

Showdown 2024

24th Annual Canadian Junior Angus Show

July 18-20, West Niagara Fairgrounds, Grassie, ON

Detailed Rules & Regulations

1. Showdown 2024 is open to all Canadian Junior Angus Association members. Entrants **must** have paid their 2024 annual membership fee of \$26.25 GST included (**add HST** if applicable) to be eligible to participate in Showdown 2024.
2. All participants **must** be 21 years of age or under on December 31, 2023.
3. Exhibitors **must** be in attendance at the show and **must** participate in at least four (4) events. Note that attendance at the Thursday night Extravaganza is also a requirement in order to participate in conformation classes.
4. Animals exhibited in the open division may be owned by anyone but **must** be shown by the junior that entered them.
5. Animals exhibited in the owned division **must be owned only by the entrant**. Cows to be shown in the pair classes **must** have ownership by entrant for at least 12 months prior to the show.
6. Animals exhibited in the bred and owned division **must** carry the **entrant only** as the breeder and the owner on the registration paper. The entrant **must** be the breeder and the owner of both the cow and calf for pairs exhibited in this division.
7. Animals entered in the commercial division **must** show Angus characteristics. A committee will be designated to assess the significance of Angus influence in commercial entries. The committee has the power and duty to disqualify any animals deemed to be showing very little or no Angus influence. The committee's decision is final.
8. A copy of the registration paper for each animal **must** accompany the entries. American animals entered by Canadian juniors **must** have Canadian papers in order to show. Entry fee is a flat fee of \$60 per participant until June 1, after June 1 the fee is \$100. This fee includes entry into all competitions except the conformation classes. Entry into conformation classes is \$10 per class, after June 1 the fee is \$20 per class. All entry fees **must** accompany entries and made payable to Canadian Junior Angus. Note that cattle entries will **not** be accepted at the show.
9. Animals entered in the show **must** be shown by the entrant unless special circumstances arise, ruling to be determined by the board. Classes will be determined after the entry deadline and will contain approximately 10 animals.
10. Animals may be entered in a maximum of one class except 2024 calves and animals entered in the Peewee divisions. 2024 calves are eligible to be entered in pair classes and calf classes. If the pair advances to the female championship, the calf becomes ineligible for the heifer calf class. Animals entered in the Peewee division maybe shown in other divisions (provided they qualify) by another Junior. Peeweeps may enter animals in the Peewee division or they may enter in the other divisions, provided their animal qualifies.
11. A junior member who does not have an animal at Showdown 2024 may use another participant's animal in grooming and showmanship.
12. All animals **must** be broken to lead and all yearling and two-year old bulls **must** be shown with a ring or a humbug. If the animal in question poses a threat to the safety of other participants it will be removed from the show.
13. Tampering with and unethical fitting of cattle is prohibited.
14. Paint/dye products are not allowed in the show and any animals treated with product will be disqualified from the competition.
15. **Absolutely no adult or non-entrant participation will be tolerated.** A volunteer committee will be monitoring the barns, washrack, fitting area and tie outs at all times. Warnings will be given for adult or non-entrant participation at the discretion of the committee members. One warning will be given, and a second infraction will result in removal of the junior and all entries from Showdown 2024 and the fairgrounds. (Younger Juniors may be assisted by older Juniors - - sign up sheets will be available).
16. **Alcohol and drugs are prohibited in the barns and at Showdown functions for the duration of the show.**
17. The CJA dress code will be in effect for the duration of the show. Shorts and skirts must be fingertip length (below the end of your finger tips when standing erect with your arms held down to your side), no backless shirts, no midriffs exposed and no undergarments exposed.
18. Embryo transfer calves that have been on a recipient cow can not be shown with the genetic mother.
19. Recipient cows and dams of calves entered in the calf classes will be accommodated.
20. The show apparel is to be worn for all conformation and showmanship classes.
21. Stall cards will be provided by CJA and **must** be used instead of farm stall cards. Farm signs are allowed to decorate stalls.
22. The age divisions for all competitions will be as follows:
Peeweeps → 8 years & under; Juniors → 9-12 years; Intermediate → 13-16 years; Seniors → 17-21 years (as of December 31, 2023).
Peewee competitions are not judged, if they so wish Peeweeps may enter as a Junior competitor and be judged against the Junior Age Division.
Division entered **must** be provided at time of entry on entry form.
23. Substitutions will be allowed. Information on substitutions **must** be provided to the show office upon arrival.
24. Once cattle are stalled, they are not permitted to leave the show grounds until release time.
25. Infraction of any of the above rules may result in expulsion from the show.
26. The CJA Board has the right to decide on any point not covered by these rules.

