

2012 OCA BEST Ohio Beef Expo Junior Show

** All Steers and Market Heifers will show by weight**

** No Cattle Permitted on the Grounds before 6 a.m., Wed., March 14 **

The 2012 Ohio Beef Expo will host the Ohio Cattlemen's Association BEST Junior Show March 16-18 in Cooper Arena at the Ohio State Fairgrounds. Showmanships will be held on both Friday, March 16 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, March 17 at 3 p.m. Showmanship on Friday evening will be a BEST only contest. The junior show will be Sunday, March 18. The market animal show will begin at 8 a.m. with Angus steers and the breeding heifer show will begin at 9 a.m. with Angus heifers. Steers and market heifers will be showing in one ring while breeding heifers will be showing concurrently on the other side.

All cattle must arrive by 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 17. No prior entries are required. Starting Thursday, March 15 at 1 p.m. cattle will be stalled by show management, at which time all entry fees must be paid. Any exhibitor stalling without the permission of show management will be asked to move. Exhibitors not cooperating with this request will be ineligible to show. Upon arrival at the show all cattle must remain in the barn or at designated tie-outs at all times and may not leave the grounds. Cattle are **NOT** permitted in the horse barn at any time. Exhibitors found utilizing this area will be asked to leave and could face disqualification. No health papers are required for animals entered in the junior show. Check-in will be on Friday from 1-5 p.m. and on Saturday from 8-11 a.m. To participate in Friday's showmanship, exhibitors must be checked in by 4 p.m. on Friday, March 16.

Co-chairing the event are John Friedline at 937-313-5111 and Brett Rogers at 513-659-6965. Other committee members include Luke Bihl, Trish Cunningham, J.L. Draganic, Allen Gahler, Chris Gilbert, Jenna Gilbert, Melissa Henwood, Darrin Johnston, Eric & Megan King, Andy Korb, Gail & Greg Martindale, Chad Payton, Todd Ricker, Patrick Saunders, Jess Smith and Sara Wilson-Surber. For additional information, contact the Ohio Cattlemen's Association at 614-873-6736 or visit the Expo Website at www.ohiobeefexpo.com. The OCA Ohio Beef Expo Junior Show hotel headquarters will be the Crowne Plaza North at I-71 North and 161. Call 614-885-1885 for reservations.

Show Committee is NOT Responsible for Accidents.

1. Entries: (No prior entries required.)

- All entry fees (stalled inside the barn or at the viaduct) are \$45 per head for BEST Exhibitors and \$50 per head for non-BEST exhibitors. Entry fees are non-refundable for disqualified exhibitors. All exhibitors must be current OCA members. OCA family memberships are \$60.00. All entry fees must be paid upon stalling. The entry fee includes stalling and tan bark bedding in the barn. Tan bark is not provided for exhibitors stalling at the viaduct. The OCA membership must be in the name of the junior show exhibitor's immediate family. Immediate family is defined as a membership in the parents' name or the membership has the same address of record as the junior show exhibitor.
- The junior show is open to Ohio junior exhibitors only.
- Juniors purchasing heifers in an Expo sale are permitted to enter them immediately after the sale providing the bill of sale is in the junior's name and verification of pedigree and age. Heifers purchased at an Expo sale are eligible to be nominated for the BEST program and receive points at the show. **All heifers purchased in an Expo sale must show in the breed division where they sold.**

2. Stalling information:

- **No cattle or equipment are permitted on the Ohio Expo Center grounds prior to 6 a.m. on Wednesday, March 14.**
- **All cattle must remain in the barn or at designated tie-outs at all times and may not leave the grounds before or after check-in. Any violations of this rule will result in dismissal from the fairgrounds.**
- No access to the barn for stalling will be permitted until 1 p.m. Thursday, March 15. All junior show exhibitor trailers must be parked in the trailer lot north of 17th Avenue.
- Bedding is provided in the barn. Available for purchase in the viaduct.
- Cattle will be stalled in the Gilligan Building by show management only after all entry fees are paid. Any exhibitor stalling without the permission of show management will be asked to move. Exhibitors stalling after operating hours of the show office must check-in at the show office by 8 a.m. the following day. Those who fail to do so may be dismissed.

