

2021 OCA BEST Ohio Beef Expo Junior Show

**** No cattle permitted on the grounds before 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 17, 2021 ****

**** All exhibitors and their families must follow the OCA BEST COVID Plan and Ohio Beef Expo COVID Plan that requires face masks.**

****NEW FOR 2021 - ALL Ohio Beef Expo stalling will be done online.**

****NEW FOR 2021 - ALL Ohio Beef Expo Jr. Showmanship participants MUST be entered online by Tuesday, March 16 to participate in showmanship.**

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

**** All cattle must be entered online via www.best.ohiocattle.org**

**** Exhibitors' cattle that HAVE NOT had their tattoos checked at a previous 2020-21 BEST sanctioned show must have proof of registration to verify tattoos at check-in ****

The 2021 Ohio Beef Expo will host the Ohio Cattlemen's Association (OCA) BEST Junior Show March 18-21 at the Ohio Expo Center. Showmanship will be held Friday, March 19 at 1:00 PM. The junior market animal show will be Saturday, March 20, and the junior breeding heifer show will be Sunday, March 21. The market animal show will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the breeding heifer show will begin at 8:00 a.m.

The OCA Expo Junior Show Committee is chaired by Bill Tom, other committee members include Erin Alava, Andrew Armstrong, Drew Baus, Devin Coon, Christina Fisher, Shane Riley, Ryan Sorensen and Trevor Tom.

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, March 8, 2021)

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 Monday, March 8.

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.

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 before stalling will be assigned. 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 program and the Buckeye Breeders Series points division. See Buckeye Breeders Series rule #13 for eligibility. **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, special masks 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, Arrival Deadlines & Check-In information:

No cattle or equipment are permitted on the Ohio Expo Center grounds prior to 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 17.

All stalling for Junior Show cattle will take place online March 10-12, like state fair stalling has been handled in previous years. Stalling will open the 10th and close the 12th. Exhibitors will use a map of the barn and remaining viaduct bays, if available, to submit their top three preferences. Stalls will be assigned based on these submissions. There will be no in-person stalling available. Links to the online stalling will be available in early March.

Exhibitors may reserve stalls for other exhibitors if they have all 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 17 at 7:30 a.m. Cattle will be stalled online by show management prior to arrival 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 8:00 a.m. the following day. All market animals must be entered online and arrive by no later than 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 19 to be checked-in and all heifers must be entered online and arrive by no later than 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 20 to be checked-in. Please arrive at the fairgrounds with cattle at least one hour prior to the closure of check-in to ensure completion of stalling and check-in. Upon arrival at the show all exhibitors must check-in first, before stalling.

Check-in Times:

- Thursday, March 18 - 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 19 - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and steers only 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 20 - heifers only 6:00 - 8:00 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 may be loaded when the exhibitor's cattle are finished showing.

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.

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

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

4. Show Ring:

Exhibitors must show their own animal. The only exception is if an exhibitor has two animals in one class. 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, 2021.

6. Cattle age requirements:

Steers and market heifers born on or after January 1, 2020. Breeding heifers born on or after September 1, 2019.

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 is 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	Heifer	Steer
Angus	Purebred	Purebred
Charolais	Purebred	
% Charolais	50% - 15/16	
Charolais Steer		50%
Chianina	6.25%	Breed Minimum
Hereford	Purebred	Purebred (must have registration papers)
High % Maine-Anjou	3/4 - brown papers	
MaineTainer	1/4 - green papers	
Maine-Anjou Steer		1/4
Shorthorn	15/16	15/16
ShorthornPlus	1/2	1/4
Purebred Simmental	7/8	
% Simmental	1/2 - 3/4	
Simmental Steer		1/2
Miniature Breed(s)	National Jr. Show Eligible	National Jr. Show Eligible

High % AOB	National Jr. Show Eligible	
Low % AOB	National Jr. Show Eligible	
AOB Steer		National Jr. 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: Gelbvieh, Limousin, etc. The Low% AOB division will combine the breeds that are eligible, for example: Balancer, LimFlex, etc.

*****Please note** - Low percentage Chianina and Simmental heifers will show in the Crossbred division, not the Low% AOB. Also, ChiAngus heifers and MaineAngus heifers with upgraded papers will be eligible for the High % AOB division.***

8. Premiums:

- Market Animal (Steers and Market Heifers) - Top Ten - \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200, \$100, \$50, \$50, \$50, \$50, \$50, and awards
- Heifers - Top Ten - \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200, \$100, \$50, \$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. Parking

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

11. Livestock Tampering & Misrepresentation Rules

The exhibitors and their animals, (BEST or non-BESD, 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-BESD 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.

At the time of testing, any market animal being tested (BEST or non-BESD must be clear of any drug residue and be clear of any withdrawal periods. Any breeding heifer being tested (BEST or non-BESD must be clear of any drug residue and/or withdrawal period on performance and show enhancing drugs. Market heifers that are also showing as breeding heifers and fall into both categories must abide by the market animal residue and withdrawal parameter.

A. Pumping of Cattle is Prohibited

Ohio's Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules 901-19-13, an unacceptable practices mandatory rule, prohibits using a stomach tube or pump for any purpose other than relieving tympany or gas. If a stomach pump is used for medical purposes to relieve tympany or gas on the day of show, the animal will not be permitted to show that day.

B. Grooming Requirements

Based upon Rule 901-19-33, Prohibited Grooming Practices, the following grooming practices are prohibited: a.) Using any substance to enhance or change the color of the livestock, including the livestock's hide or hooves.

b.) 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.

c.) Pigmented grooming aides or materials.