Conformation

1. **Peewee Division:** purebred or commercial - animal may be owned by the exhibitor or by someone else.
 - a. Heifer born in 2024
 - b. Heifer born in 2023
 - c. Bull born in 2024
 - d. Steer born in 2024
 - e. Steer born in 2023

2. **Open Division:** purebred animal is owned by someone other than the junior exhibitor.
 - a. Heifer born in 2024
 - b. Heifer born in 2023
 - c. Two Year Old Female
 - d. Mature Female

3. **Owned Division:** purebred animal must be owned by only the junior exhibitor.
(Cows must be owned for at least 12 months prior to the show.)
 - a. Heifer born in 2024
 - b. Heifer born in 2023
 - c. Two Year Old Female
 - d. Mature Female

4. **Bred & Owned Division:** purebred animal must be bred & owned by only the junior exhibitor.
 - a. Heifer born in 2024
 - b. Heifer born in 2023
 - c. Two Year Old Female
 - d. Mature Female

5. **Bull Division:** purebred animal
 - a. Bull born in 2024
 - b. Bull born in 2023
 - c. Bull born in 2022

6. **Commercial Division:** animal must be owned by the junior exhibitor and must exhibit Angus Characteristics.
 - a. Heifer born in 2024
 - b. Heifer born in 2023
 - c. Two Year Old Female
 - d. Mature Female
 - e. 2024 Steer
 - f. 2023 Steer

7. **Canadian Class:** purebred animal must be owned by the junior exhibitor or their immediate family.
All animals with no imports showing in their registration certificate qualify for this class.

**Entry into the following competitions is included in the \$60 entry fee.
Participants must enter in at least four (4) events and are encouraged to enter
as many competitions as possible.**

Grand Aggregate

- Point System is as follows for all events

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	Rest
6 pts	5 pts	4 pts	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	1 pt

- Points will be awarded in each competition and the individual that attains the most points in each age category will be declared the winner
- To qualify for this Award the junior must participate in at least eight (8) of the following competitions: Conformation (if entered in more than one class, we take your best placing); Showmanship; Literature; Judging; Scrapbook; Photography; Art Competition; Graphic Design; Print Marketing; Sales Talk; Team Grooming; Public Speaking

Print Marketing

- This portion of the competition requires the participant to create an advertisement
- The ad must promote a topic to be distributed at Showdown.
- All supplies will be provided

SCORE:	35%	<i>Clarity of what is being promoted.</i>
	30%	<i>Neat and Organized</i>
	<u>35%</u>	<i>Originality of Design</i>
	100%	

Sales Talk

- A live setting, complete with a potential buyer as a judge. Contestants provide their own 'props' and stay in the area designated for the competition with the judge. This contest evaluates an actual sales talk given to a potential buyer by the contestant.
- Topics for use in the sales talk competition will be available at Showdown.
- It is suggested that the Contestants first describe the sales situation to the buyer (eg. Potential 4-H/Junior project) and then discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the item in a conversational style which includes interaction with the buyer.