- Cattle are **NOT** permitted in the horse barn at any time. Exhibitors found utilizing this area will be asked to leave and could face disqualification
- No alterations to stalls will be allowed. Damages caused by alterations will be billed to the exhibitors.
- No early reserving of viaduct space will be permitted. Viaduct space will be on a first come basis beginning at 6 a.m., Wednesday, March 14; to mark a viaduct tie area, the space must be bedded with end panels. Any signs posted will be removed and any pens chained shut will be cut. When at tie out, all cattle must be tied. **There will be a 12-head minimum required in each viaduct bay.**
- Exhibitors will forfeit any possible premiums if tied out in a non-designated area.
- No grooming chutes will be permitted beneath the viaduct.
- **All tents must be on the west side of the viaduct with the east side of every tent completely open.**
- Fitting will be permitted in front of the viaduct on show day.

3. Make-up Ring:

- Entry into the make-up ring during the Sunday show will be limited to the exhibitor and one additional person.

4. Exhibitor age requirements:

- It is a junior show; eligible exhibitors are anyone 8 years old as of January 1, 2012, but not older than 21 years of age as of January 1, 2012.

5. Cattle age requirements:

- Steers and market heifers born on or after January 1, 2011.
- Breeding heifers born on or after September 1, 2010.

6. Breed Classes:

- Exhibitors must have original registration papers at time of check in. No copies or faxes will be accepted-**NO EXCEPTIONS**. The original registration certificate must be in the name of the junior exhibitor who is exhibiting the animal. The show committee reserves the right to evaluate all breed steers and heifers for breed standards.

- Cattle without registration papers and legible tattoos that correspond to registration papers will be considered crossbred. Each animal can only be entered in the show once.
- The following breed classes will be offered based on breed minimum percentages as noted below:

Breed	Heifers	Steers
Angus	purebred	purebred
Chianina	ACA Minimum	ACA Minimum
(sire or dam of animal is registered with the ACA)		
Hereford	purebred	purebred
Maine-Anjou Steers	1/4 (Green or Brown Papers)	
High % Maine Heifer	3/4 (Brown Papers)	
MaineTainer Heifer	1/4 (Green Papers)	
Shorthorn Plus	1/2	1/2
Shorthorn Purebred	(15/16)	3/4
Purebred Simmental	7/8 and up	
% Simmental Heifers	1/2 to 3/4	
Simmental Steers		1/2

All Other Breeds (animals with registration papers, but not listed above - i.e Charolais, Limousin, Red Angus and Branhvieh) Animals with registration papers, that do not have a breed division listed above may show as AOB, providing they meet their breed's minimum percentage for their national junior shows. If the animal qualifies for a breed division, it must show in that division.

7. Premiums:

- Market Animal (Steers and Market Heifers) - Top Five - \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200, \$100 and awards
- Heifers - Top Five - \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200, \$100 and awards
- Steers & Heifers - \$100 for Champion and \$50 for Reserve Champion Breeds, AOBs, crossbred divisions, and market heifers.

8. Show Classifications:

- Steers will be shown by weight and breed.
- Market heifers will be shown by weight.
- Crossbred breeding heifers will be shown by weight.
- Registered breeding heifers will be shown by breed and age from youngest to oldest.
- No reweighing after initial check-in.

9. No Farm Tags or Identifying Marks

No identifying tags or marks on animals or exhibitors will be permitted at a BEST sanctioned show. This means no farm tags, special show harnesses or marked show shirts are allowed. Only BEST tags, county fair tags, EID tags and brands will be permitted. This rule applies to all animals and exhibitors entered in a BEST sanctioned show, including animals and exhibitors not in the BEST program. If an animal enters the ring with an unacceptable tag or identifying mark it will be disqualified from the show and will earn no points if they are a BEST animal.

10. State of Ohio's Livestock Exhibition Rules

The show will enforce all mandatory rules under Ohio's Livestock Exhibition Rules as set forth in Chapter 901-19 of the Ohio Administrative Code and the optional rules 901-19-33 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

A. General Information

The Ohio Department of Agriculture may provide mediation, dispute resolution, and arbitration service involving any violation of a rule for exhibiting livestock. In addition, to any discipline imposed by the sponsor of a OCA Best show the Ohio Department of Agriculture may take disciplinary action in accordance with R.C. 901.74.

B. Grooming Requirements

901-19-33 Prohibited Grooming Practices:

The following grooming practices are prohibited:

- Using any substance to enhance or change the color of the livestock, including the livestock's hide or hooves;
- Adding any substance externally to build up, change or alter the shape or conformation of the livestock, including by way of example, but not limited to rope, false hair, graphite, hemp, and powders;
- Pigmented grooming aides or materials.

