

2017 Miniature Hereford Junior National Rules

Registration, Entry and Fees

FINAL ENTRY DEADLINE is May 15, 2017. All animals must be registered and transferred ON OR BEFORE May 15th to be eligible to show.

ENTRY FEES ARE \$65 PER ENTRY.

Entry fees are nonrefundable.

All entries must be in place in the barn by 8:00 am June 21, 2017.

Individual entry forms and required fees must be submitted by **May 15, 2017**. The areas of competition in which an individual will participate must be designated at this time.

Exhibitors must be current Miniature Hereford Breeder Association members at the time of entry for entries to be accepted. To complete membership or renewal online go to:

New membership <http://miniaturehereford.org/join-mhba/>

Renewal: <http://miniaturehereford.org/join-mhba/renew-membership/>

Release will be after the banquet on Saturday June 24th or Sunday morning June 25th.

There will be no premiums paid to MHJN exhibitors.

Release will begin after the banquet Saturday June 24th, barns must be empty Sunday June 25th by 1:00 PM.

Eligibility

All participants in the 2017 MHJN must hold a membership with the MHBA.

Participants must have reached their 3rd birthday by January 1, 2017.

Participants must not have reached their 22nd birthday by January 1, 2017.

No participant will be discriminated against as a result of a physical, emotional or mental handicap. The only request is to specify on the entry form so accommodations can be made.

Each entry must be owned solely by the junior exhibitor and in his/her recorded ownership before May 15, 2017 at time of entry. No joint ownership with farm name or family name is, allowed, doing so will result in false entry rendering it ineligible.

Youth not exhibiting an animal are still eligible to participate in the contests for a \$20 fee; this includes a T-Shirt. A separate completed entry form will still be required. All youth must meet the age requirements. The only exception will be showmanship; a non-points showmanship class will be held after the points based showmanship.

Health Requirements for Cattle

All cattle must meet the health requirements for the state of Missouri. Health inspection certificates issued by your local veterinarian must bear the animal's ID, age, and breed description. Any and all questions regarding health requirements should be directed to your local or state veterinarian.

Be aware that interstate travel with show cattle now requires a government approved permanent identification tag. For females the calf-hood vaccination tag is sufficient. The best method for all other show animals is EID tags.

Original registration certificate & health papers must be presented at check-in .

Competition and Awards

Your age as of January 1, 2017, determines the division in which you will compete.

Pre - Junior Division contestants must be 3 years old on or before January 1, 2017, and not have reached their 8th birthday prior to January 1, 2017.

Junior Division contestants must be 8 years old on or before January 1, 2017, and not have reached their 12th birthday prior to January 1, 2017.

Intermediate Division contestants must be 12 years old on or before January 1, 2017, and not have reached their 16th birthday prior to January 1, 2017.

Senior Division contestants must be 17 years old on or before January 1, 2017 and not have reached their 22nd birthday by January 1, 2017.

Recognition and Awards

To receive awards, contestants must attend the awards ceremony. Exceptions must be approved by the MHJN committee by a majority vote. Application for early release must be received, in writing, by the MHJN Committee by the time cattle check-in is complete.

Awards will be presented to the top 5 participants for each age group and for all contests. Prizes for sales talk, judging, Herdsman, Premier exhibitor will be presented at the awards banquet.

In the event of ties in the overall competition, ties will be broken by comparing scores in the following events:

- a. 1st tiebreaker - Sales Talk
- b. 2nd tiebreaker - Judging Contest

Cattle Show

General Rules

All animals must be weighed and measured. Heifers and cows may be no greater than 45" tall at the hip, bulls no greater than 48' at the hip and steers may be no greater than 47" at the hip. All measurements are final.

All animals will have tattoos checked. Tattoos that are missing, illegible, altered, incorrect/or in any other way disagree with the registration paper will not be eligible to show. **CHECK TATOOS for accuracy BEFORE LEAVING FOR THE MHJN.**

Exhibitors must show their own animals unless excused by the show coordinator.

Exhibitors **MUST** exhibit their own animal independently. Parents will **NOT** be allowed in the ring.

If an animal is disruptive to its class, it is at the discretion of the show management to dismiss it from that class. Disruptive behavior includes any and all acts that may cause potential harm to the exhibitor, fellow exhibitors, ring staff, judge, or the calf itself. If the animal is dismissed the exhibitor will not acquire premier exhibitor points for that animal.

