

2019 OCA BEST Ohio Beef Expo Junior Show

** No cattle permitted on the grounds before 7 a.m., Wednesday, March 13, 2019 **

** Registered animals must be in the junior exhibitor's name; exhibitors must show their own animal. **

There will be no check-in on Saturday, March 16th. All cattle must be entered online, stalled and checked in by 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 15.

**** Exhibitors that have not had their tattoos checked at a previous BEST sanctioned show must have proof of registration to verify tattoos at check-in ****

** There will be a set number of viaduct bays sold on Breeders' World Online Sales during the Junior Show Online fundraiser on March 5, 2019. Complete details will be available at www.ohiobeefexpo.com. **

The 2019 Ohio Beef Expo will host the Ohio Cattlemen's Association (OCA) BEST Junior Show March 15-17 at the Ohio Expo Center. Showmanship will be held Saturday, March 16 at noon. The junior show will be Sunday, March 17. The breeding heifer show will begin at 8 a.m. and the market animal show will begin at 9 a.m. Steers and market heifers will show in one ring while breeding heifers will show concurrently in the other ring.

The OCA Expo Junior Show Committee is chaired by Bill Tom, other committee members include: Andrew Armstrong, Jenna Barbour, Kerrigan Blue, Kyle Culp, Kelvin Egner, Christina Fisher, Matt Kleski, Audrey Nickles, Kyle Nickles, Ryan Sorensen, Ashton Walls and Kyle Walls. 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 Hilton Columbus/Polaris call 614.885.1600 for reservations.

1. Entries: (All entries are made online at best.ohiocattle.org and are encouraged to be made starting on Monday prior to the show)

ALL SHOW ENTRIES MUST BE MADE ONLINE. All participants must register into the system at best.ohiocattle.org and enter their cattle information even if they are not a BEST participant. This is the first step before online entries can be made. The online show entry window will open the Monday prior to Expo.

Exhibitors can pay for their show entries online with a credit card or may make online entries prior to the show and pay by cash or check upon arrival at the show. Computers will be available at check-in for those who choose to make their entry upon arrival at the show; however, exhibitors are encouraged to make entries before leaving home.

All entry fees (stalled inside the barn or at the viaduct) are \$60 per head for BEST exhibitors and \$65 per head for non-BEST exhibitors. Entry fees are non-refundable. All exhibitors must be current OCA members. OCA family memberships are \$75. 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.

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 of the Buckeye program. See Best of the Buckeye Rule #13 for eligibility rules. **All heifers purchased in an Expo sale must show in the breed division where they sold.**

2. Identification

All cattle showing in the junior show, BEST and non-BEST, will be required to have an EID tag. All cattle that arrive at the show without an EID tag, BEST or non-BEST will be charged \$20 per head to put an EID tag in.

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 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.

3. Stalling & Check-In information:

No cattle or equipment are permitted on the Ohio Expo Center grounds prior to 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 13.

There will be a set number of viaduct bays sold on Breeders World Online Sales during on the Junior Show Online fundraiser on March 5, 2019. Complete details will be available at www.ohiobeefexpo.com.

The remaining viaduct bays and Gilligan Building stalling will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 13. The line for ALL (remaining viaduct and barn) stalling will start outside of the Jr. Show Office, located on the South side of the Gilligan Building.

Exhibitors may reserve stalls for other exhibitors if they have all of their information, the other exhibitor is a paid, current member of OCA and has entered and paid for their show entries.

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 show.

There will only be one stall per animal available in the Gilligan building. Exhibitors in violation of the rule will be asked to move per the junior show committee's discretion.

No access to the barn for stalling will be permitted prior to Wednesday, March 13 at 7:30 a.m. cattle will be stalled by show management at which time all entry fees and OCA memberships must be paid. Any exhibitor stalling without the permission of show management may 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. All cattle must be entered online, stalled and checked in by 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 15. Please arrive with cattle at least an hour prior to ensure completion of stalling, entries and check-in by 8:00 p.m. Upon arrival at the show all exhibitors must check-in first, before stalling. Check-in will be on Friday from 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. With online entries, check-in will consist of bringing your animal through the chutes to have its EID ear tag scanned. Tattoos will be verified and registration papers will be checked if they have not been done at previous BEST shows, and/or weighed if you are showing a steer, market heifer or crossbred heifer.

All junior show exhibitor trailers must be parked in the trailer lot north of 17th Avenue. Trailers on the grounds prior to the start of the show on Sunday, March 17 may be subject to removal.

Bedding is provided in the barn; and is available for purchase in the viaduct. Exhibitors may bring in their own bedding if they choose.

- **Tents will NOT be allowed inside the Gilligan Building.**

Cattle are **NOT** permitted in the horse barn at any time.

