

2024 AJAA Junior Nationals

Boone, Iowa

June 16th – June 21st



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TENTATIVE Schedule of Events & Contest

Sunday, June 16th:

Cattle may start arriving

Monday, June 17th:

8:30am – 12pm	Check-in and Register --- Turn in poster contest entries
10am – 12pm	Tattoo Reading and <i>Ultrasound Competition - pending</i>
12pm – 1pm	Lunch – not provided
1pm – 1:30pm	Cattle must be in place
1:30pm – 2pm	Opening ceremonies and group picture
2pm – 2:30pm	Skill-a-thon contest
6:30pm	Pot-luck

Tuesday, June 18th:

8am	Morning Round-up
8:30am – 9am	Showdown Showmanship Preparation
9am – 10:30am	Showdown Showmanship
10:30am – 12pm	Speech Contest
12pm – 1pm	Lunch – Sponsorship available
1:30pm – 4:30pm	Quiz Bowl
5pm – 6pm	Barnyard Olympics
7:00pm	Interviews – Junior Board and Royalty

Wednesday, June 19th:

8am	Morning Round-up
8:30am – 9:30am	Sullivan Supply Fitting Demonstration
10am – 11am	Sullivan Supply Team Fitting Contest
12pm – 1pm	Lunch – Sponsorship available
1pm – 2pm	Annual Meeting
2pm – 2:30pm	Team Marketing Demonstration
3pm – 6pm	Team Marketing Contest

Thursday, June 20th:

8am	Morning Round-up
8:30am – 9am	Sullivan Supply's No-Fit Showmanship Demonstration
9:30am	Sullivan Supply's No-Fit Showmanship Contest
	Over-The-Hill Showmanship after No-Fit Showmanship
12pm – 1pm	Lunch – Sponsorship available
1pm – 5pm	Afternoon Activity – More Information to Follow
6pm	Banquet

Friday, June 21st:

7:30am	Morning Round-up
9am	AJAA Show – Order to Be Announced

2024 AJAA Junior Nationals Rules and Regulations

Sponsorship and Eligibility:

This show is sponsored by the American Junior Aberdeen Association. The show is open to all AJAA members. Members who turned 22 years old before January 1, 2024 are not eligible. **No alcohol or smoking will be permitted.**

- ❖ Animals must be registered in the sole ownership of the junior exhibitor by **May 20th, 2024**, to be eligible to show.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Entries must meet Iowa health regulations.
- ❖ Entry fees are **\$55 per head**. Bred and Owned Heifer Entries are **\$40 per head**. Entries must be made by 11:59 on or before **May 25th 2024**. Late entries are **\$75 per head** and will be accepted until **June 1st, 2024**.
- ❖ Online entries will be done on Showman App. Please look for the link for entries on the AAA website and our social media.
- ❖ Cattle check-in will begin Monday, June 17th at 8:30AM.
- ❖ Stalls will be assigned to exhibitors according to state.
- ❖ **GENERATORS ARE HIGHLY RECCOMENDED!**
- ❖ **We reserve the right to pull DNA on any animal.**
- ❖ 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.
 - Unethical fitting includes any injection of gas, solid or liquid under the skin to alter the normal conformation of the animal.
 - This includes any cutting or tearing of the hide, or underneath the hide, or removal of any tissue in an attempt to alter the shape of the animal.
 - 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.
 - Any attempt to change the degree of firmness of any animal is considered unethical. Artificial means that the filling of cattle internally is prohibited.
- ❖ Initial bedding will be provided. Additional bedding will be available. Tie out bedding is not provided.
- ❖ Sullivan Supply will be onsite for show supply needs.
- ❖ Exhibitors must be present to exhibit their own animals entered in the show; emergencies will be decided on by the AJAA Board of Directors.
- ❖ Tie out stalls will be available on the fairgrounds.
- ❖ Any bull older than 12 months must be shown with a nose ring.