Only exhibitors who are in attendance and are physically unable to show the animals due to illness or injury will be excused. Owner may secure another Jr. Member to show his/ her animals if excused or if an exhibitor has more than one entry in the same class. No adult or fellow exhibitor may assist an exhibitor in the show ring. If an animal gets away three times in the same class, including showmanship, they will be excused from the ring.

Use of hemp hair, removed hair, or other hair-like materials added to the animal's body will not be allowed. MHJN does not allow surgical or any other alterations to the animal that alters the animals original color pattern and conformation. Exhibitors found in violation of this rule will be disqualified.

No artificial filling (pumping/drenching) of animals will be allowed unless under the advice of a licensed, nonowner veterinarian. Exhibitors found in violation of this rule will be disqualified.

The MHJN reserves the right to DNA any cattle being shown within their breed divisions. Should testing reveal that the animal has been misrepresented on its registration papers, the exhibitor will be immediately withdrawn from the MHJN event in its entirety. This applies to both steers and heifers

If all requirements are not met, the show coordinator reserves the right to disqualify any entries.

All persons making entries in the show, participating or attending this event do so at their own risk and agree to abide by all the rules and regulations as stated and will not hold the Miniature Hereford Jr. Nationals, the Miniature Hereford Youth Foundation, the Miniature Hereford Breeders Association, the Litton Agri Science Agriculture Center, or any person's or companies associated with this event responsible for any and all accidents to any person, animal, article or personal property.

The MHJN committee reserves the right to combine or split classes.

Each contestant may bring and exhibit an unlimited number of entries to the MHJN but will only receive premier exhibitor points for their top 3 entries.

The registration paper issue date must be on or before May 15, 2017.

Only cattle being exhibited at the MHJN will be allowed on the fairgrounds. Any cattle not being exhibited at the MHJN will be asked to leave the grounds.

All cattle must meet the health requirements for Missouri. Health inspection certificates issued by your local or state veterinarian must bear the animal's ID, age and breed description and be presented at check in.

For the MHJN, contestants are required to wear the official provided show shirt during the cattle show June 24, 2017. The only exception will be the bred & owned heifer show.

Site-specific protests must be filed at the MHJN Sanctioned Show. Any person wishing to have an animal inspected is required to submit a written protest accompanied by \$500.00 in cash or cashier's check. The person placing the protest is responsible for all costs incurred to verify the protest. Written protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint and must be filed before the championship drive at the sanctioned show. If inspection is not sustained, the protest money will be forfeited. Protests will be handled by the board of directors from the MHYF & MHBA.

There will be NO allowance for fans placed in any of the cattle aisles. The use of butt fans is prohibited. Fans hanging from blocking chutes are also prohibited. Only hanging, overhead fans in the stalls will be allowed in the cattle barn.

Cattle will be stalled on a common bedding that will be in place upon the exhibitors' arrival at the show.

No ranch or farm signs will be allowed in the barn. Each exhibitor will be provided a stalling card for each entry, this will be the only signage allowed in stalling area.

Steer Show

All general rules will apply to the steer show i.e. ownership, participant age, fitting, etc..

Entries are open to Miniature Hereford steers sired by a registered Miniature Hereford bull and a registered Miniature Hereford cow

Steers must have been born after January 1, 2015, and be registered with the American Hereford Association. The registration certificate must be issued in the name of the exhibitor.

Weights will be recorded. This data will be used for breaking classes. We will select a Grand Champion Prospect Steer and a Grand Champion Market Steer.

Prospect steers will not have exceeded 1 year of age as of June 1, 2017.

Heifer Show

Heifers must have been born after May 31, 2015, and prior to May 15, 2017, and be registered with the American Hereford Association. The registration certificate must be issued in the name of the exhibitor.

Note: You may show the heifer calf at side of the Cow/Calf pair in the regular female show, as long as she is born prior to May 15, 2017. If you choose to do so, you must enter both the Cow/Calf pair and the calf. *Bred and

Owned is separated from Owned. An additional fee is required if you choose to enter the Owned and Bred & Owned competition. If you have a heifer calf that is at the side of a cow/calf pair and you want to show in the owned show and the bred & owned show that will be a total of 3 entries.

Owned heifers are defined as entries in which the registration certificate is issued in the name of the exhibitor on or before May 15, 2017.

