3 minutes and the presentation goes over 5 minutes.
- ❖ AJAA Directors reserve the right to decrease team members in the junior division to 2 to increase participation.

Overall Points System

Overall awards will be awarded to the following:

- Champion Senior (15-21 years of age)
- Reserve Champion Senior
- Champion Intermediate (10-14 years of age)
- Reserve Champion Intermediate
- Champion Junior (9 years of age and under)
- Reserve Champion Junior

Winners will be selected based on the following point system:

- Exhibit one or more animals - 10 points

If the Contestants of any age division are in the top six of any of the listed contests, including Quiz Bowl, Showmanship, Team Marketing, and Livestock Judging they will receive points for the following:

- 1st Place - 10 points
- 2nd Place - 9 points
- 3rd Place - 8 points
- 4th Place - 7 points
- 5th Place - 6 points
- 6th Place - 5 points

Premier Exhibitor

- ❖ The AJAA will present an award to the premier exhibitor of the show.
- ❖ The premier exhibitor will be determined by the exhibitor's placement in individual steer, heifer, bull and cow/calf classes.
- ❖ Points are accumulated as follows:
 - 1st Place- 5 pts
 - 2nd Place-3 pts
 - 3rd Place - 1 pt
- ❖ Maximum number of placements used to determine the winner shall be limited to three. In the case of a tie, additional placements will be used.
- ❖ **This will be announced at the end of the Show**



Board of Directors

The new AJAA Board of Directors will be elected during the 2023 Junior National show in McCook, NE.

Qualifications

- ❖ Applicant must be at least 15 years old, as of January 1, 2023
- ❖ **Must have participated at junior nationals for at least 1 year prior to applying**
- ❖ Applicant must be a member of the AJAA in good standing
- ❖ Application form must be turned into the office before May 1, 2023
- ❖ Term length is 2 years
- ❖ Application must be accompanied with a one page, typed, single spaced essay outlining the goals of an AJAA Director.

Applicants will be asked to provide a list of their experiences, relevant projects and offices held or club responsibilities, description of any recognition or awards received and achievements through showing Aberdeen cattle. Board members must be willing to travel, at their own expense, to the Junior National Show and a planning meeting during their term of office.

****If you are applying, please bring a white shirt and khaki slacks****

AJAA Board of Directors Application

During the Junior National Event, AJAA will elect new AJAA members to serve on the Board of Directors. To apply you must be at least 15 years old and a member of the AJAA. Members interested in running for the AJAA Board of Directors may complete the application and email it to the americanaberdeenjrboard@gmail.com **before May 14, 2023.**

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name (print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age: _____

School Attending: _____ Grade: _____

Name and Address of Local Paper(s): _____

Are you a Junior member of the Aberdeen Jr. Association? _____ Number of Years: _____

Would you be willing to travel at your expense to the Junior National Show, National Western Stock Show, and planning meetings during your term of office.?

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Guardian's Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Member of the Aberdeen Association? _____ Number of Years: _____

LIST RELEVANT PROJECTS

List offices held or club responsibilities:

Highlight any special recognition or awards:

RECORD OF Aberdeen ACTIVITIES

Years involved with Aberdeen projects:

Heifers:

Steers:

How did you become interested in Aberdeen cattle?

List achievements through showing or promoting Aberdeen Cattle:

Are you a member of a State Junior Aberdeen Association (AJAA) or other cattle organization? If so, what group?

List three references, other than family members. Be sure to include their names, addresses, phone numbers and email address.

1.

2.

3.

Essay- With this application send a one-page, typed, single-spaced essay about the goals of an AJAA Director.

**Email the completed form, essay, and a recent photo to:
americanaberdeenjrboard@gmail.com
*Incomplete applications are not eligible for consideration.***



American Aberdeen Queen and Princess Contest

The new AJAA Queen and Princess will be chosen during the 2023 Junior National show in McCook, Nebraska. During the Junior National Event, AJAA will select a new Queen and Princess. Contestants for Queen must be between the ages 15 to 21 and the Princess must be between the ages of 9 to 14, as of January 1, 2023. Members interested in running for the Queen or Princess position may complete the application and email it to Danielle Langley dlangley@easton449.org before May 14, 2023.

Qualifications

- ❖ Contestants for Queen must be between the ages 15 to 21 and the Princess must be between the ages of 9 to 14, as of January 1, 2023
- ❖ Must be single, never married and no children
- ❖ Must be a member, in good standing, of the American Junior Aberdeen Association.
- ❖ Contestants may serve consecutive years, but will have to re-submit an application.

Rules

- ❖ The Queen, at her own expense, will provide a color or black and white glossy photograph (5x7) to the board for publicity purposes.
- ❖ Contestants must complete the Master of Beef Advocacy Program sponsored by the Beef Checkoff Program.
- ❖ When the Queen and Princess are representing the Aberdeen Breed, she shall wear her sash at all times.
- ❖ Her tiara will be worn most of the time. The Queen and Princess do not have to wear it when it is not conducive to the situation she is in. The Queen and Princess are to use their best judgment. Also, professional/appropriate dress is very important. Please ask what the proper attire is when scheduling an event if you are unsure.

Duties

- ❖ Pass out ribbons at the Open and Junior Shows
- ❖ Meet people, promote, and represent our breed
- ❖ Be in most backdrop photos
- ❖ Have fun!

Activities Required Shows

- ❖ National Aberdeen Show – Held at the National Western Stock Show in Denver in January ➤ Must Attend the Banquet
- ❖ AJAA Junior Aberdeen Show – Held in June
 - Partake in all activities
 - Be available to help the Jr. Board if needed

Additional Shows (optional)

- ❖ American Royal Aberdeen Show – Held in Kansas City in October/November
- ❖ International Aberdeen Show – Held at the Houston Livestock Show in March
- ❖ NAILE – Held in Louisville in November
- ❖ Regional Shows – If it fits into the Queen/Princess schedule

Awards

- ❖ Leather Sash (to be returned and the end of their reign)
- ❖ Tiara (to be kept)

Required Dress Code

- ❖ Jeans with no rips or tears
- ❖ Show/Button Up Shirt, Closed toe shoes
- ❖ NO shorts, flip flops or sandals

Queen/Princess Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name (print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age: _____

School Attending: _____ Grade: _____

Name and Address of Local Paper(s): _____

Are you a Junior member of the Aberdeen Jr. Association? _____ Number of Years: _____

Would you be willing to travel at your expense to the Junior National Show to attend the AJAA show, annual meeting, banquet and other activities and the National Western Stock Show and Banquet if you were chosen for this position?

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Guardian's Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Member of the Aberdeen Association? _____ Number of Years: _____

Please answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper:

1. Why do you want to be the American Aberdeen Queen/Princess? (In 250 words or less)
2. Clubs and community involvement. (If applicable, please list honor and awards received)
3. What are your hobbies, leisure activities and other interests?
4. What are your plans and goals for the future?

Email the completed application to:

Danielle Langley • dlangley@easton449.org

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