No alterations to stalls will be allowed. Damages caused by alterations will be billed to the exhibitors assigned to that designated area.

A set number of consecutive viaduct bays will be sold for premium viaduct stalling. All proceeds from viaduct stalling will go back to the Jr. Show Exhibitors. Complete details will be available at www.ohiobeefexpo.com. There will still be a 12-head minimum per bay enforced on all viaduct bays.

All tents must be on the west side of the viaduct with the east side of every tent completely open.

Cattle will be allowed in the Gilligan building, the viaduct, and the O'Neill building for fitting only after 7 a.m. on Sunday, March 17th.

4. Show Ring:

Exhibitors must show their own animal. The only exception is if an exhibitor has two animals in one class or is showing in a separate ring simultaneously. Only one exhibitor per animal in the show ring, no additional help will be permitted. Prior to show day medical excuses and committee ruling is also accepted.

The limit on the number of times an exhibitor's animal can get loose in the show ring is two. If it gets loose a third time, the animal will be excused from that class. The class will be considered "final" when the judge begins speaking on the microphone. If an animal gets loose during the judge's comments it will not count against the exhibitor.

Exhibitors must enter their class on time. Animals arriving late to their assigned class will be ineligible to participate in the class and will be dismissed. When the first animal in the class walks, all late animals will be ineligible to enter the ring.

5. Exhibitor age requirements:

It is a junior show; eligible exhibitors are anyone 8 years but not older than 21 years of age as of January 1, 2019.

6. Cattle age requirements:

Steers and market heifers born on or after January 1, 2018. Breeding heifers born on or after September 1, 2017.

7. Breed Classes:

- All breed cattle that have not been previously verified at a BEST sanctioned show must provide registration at the time of check in. Registered animals MUST be in the junior exhibitor's name. No copies or faxes will be accepted. Electronic breed registration will be accepted. Cattle without a registration and legible tattoos that correspond to the registration will be considered crossbred. Tattoos will only be checked one time at a show. If the animal has illegible tattoos they will be placed in the crossbred division. The animal will not be permitted to leave the chute and come back.
- **Cattle may only show one time within a show.** Dual registered cattle may show only in one breed at one show. The only exception to this rule are heifers that are nominated in both divisions of the BEST program. These heifers may show as a breeding heifer in the heifer show and a market heifer in the market animal show.
- The following breed classes will be offered based on breed minimum percentages as listed: **Note-all high and low percentages must show in their appropriate division.

Breed	Heifers	Steers
Angus	Purebred	Purebred
Chianina	ACA Minimum (6.25%)	ACA Minimum
(sire or dam of animal is registered with the American Chianina Association)		
Hereford	Purebred	Purebred (Must have registration paper. Certificates will not be accepted)
Maine-Anjou Steers		1/4 (Green or Brown Papers)
High % Maine Anjou Heifers	3/4 (Brown Papers)	
MaineTainer Heifers	1/4 (Green Papers)	
Shorthorn	Purebred (¹⁵ / ₁₆)	15/16
ShorthornPlus	1/2	1/2
Simmental Steers		1/2
Purebred Simmental Heifers	7/8 and up	
% Simmental Heifers	1/2 to 3/4	
Miniature Breed (s)	National Junior Show eligible	National Junior Show eligible
High % AOB Heifers	National Junior Show eligible	
Low % AOB Heifers	National Junior Show eligible	
All Other Breeds (AOB) Steers		National Junior Show eligible

The High % and Low % All Other Breeds (AOB) divisions offered are for registered heifers that do not have their individual breed offered as a division. Registered heifers and steers that do not have their own breed division offered will show in their appropriate AOB division, providing they meet their breed's minimum percentage to be eligible to show at their respective breed's national junior shows. ALL AOB steers will show in one division and will not be split into a High % and Low % AOB division. Registered cattle that do NOT meet the breed percentage requirement for their respective breed's national junior eligibility requirement will show in the Crossbred division, not as an AOB. The High % AOB division will combine the breeds that are eligible, for example: Charolais, Gelbvieh, Limousin, etc. The Low % AOB division will combine the breeds that are eligible, for example: CharComposite, Balancer, LimFlex, etc.

****Please note**** - Low percentage Chianina and Simmental heifers will show in the Crossbred division, not the Low % AOB

8. Premiums:

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

9. Show Classifications:

- Steers will be shown by breed and weight.
- 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 re-weighing after initial check-in.

10. Livestock Judging Contest

The junior show and Expo committee reserve the right to utilize any animal entered in the junior show in the livestock judging contest on Friday morning. The exhibitor or family has the right to lead the animal during the judging contest.

11. Parking

No vehicles will be allowed to park between the Gilligan building and the viaduct throughout the entirety of the Ohio Beef Expo.