Arrival & Departure Times

Cattle begin arriving no earlier than Sunday June 16, 2024 and **must be** in place by June 17th at 1pm. Contact Shea Esser (608) 778-2913, Courtney Walker (575)-840-7444, or Shane Goss (720) 202-7798 for special arrangements. Cattle will be released following the show.

Heifer Show

Junior Heifer Calf	01/01/2024 and younger
Winter Heifer Calf	10/01/2023 to 12/31/2023
Senior Heifer Calf	08/01/2023 to 9/30/2023
Summer Yearling	05/01/2023 to 07/31/2023
Spring Yearling	03/01/2024 to 04/30/2023
Junior Yearling	01/01/2023 to 02/28/2023
Senior Yearling	12/31/2022 to 08/01/2022

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

Fullblood Division

Fullblood heifers born on or after August 1, 2022 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, 2022 and be a registered percentage female from 50% to less than Fullblood American 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.

Cow/Calf Pair:

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, 2023. 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 classes.

Aberdeen Steer Rules

- ❖ No steers over 24 months of age
- ❖ Divisions and 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 Fullblood	87.49% to 50%
Prospect	Up to 500lbs	Up to 700lbs
Progress	501-700lbs	701-900lbs
Market	Over 700lbs or 17-20 months	Over 900lbs or 17-20 months

Market Animals:

- ❖ All steers and heifer between 49.99% to 25% Aberdeen are eligible to compete.
- ❖ 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:

	87.5% to Fullblood
Prospect	Up to 800lbs
Progress	801-1,000lbs
Market	Over 1,000lbs or 17-20 months

Ultrasound Competition (Optional) – Monday, June 17th

Entry per animal \$20. Top heifer and top steer will be awarded. The contest will be scored by combining the Ribeye per HWT score and the IMF score. Ties will be broken on ribeye shape. This contest will not be used for points

- ❖ The AJAA BOD is still currently working on securing someone to perform this contest
- ❖ Entries for this contest will be done at registration

Poster Contest – Monday, June 17th

- ❖ Poster will be turned in at Check-In on Monday, June 17th by 12pm
- ❖ Topic – Why do you love American Aberdeens?
- ❖ This contest is for junior and pee-wee members. Will not count towards Overall points.

Skill-a-thon Contest – Monday, June 17th

- ❖ This contest is designed to increase awareness of the issues of animal well-being, quality assurance and show animal ethics. Contestants will go from station to station complete identification or scenarios presented. Identification or scenarios can be based on the following:
 - Livestock Equipment
 - Beef Breed Identification
 - Retail meat cut identification
 - Feedstuff identification
 - Reproduction
 - Quality assurance exercise
 - Management, performance, or marketing problems
 - Other
- ❖ Full details will be available at registration.
- ❖ This contest will be used for point accumulation.

Potluck Dinner – Monday, June 17th

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

Showdown Showmanship – Tuesday, June 18th

Intermediates, Juniors, and Seniors will be eligible to participate

- ❖ Participants must fit their own animal in their own chute in the provided designated area.
* Note: No adult or other AJAA member is permitted to help in fitting*
- ❖ Participants have 45 minutes to complete their fitting process. *Note: Absolutely NO fitting is to be done prior to contest start
- ❖ Participants must show their animal following fitting. * Participants will be judged on both fitting as well as showmanship skills in over all tabulation.
- ❖ Points will NOT be rewarded for this contest

Speech Contest – Tuesday, June 18th

- ❖ Contestants will put together a speech according to their age division.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ The speeches will be performed away from others and will only be performed in front of judges and people helping with the contest.

Division:	Time Limits:	Topic:
Junior	Not to exceed 5 minutes	How was the American Aberdeen developed and what is the history in the United States?
Intermediate	Not to exceed 5 minutes	How can the American Aberdeen breed make an impact in the cattle industry?
Senior	5 to 7 minutes	To Be Determined – Seniors will present an extemporaneous speech. Materials will be provided and given a set amount of time prior to presentation.