In addition, colored or pigmented substances, i.e. paint, excluding clear substances, are prohibited from use on steers and heifers at all OCA BEST sanctioned shows. Painting of the hooves is prohibited. The sponsor of the exhibition will enforce rule 901-19-33 of the Prohibited Grooming Practices. Any exhibitor at an OCA BEST sanctioned show that does not follow the rule will be disqualified and all premiums and awards will be forfeited. OCA BEST members that do not follow rule 901-19-33 will be disqualified as described above from that show only and their points for that particular show will not count in the OCA BEST program.

C. Penalties and Participation

Any exhibitor and their animal (BEST or non-BEST,) his or her immediate family, members of the individual's household and others acting on behalf of the exhibitor that violates mandatory Ohio's Livestock Exhibition Rules 901-19-01 through 901-19-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code (which includes 901-19-13 pumping of cattle) will cause the exhibitor, and their animal (BEST or non-BEST,) his or her immediate family, members of the individual's household and others acting on behalf of the exhibitor to be barred from participating in an OCA BEST sanctioned show for a period of three years from the date of the violation. If the exhibitor in violation of Ohio's Livestock Exhibition Rules has shown their animals, all animals placing below them will not move up and OCA BEST points will not be adjusted. The Ohio Beef Expo Junior Show Committee reserves the right to conduct testing of any animal at the show. Testing can be done on winners, at random, or for reasonable suspicion for possible violations of Ohio's Livestock Exhibition Rules.

11. OCA Show Eligibility Resulting from Violations of Ohio's Livestock Exhibition Rules at Other Shows:

Any individual and his or her immediate family or member of the individual's household who has been found in violation of Ohio's Livestock Exhibition Rules from acts of tampering or violations of other exhibition rules (with any species) will be barred from exhibiting cattle at the Ohio Beef Expo. All decisions of sponsors and other bodies holding fairs and shows shall be given full faith and credit and will be observed and enforced coextensively at shows sponsored by the Ohio Cattlemen's Association. Any individual and his or her immediate family or member of the individual's household who has been found in violation of Ohio's Livestock Exhibition Rules or violations of other exhibition rules involving a livestock exhibit is barred from participating in any shows sponsored by the OCA for a minimum period of three years, and may not be reinstated without express written permission which may only be granted following a review at the end of three years by the OCA board of directors.

12. Showmanship:

- Two showmanship competitions will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 16 and 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 17 in Cooper Arena. For each show the ring will be split and two different age divisions will be evaluated simultaneously. The judge in one ring will evaluate two divisions, while the judge in the other ring will evaluate two age divisions. Different judges will be used for each show. Junior Show participants may choose to show in one or both showmanship competitions. If BEST participants show in both showmanship competitions, two sets of BEST points will be awarded during Expo. The showmanship contest being held on Friday, March 16 will be a BEST only showmanship as directed by the BEST sanctioned show rules.

- Showmanship will be ungroomed. The following four age divisions will be offered in showmanship: Beginner Division 8-10, Junior Division 11-13, Intermediate Division 14-16 and Senior Division 17-21. While there will not be a Novice Division, novice points will be tracked within the OCA office as they align within the four separate showmanship age divisions. Age divisions will be as of January 1, 2012.

- Participants must show their own animal and that animal must be entered in the show. Participants who make the final cut(s) must show the same animal that they showed in their heat.

- Class breaks will be posted and exhibitors must show in their posted class.

- Exhibitors participating in the BEST only showmanship must be registered by 4:00 p.m., Friday, March 16. Registration for the second competition must be completed by 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 17 at the conclusion of check-in. Sign up for showmanship will take place outside the show office during check-in times.

- Showmanship order will be youngest to oldest starting with Beginner and ending with Senior.

- Exhibitors will be required to wear a back number for showmanship.

- The limit on the number of times an exhibitor's animal can get loose in showmanship is two. If it gets loose a third time, the exhibitor will be excused from competition.

13. No Health Certificates Required:

- No health certificates will be required for steers or heifers in the 2012 junior show.
- The Expo show committee reserves the right to excuse cattle showing visible signs of communicable disease.

14. Committee Decisions:

The OCA Ohio Beef Expo Junior Show Committee has the final decision on all issues pertaining to the show. The OCA Junior Show is not responsible for accidents. Protests or complaints must be presented by exhibitor and/or immediate family member of exhibitor.



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