Bred and Owned heifers are defined as those in which the dam's (cow) registration certificate at the time the entry/calf was conceived was owned by the exhibitor or co owned with their junior sibling, and the exhibitor has been the continuous and sole owner of the animal (offspring). Registration paper issue dates apply to Bred and Owned cattle.

Cow/Calf Competition

There is no maximum age for cows.

Calf must be natural calf, no more than 270 days in age as of the day of the show. Polled and horned pairs will be combined in one cow/calf show.

Bull and heifer calves in the cow calf pairs are eligible to show in individual classes. They must be entered individually and pay the additional entry fee.

All general rules will apply to the cow/calf show i.e. ownership, participant age, fitting, etc.

Bulls

Owned bulls must be born after January 1, 2015.

Horned and polled bulls will show together.

The registration certificate must be issued in the name of the exhibitor.

Bull and heifer calves in the cow calf pairs are eligible to show in individual classes. They must be entered individually and pay the additional entry fee.

A bull over one year of age is required to have a ring in his nose; if not he will be excluded from the MHJN.

All general rules will apply to the bull show i.e. ownership, participant age, fitting, etc.

Arts & Crafts

Contestants with any special "artistic" skill (painting, video, sculpture, artistic posters, music, etc.) may put enter their exhibit. Exhibits must promote the Miniature Hereford Breed in some way.

Contestants must submit a signed Statement of Originality, that will include a short description about the process and supplies used to create the entry. Statement of Originality will be submitted at check in.

Duplications of entries in previous years is not permitted.

Contestants must complete the exhibit by themselves, without assistance from a parent/adult. Parents are allowed to help Pre Juniors complete the Statement of Originality.

Contestants may enter a maximum of three entries. Only one entry per contestant will be able to place in the top five of their age division.

Scores will consist of the following criteria:

1. Quality of craftsmanship – 10 pts
2. Attention to detail – 5 pts
3. Originality/creativity/age appropriateness – 15 pts
4. Promotion of the Miniature Hereford Breed = 15 pts
5. Difficulty of medium used – 5 pts
6. Overall artistic appeal – 10 pts

Judges will be appointed by the MHJN Committee and winners will be recognized at the Awards Banquet

Beef Cook Off Contest

Teams will consist of three to four contestants; Each exhibitor may request team members at time of entry, your request is not a guarantee of the final team. All teams will be finalized by the contest committee. Each team will consist of two Pre-Juniors or Junior Members paired with Intermediate and Senior contestants.

Product cooked will be the same for all teams. This year's choice is Hamburger. Meat will be provided.

Grills will be provided as well as a "chef": to cook the product to the team's specifications

All props, side dishes etc., must be provided by the individual teams. The presentation can be as simple or complex as the team chooses.

NO alcoholic beverages may be used in the recipe, presentation or be presented to the judges.

Teams may begin preparations anytime they deem necessary on contest day to be ready for judging at the designated time. One table will be provided. Teams must supply additional materials. Adults may help during this process.

All presentations will be set up in one common area, with the judges going from table to table to complete judging

Each team must submit a copy of their beef recipe to the Contest Officials. This will not be returned.

Teams have 3-4 minute time limit for presentation; 5 minutes for judges' questions. 3 minute warning will be provided. For every 30 seconds under/over the presentation time limit, 5 points will be deducted from the presentation score.

A skit or presentation promoting your cooked beef product and the beef industry will be done in front of the judging panel, and food will be tasted simultaneously.

Judging Criteria:

- A) Presentation
 - a. Creativity – 15 pts
 - b. Teamwork – 15 pts

- c. Knowledge of product and industry – 20 pts
- B) Beef Product
 - a. Taste – 20 pts
 - b. Presentation of food – 20 pts
 - c. Originality – 10 pts

Top five placings will be recognized.

Showmanship

No-fit, no adhesive is allowed, except for heifers exhibited in the Bred & Owned heifer show, fitting will not be a factor in the judging.

Each exhibitor must use the same animal for all phases of the Showmanship Contest.

Contestants who wish to compete in Showmanship must have that animal entered in the Cattle Competition and be the exhibitor of the animal they are using for Showmanship

We will have a separate non-points showmanship class for participants who are not exhibiting an animal.

Cow/Calf pairs may not be used for Showmanship. The cow or the calf may be used individually.

Recognize top 5 at time of show.

Judging Contest

A committee of judges shall select and place all classes and listen to all reasons. The contest will consist of varying ages of bulls, steers & heifers, selected by the Judging Contest Committee members.