Quiz Bowl – Tuesday, June 18th

- ❖ Quiz Bowl is a single elimination tournament with a participation drawn at random.
- ❖ Questions cover both the beef industry in general and the American Aberdeen Breed.
- ❖ Each round consists of 15 toss of questions
- ❖ Any contestant may answer a toss-up question; however, the contestant must first press the buzzer and be recognized by the quizmaster
- ❖ The quizmaster reads a toss-up question until the question is completed of a contestant buzzes in
- ❖ 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 seconds
 - Contestants are warned that toss-up questions may have more than one part, so “buzzing in early” may hurt the team’s score.
- ❖ If the answer given by the first responder is correct, they will gain the points.

- ❖ If the answer given by the first contestant is incorrect, the toss-up question will be repeated for the opposing team.
 - An individual on the opposing team must sound his/her buzzer before the individual may answer the question
 - The team is never allowed to confer on a toss-up question
- ❖ If neither team answers the toss-up question correctly, the quizmaster goes on to the next question
- ❖ 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 3 questions correctly will be declared the winner.

Interviews – Tuesday, June 18th

- ❖ **Junior Board of Directors:** Application form and rules are in this packet and will be posted online. Contact: Shea Esser (608) 778-2913, Courteney Walker (575) 840-7444, or Shane Goss (720) 202-7798
- ❖ **Queen and Princess:** Application form and rules are in this packet and will be posted online. Direct questions to Courteney Walker (575) 840-7444

Team Fitting – Wednesday, June 19th

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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.
- ❖ This contest is for points.

Team Marketing – Wednesday, June 19th

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ The team will be responsible for developing its own marketing strategy.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ The following topics should be discussed:
 - Pedigree information
 - Performance information
 - Visual characteristics
- ❖ The judge’s questions will not necessarily be limited to the three topics listed above.
- ❖ Teams will be discounted for using notes but are encouraged to use reference materials.
- ❖ Each team will be responsible for selecting an animal to use.

- Two copies of registration certificates should be provided. (Printer available in AJAA Office)
- Points will be deducted for teams that do not supply two certificates.
- 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.
- ❖ Points will be awarded as follows:
 - Knowledge - 25 points
 - Ability to communicate - 25 points
 - Team organization - 25 points
 - 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.

No-Fit Showmanship – Thursday, June 20th

Sponsored by Sullivan Supply – Stock Show U

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Every participant will need to be able to handle the animal by themselves safely.
- ❖ 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 or at the judges preference.
- ❖ Age Break: As of January 1st, 2024
 - Senior (15-21 years of age)
 - Intermediate (10-14 years of age)
 - Junior (9 years of age and under)

PeeWee Showmanship – Thursday, June 20th

- ❖ Exhibitors must be able to handle the calf adequately and safely. Helpers may help in this division. It is preferred that the helper be an AJAA member.
- ❖ This division is set up for any member who feels that it is the appropriate division for them.
- ❖ Exhibitors must be an AJAA member.
- ❖ No points will be accumulated from the division for the overall awards

Over-the-Hill Showmanship – Thursday, June 20th:

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!

Overall Points System

Overall awards will be awarded to the following:

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

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 Skill-a-thon, Speech, Quiz Bowl, Team Fitting, Team Marketing, and showmanship, 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**

Fairground Info:

Boone County Fairgrounds Campgrounds
1601 Industrial Park Rd.
Boone, IA 50036



AJAA Board of Directors

The new AJAA Board of Directors will be elected during the 2024 Junior National show in Boone, IA.

Qualifications:

- ❖ Applicant must be at least 15 years old as of January 1, 2024
- ❖ Must have participated in Junior Nationals for at least one year prior to applying
- ❖ Applicant must be a member of the AJAA in good standing
- ❖ Application form must be sent to americanjunioraberdeen@gmail.com by June 1st, 2024 or turned in at Junior Nationals
- ❖ Term length is 2 years
- ❖ Application must be accompanied by 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, descriptions of any recognition or awards received and achievements through showing American Aberdeen Cattle.

Board members must be willing to travel, at their own expense to the Junior National Show, the National Western Stock Show, and one additional meeting during every year during their term.