In addition, colored or pigmented substances, i.e., paint, are prohibited from use on steers and heifers at all OCA BEST sanctioned shows. Painting of the hooves is prohibited. Use of clear substances is permitted. The sponsor of the exhibition will enforce rule 901-19-33, Prohibited Grooming Practices. Any exhibitor and the exhibitor's animal (BEST or non-BESD at an OCA BEST sanctioned show that does not follow the rule will be disqualified and all premiums and awards will be forfeited. If the disqualified exhibitor has shown the exhibitor's animals, all animals placing below them will not move up. OCA BEST members who 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 for Violation of Livestock Tampering & Misrepresentation Rules at OCA BEST Shows

The OCA BEST Committee and Ohio Cattlemen's Association Board of Directors may impose discipline, and/or the Ohio Department of Agriculture may take disciplinary action in accordance with O.R.C. 901.74. When determining penalties, OCA will consider, among other factors, the fact that the BEST program is sponsored by OCA for the development of youth, the desire and necessity of maintaining the integrity of the BEST program, the severity of the violation compared to industry standards, and how similar violations have been handled in the past. BEST Committee sanctions may include, but not be limited to, the following: the participant, family members (including but not limited to siblings who are BEST participants), or business partners (including but not limited to their children who are BEST participants) associated with the specific violation(s) lose points for a show, lose points for multiple shows, and/or be barred from current or future participation in the BEST program and other OCA events and programs. Persons found to have violated BEST rules by the BEST Committee have the right to appeal in writing within 30 days of the BEST Committee's decision to a committee appointed by the President of the OCA Board of Directors. The Committee's decision will be communicated in writing and will be final.

BEST rule violators will be responsible for reimbursing legal fees incurred by the OCA before they are considered in good standing with OCA for the purposes of future event or program eligibility.

Any exhibitor and the exhibitor's animal (BEST or non-BESD, their family members, and others acting on the behalf of the exhibitor, that violate mandatory Ohio Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules 901-19-01 through 901-19-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code (including Rule 901-19-13 G pumping of cattle) or other OCA BEST rules not part of Ohio's Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules will cause the exhibitor and the exhibitor's animals (BEST or non-BESD) to be subject to severe disciplinary action. The exhibitor and the exhibitor's immediate family members (siblings with the same address), as defined in BEST program Exhibitor Rule 3, may also be subject to being barred from participating in an OCA BEST sanctioned show for a period of up to three years from the date of the violation. In addition, BEST exhibitors in violation of a rule and their animals will be immediately dismissed from the BEST program and lose all BEST points for showmanship and animals. The barred exhibitor and/or the exhibitor's family may request a hearing for reinstatement with the OCA BEST Committee and the OCA Board of Directors at any time during the penalty period determined by the BEST Committee and OCA Board of Directors. The Committee and the Board of Directors reserve the right to adjust the penalty period based upon the findings of the Ohio Department of Agriculture. In the final months of any penalty period, the OCA Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, may review the facts and circumstances prior to reinstating barred exhibitors. If the Board of Directors, or the OCA executive director, has not notified the exhibitor of the status of reinstatement prior to the last day of the penalty period, the exhibitor will be deemed reinstated.

OCA reserves the right to publish names of all parties youth and/or adult (BEST and non-BESD) involved in a rule violation through official OCA member print publications and digital communication.

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

Any individual and his or her immediate family or member of the individual's household who has been found by the Ohio Department of Agriculture to be in violation of mandatory Ohio Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules 901-19-01 through 901-19-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code and has been barred for future show participation (with any species) will be barred from exhibiting cattle in any OCA BEST sanctioned show. OCA will give all decisions of sponsors and other bodies holding fairs and shows full faith and credit and will observe and enforce such decisions coextensively at shows sponsored by the Ohio Cattlemen's Association. In the final months of any penalty period, the OCA Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, may review the facts and circumstances prior to reinstating barred exhibitors. If the Board of Directors, or the OCA executive director, has not notified the exhibitor of the status of reinstatement prior to the last day of the penalty period, the exhibitor will be deemed reinstated.

12. Buckeye Breeders Series - Ohio's Premier Bred, Born & Raised Registered Steer and Heifer Program

The Buckeye Breeder Series (BBS) is a points division of the BEST program. BBS champions will be selected within the existing Ohio Beef Expo Junior Show on Saturday and Sunday March 20-21, 2021.

To be eligible for the Buckeye Breeders Series program, cattle must be nominated for the BEST program and entered in the Ohio Beef Expo Junior Show.

The OBE will pick a champion and reserve BBS heifer and steer in each breed division for the BBS program. BBS placings will coincide with the show's class placings. The top two animals from each class will come back immediately following the breed's final drive to show for the BBS final drive.

To receive awards, animals must be shown by their owner. An exception is made if the BBS 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.

Juniors who purchase heifers in OBE sales may show them on Sunday in the junior heifer show. Junior buyers wishing to show as BBS will need to become BEST participants at \$60 per head. Buyers must have them checked in by Saturday evening to exhibit Sunday.

13. Showmanship:

Showmanship sign-up is completed through the online show entry and must be completed Tuesday, March 16, 2021 to show. The showmanship competition will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 19, 2021. Two different age divisions will be evaluated simultaneously. 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, 2021 is used to determine age division. Anyone who has reached 22 years of age before 1/1/2021 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 their assigned heat as posted.

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.

14. Animal Health

No health certificates will be required for steers or heifers in the 2021 junior show. The Expo show committee reserves the right to excuse cattle showing visible signs of communicable disease.

15. 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 reserves the right to dismiss individuals from the show. The OCA Junior Show is not responsible for accidents.

Visit www.ohiobeefexpo.com for more information. Online entries can be made by visiting best.ohiocattle.org.