12. Livestock Tampering & Misrepresentation Rules For Ohio Beef Expo BEST Show

The exhibitors and their animals, (BEST or non-BEST), their family members, and others acting on the behalf of the exhibitors, will follow Ohio's Livestock Show Reform Law, Chapter 901 of the Ohio Revised Code, and all rules under Ohio's Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules, as set forth in Sections 901-19-1 through 901-19-21 and Section 901-19-33 of the Ohio Administrative Code. The BEST Committee reserves the right to test and/or ultrasound any animal at a BEST Show. The BEST Committee, at its sole discretion, may test and/or ultrasound winners, at random, or upon reasonable suspicion of possible violations of any of the Ohio Livestock Show Reform Law and its related rules or other OCA BEST Rules. By participating in a BEST sanctioned show, exhibitors (BEST and non-BEST) consent to BEST committee members, OCA staff and show management entering the tents, trailers, and other areas where animals may be housed at a BEST sanctioned show, prepared for the show, or transported to or from the show.

To view the complete set of tampering rules see BEST Rule#14 sections A, B, C & D

13. Best of the Buckeye - Ohio's Premier Bred, Born & Raised Registered Steer and Heifer Youth Event

The Best of the Buckeye show will take place within the existing Ohio Beef Expo Junior Show on Sunday March 17, 2019.

All Ohio Beef Expo (OBE) and BEST rules apply to Best of the Buckeye (BOTB) exhibitors. To be eligible for the Best of the Buckeye program, cattle must be registered, and the breeder of the registered animal must pay a one-time per animal nomination fee. Animals nominated for Best of the Buckeye will also need to be entered in the Ohio Beef Expo Junior Show.

The OBE will pick the top 3 heifers and steers in each breed division for the BOTB program. BOTB placings will coincide with the show's class placings. The top 3 animals from each class will come back immediately following the breed's final drive to show for the BOTB final drive.

To receive awards, animals must be shown by their owner. An exception is made if the Best of the Buckeye participant owns two or more animals that are in the same class. In this scenario another junior exhibiting at the Ohio Beef Expo may exhibit the second animal and the participant would still be eligible for awards with both animals.

Cattle can be nominated prior to the Ohio Beef Expo by March 1, 2019, at a \$25 per head nomination fee. After March 1, 2019, breeders can nominate cattle through check-in at the Ohio Beef Expo on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at an increased late nomination fee of \$75 per head. (Cattle showing in both of the BOTB shows, Expo and the Ohio State Fair, may pay a one-time nomination fee of \$40 by March 1, 2019.)

OCA Best of the Buckeye breeder and exhibitor nomination forms along with Best of the Buckeye rules and information are posted on the Ohio Cattlemen's Association website www.ohiocattle.org under the Youth tab.

14. Showmanship:

The showmanship competition will be held at noon on Saturday March 16, 2019. 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 three age divisions. Beginner will start in one ring, followed by Intermediate. Junior will start in the second ring, followed by Novice. Seniors will show in whichever ring finishes first.

Showmanship will be ungroomed. The participant's age on January 1, 2019 is used to determine age division. Anyone who has reached 22 years of age before 1/1/ 2019 is ineligible to compete. Age divisions will be: Beginner Division 10 and under, Junior Division 11-13, Intermediate Division 14-16, Senior Division 17-21, and the Novice Division for first or second year BEST participants ages 11-16. BEST participants ages 11-16 may choose to show in their specified age division with other participants or they can participate in the Novice Division where only first or second year BEST participants will be competing. Showmanship participants will only be allowed to compete in one showmanship division. (i.e. - an 11 year-old BEST participant eligible for the Novice division may not compete in the Junior and Novice showmanship divisions. They must choose one division.)

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.

The show committee may randomly break showmanship age divisions into multiple heats as needed. Exhibitors must show in that posted heat.

Showmanship sign-up is completed through the online show entry and must be completed by the close of check-in on Saturday.

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. The class will be considered "final" when the judge begins speaking on the microphone. If an animal gets loose during the judge's comments it will not count against the exhibitor.

Exhibitors must enter their class on time. Exhibitors arriving late to their assigned class will be ineligible to participate in the class and will be dismissed. When the first animal in the class walks, all late animals will be ineligible to enter the ring.

15. No Health Certificates Required:

No health certificates will be required for steers or heifers in the 2019 junior show. The Expo show committee reserves the right to excuse cattle showing visible signs of communicable disease.

16. Committee Decisions:

The OCA Ohio Beef Expo Junior Show Committee has the final decision on all issues pertaining to the show. Issues will be reviewed on a case by case basis and the committee does reserve the right to dismiss individuals from 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.

Visit www.ohiobeefexpo.com for more information.

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