** If you are applying, it is suggested to bring a white button up shirt and khaki slacks to wear if you are selected to be on the Junior board during banquet



AJAA Board of Directors Application

During Junior Nationals, 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 interest in running for the AJAA Board of Directors may complete the application and return it to email address: americanjunioraberdeen@gmail.com

Application

Name (print): _____ D.O.B. ___/___/_____ AGE: ___

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent's Names: _____

Parent's Address: _____

Hometown Newspaper & Contact Info: _____

Years involved with beef cattle? _____ Member of the FFA or 4-H? _____ How many years? _____

List Relevant Projects: _____

List offices held or club responsibilities:

Highlight any special recognition or awards:

Record of American Aberdeen Activities:

Years involved with American Aberdeen projects: _____ Heifers: _____ Steers: _____

How did you become interested in American Aberdeen cattle?

List achievements through showing or promoting American Aberdeen cattle:

Are you a member of a regional American Aberdeen junior program or other cattle organization?

If so, who and where: _____

Would you be willing to travel to the Junior National Show, National Western Stock Show for the annual banquet and fundraiser, and one additional meeting each year if you were elected to the AJAA BOD, and do so at your own expenses? YES ___ NO ___

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

Essay- With this application, send a one-page, typed, single-spaced essay about your goals as an AJAA BOD.

SEND COMPLETED FORM, ESSAY, AND RECENT PHOTO to the above email.

American Aberdeen Queen and Princess

American Aberdeen Queen and Princess Rules

The new AJAA Queen and Princess will be chosen during the 2024 Junior Nationals show in Boone, Iowa. During the Junior National Event, AJAA will select a new Queen and Princess. Members interested in running for Queen or Princess position may complete the application form and email to: americanjunioraberdeen@gmail.com by May 31st, 2024.

Qualifications:

- ❖ Contestants for Queen must be between the ages of 15 to 21 and the Princess must be between the ages of 9 to 14, as of January 1, 2024.
- ❖ 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 resubmit an application.

Rules:

- ❖ Queen, at her own expense, will provide a color or black and white photograph to the board for publicity purposes
- ❖ Contestants must complete the Master of Beef Advocacy Program sponsored by the Beef Check-off program
- ❖ When the Queen and Princess are representing the American 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 judgement. Also, professional/appropriate dress is very important. Please ask what the proper attire is when scheduling an event if you are unsure.

Activities:

American Aberdeen Royalty is to attend **National Western Stock Show** and **Junior Nationals**, at their own expense. Additional shows, sales, or conferences are not required. Duties at shows will include:

- ❖ Pass out ribbons at Open and Junior Shows
- ❖ Meet people and promote the breed
- ❖ Take pictures with the winners and exhibitors. This includes backdrop photos.
- ❖ Attend the banquet at the National Western Stock Show

Awards:

- ❖ Leather Sash – to be returned at the end of their reign
- ❖ Tiara – to be kept

Dress Code:

- ❖ Show Shirt or Nice Dress Blouse
- ❖ Jeans with no rips or tears
- ❖ Cowboy Boots or nice shoes - ABSOLUTELY NO SHORTS, FLIP-FLOPS OR SANDLES



Queen/Princess Application

Email completed application and pictures to
americanjunioraberdeen@gmail.com

Application

Name (print): _____ D.O.B. ___ / ___ / ___ AGE: ___

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent's Names: _____

Parent's Address: _____

Hometown Newspaper & Contact Info: _____

Years involved with beef cattle? _____ Member of the FFA or 4-H? _____ How many years? _____

List Relevant Projects:

List offices held or club responsibilities:

Highlight any special recognition or awards:

Record of American Aberdeen Activities:

Years involved with American Aberdeen projects: _____ Heifers: _____ Steers: _____

How did you become interested in American Aberdeen cattle?

List achievements through showing or promoting American Aberdeen cattle:

Would you be willing to travel at your expense to the Junior National Show and to National Western Stock show at your own expense if you were to get the position? YES ___ NO ___

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

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

SEND COMPLETED FORM, ESSAY, AND RECENT PHOTO to the above email.