SCORE:	30%	<i>Knowledge</i>
	30%	<i>Ability to relate information</i>
	20%	<i>Poise and Delivery</i>
	<u>20%</u>	<i>Overall Effectiveness</i>
	100%	

Showmanship

- Showmanship classes will be held separately from conformation. All exhibitors are **automatically entered**. If you do NOT wish to participate, indicate that with entry, or when registering at the show. Animals will be made available for participants not exhibiting animals. Based on showmanship skills - presentation of oneself and presentation of how the animal is shown. This competition is 'dry brush' - no glue allowed.

Judging Competition

- Peewees and Juniors will go first with assistance provided by older members if wanted. Intermediate and Seniors will follow and there will be a 15 minute time limit for each group.
- On an individual basis, participants will judge one (1) beef class
- Classes will be determined at the show by the Show Committee
- Participants have to complete written reasons on the class on the cards they are given

SCORE:	70%	<i>Logic of reasons given</i>
	<u>30%</u>	<i>Their placing compared to Official</i>
	100%	

Note: The top six (6) Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors from the Judging Competition will be paired by the drawing of names from a hat for Team Judging. (Peepees are also encouraged to participate).

Show Ring Team Judging

- The finalist teams are expected to judge a class of heifers in a show ring setting
- Peepees and Juniors will judge a class of heifer calves
- Intermediates and Seniors will judge a class of bred heifers
- One of the team members will act as the ring person and the other will act as the Judge
- The participant acting as the judge must give oral reasons over the microphone in front of an audience
- All other teams must be out of the judging area and unable to hear reasons being given by other teams

SCORE: 55% *Teamwork ability*
20% *Clarity of reasons - how well person spoke on microphone and conducted themselves*
20% *Logic of reasons - how well Judge explained his/her placing*
5% *Appearance*
100%

Team Grooming

- Teams of two (2) participants of the same age category
- Compete in a 10 - 20 minute grooming competition, depending on whether or not power is available
- Any animal may be used for this competition
- Animal must be washed and dried before the grooming competition
- Before any grooming can be done each entry must be examined by the Judge
- Any fitting prior to commencement of the competition will result in disqualification of the team from the competition
- Clippers and blowers may only be used if power is available
- Paint products or any product that alters the color of the animal may not be used
- All entries will be judged in a show ring situation
- Once at chute area you are not allowed to leave so bring all equipment with you
- If entries warrant, there maybe splits and animals that have competed in early splits will be kept in a designated area and further fitting will not be allowed.

SCORE: 35% *Knowledge and skill*
25% *Teamwork*
20% *Use of Equipment*
15% *Final Appearance*
5% *Presentation of Animal*
100%

Scrapbook

- Scrapbooks must be completed by the junior exhibiting
- A specific theme related to agriculture should be carried throughout the scrapbook
- Scrapbooks can include photographs (posed and pertinent candidates), newspaper and magazine clippings, programs from events etc.
- Scrapbook entries are to be brought to Showdown where judging will take place.

SCORE: 25% *Cover*
25% *Creativity (color, use of materials, page decoration)*
25% *Originality (theme uniqueness)*
25% *Neatness and Organized*
100%

Art Competition

- Artwork submitted must be original work by the junior exhibiting it
- Artwork is to depict something related to the Angus Industry.
- Artwork cannot be computer generated. Artwork can be a farm sign for use in your display.
- Any medium may be used (pencil, paint, clay, wood, etc.)
- All mediums are judged together
- Artwork will be kept on display for the duration of the show and can be returned to the artist if desired
- By entering the artwork the artist consents to the use of the art by CJA or the CAA for any purpose although ownership is retained by the exhibitor
- Artwork entries are to be brought to Showdown where judging will take place.
- Only one (1) entry per exhibitor

SCORE: 40% Originality
40% Creativity
20% Skill/Quality
100%

Public Speaking

- The speech may be on any subject pertaining to Angus cattle, the beef industry, Showdown or Junior activities
- The speech must be the result of the contestant's own efforts and cannot have been presented for any other competition
- Speeches will be presented to a panel of judges
- Speeches will be: Peewee 1-2 minutes; Junior 2-4 minutes; Intermediate 3-5 minutes and Senior 4-6 minutes
- Deductions of ½ a point per 10 seconds will be made from score by each judge for speeches under or over the specified length
- Each contestant will be allowed up to five (5) minutes to answer questions from the judges
- Speaking order will be determined by drawing lots out of a hat
- Contestants may use cue cards however excessive use will result in score deductions
- Visual aids are not allowed

SCORE: 70% Presentation
30% Speech content and organization
100%

Photography

Note: Photographs in each division become the sole property of CJA and may be used for promotional or other purposes by CJA or the CAA. Only one entry per exhibitor.

- The photograph must be taken by the Junior exhibiting it
- Photographs must be 4" x 6" and submitted without framing or presentation
- Photographs must be entered in one of the following categories:
 - a. Angus Animal - focus of the picture is an Angus animal(s)
 - b. Angus Scenery - focus of the picture is split between the Angus animals and the background/ location of the photo
 - c. Angus Animals and People - focus of the pictures include Angus animals and people
- Photography entries are to be brought to Showdown where judging will take place.
- Photography entries will be on display at the show
- All categories will be judged together.

SCORE: 40% Clarity
35% Quality
25% Originality
100%

Graphic Design

- All work must be done by the junior entering it
- The entry must be current year's work and cannot have been presented for competition at a previous event
- Limit one (1) entry per exhibitor
- Entry must be created using computer technology and printed on paper
- The graphic design must be promoting our breed, our organization, our industry, or an individual herd.
- Examples of entries are flyers, posters, advertisements, newsletters, brochures etc.
- By entering the graphic design the exhibitor consents to the use of the graphic design by CJA or CAA for any purpose
- Graphic Design entries are to be brought to Showdown where judging will take place.
- Graphic Design entries will be on display at the show

SCORE: 30% Creativity
30% Originality
30% Message Clear and Concise
10% Organized
100%

Literature Competition

- Literature entries must be typed in plain font, no smaller than a font size 12
- Entries must be original works created by the Junior
- Literature entries must be entered in one of the following sections:
 - a. Poetry
 - b. Fiction - 3000 words or less
 - c. Non-Fiction - 3000 words or less
- All sections will be judged together
- Entries must be agriculture related
- Only one (1) entry per exhibitor
- Literature entries become the sole property of CJA and may be used for promotional and other purposes by CJA or the CAA
- Literature entries are to be brought to Showdown where judging will take place.
- Literature entries will be on display at the show

SCORE: 40% Content
35% Grammar
25% Originality
100%

Angus Cook-Off

- Teams (**minimum of four juniors per team**) to compete in a cook-off
- Participants will be provided with two (2) steaks and a gas barbeque as well as utensils. Steaks are available from the show office the afternoon of the competition if teams wish to prepare/marinate them.
- Participants are encouraged to bring your own spices and ingredients for marinades, garnishes etc. and to provide recipes to CJA if requested. Costumes are encouraged.
- All entries are judged by a panel of judges

SCORE: 50% Taste
25% Appearance
15% Presentation
10% Creativity
100%

Best Herdsman Competition

- The judging of this competition begins on Thursday morning and ends after the Conformation Classes
- Must have a minimum of three (3) head tied in your display

SCORE: 25% *Aisle & Bedding - cleanliness and general appearance*
25% *Animals- clean and well groomed*
25% *Personnel attending cattle - knowledgeable, friendly, teamwork enthusiasm*
25% *Equipment Boxes, Signs - well arranged, attractive and general appearance*
100%

Spirit of Youth Award

- Judging occurs while the entire competition is on

SCORE: *Friendly/Fun; Team Player; Enthusiastic; Helps Others*
Leadership Qualities
100%