No member of any team, parent, or advisor shall be allowed in the judging contest area to inspect the cattle prior to the contest.

While the contest is in progress, **ONLY CONTESTANTS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE JUDGING AREA!!** There shall be no conferring between contestants or between parents and/or advisors and contestants. Any violation of this rule will result in disqualification of the contestant.

Contestants must provide note taking materials for use while judging reason/question cattle.

Contestants must remain with their assigned groups throughout the entire contest unless otherwise directed by their group leader

Participants do not have to be exhibiting an animal at the show

Winners will be announced at the awards banquet.

Judging Contest will be separated into two divisions:

1. Pre Junior & Junior
2. Intermediate and Senior

Pre Junior & Junior Division:

Will judge two classes, with one questions class. The judging committee will determine the age appropriate questions. The contestants will have 5 minutes to judge each of the classes.

Pre-Junior exhibitors or any who need assistance to complete the score sheet will be assisted by the group leaders

Intermediates & Seniors Division:

Will judge four to five classes, with one set of oral reasons. The contestants will be allowed 12 minutes to place each class. There will be a two-minute time warning in each class before the signal for contestants to hand their cards in to the group leader.

Sales Talk

The Sales Talk uses a live setting, complete with animal or a photo (no larger than 8"x10"), and potential buyers. The purpose of this contest is to evaluate the effectiveness of the presentation and the contestant's ability to merchandise cattle.

Contestants may use any entry or photo (no larger than 8"x10") of an animal as the subject of the Sales Talk. However, the contestant is only allowed to use either the cow or the calf of a cow/calf entry, NOT BOTH. Whichever animal is not being used to "sell", the other part of that particular cow/calf pair cannot be anywhere near the area in which the counterpart of the pair is being sold, but rather in an area approved by the individuals running the Sales Talk event. The contestant may have another junior member hold the animal during the selling process. The heifer/cow/steer/bull is not to be fitted.

Immediately preceding the talk, contestants will be required to provide the judges with a registration certificate for the animal being "sold". The judges will use the registration certificate to evaluate the pedigree and may use the information provided by the contestant to ask questions.

The certificate will be returned to the contestant at the conclusion of the talk.

Contestants will be judged on their knowledge of the animal they are selling (25 percent), ability to relate important information about the animal (organization and style – 25 percent, poise and delivery – 25 percent), and their overall effectiveness in convincing the judge to buy the animal (25 percent).

A contestant's score will be reduced 10% if additional materials are presented to the judges other than those listed in the above rules.

There will be a designated holding area for participants and cattle. Only cattle being used for an exhibitor's Sales Talk may be in or around the competition area.

Sales Talk will be three to five minutes in length. Time elapsed will be indicated during the contest so that contestants are aware of the time constraints, a 1 minute warning will be provided.

While the contest is in progress, there shall be no conferring between contestants. Parents and/or advisors will not be allowed in the contest area. Any violation of this rule will result in disqualification of the contestant.

Participants are not required to exhibit an animal during the show to be eligible to participate in sales talk.

Winners will be announced at the awards banquet.

Team Fitting

Age Divisions:

- Pre Junior & Junior Division - 4 Person Team and will have an Intermediate or Senior mentor
- Intermediate & Senior Division – 3 Person Team

Contestants must bring any and all materials needed to the fitting area. Generators are strongly encouraged, bring extension cords.

Contestants may not use inappropriate fitting methods. Unethical fitting situations include, but are not limited to: Any altering of the natural color of the animal by the use of dyes, paints, hair coloring conditions, colored show foam, graphite, colored powders or other substances; The addition of any hair or hair like substances (including twine), false tail heads, false polls and false tail switches

Time limit: 30 minutes

Clippers may be used at the discretion of team members. Clippers will **NOT** be used during the Pre Junior & Junior Division

After fitting, each calf will be presented to the judges. The calf will be held in line by one of the fitters while the other two teammates stand behind the calf's off show side. The Judges may ask questions of the team during this time.

Judges will base placing on both fitting techniques and final results.

In the event of sub final or final heat: Teams will be allowed 5 minutes back in the chute

Participants are not required to exhibit an animal at the show to participate in the fitting contest.

Criteria for Supervising adult:

Herdsmen of the Year Award

The Junior Herdsman of the Year award is an honor bestowed upon one MHBA member at the MHJN each summer. This award is intended for an individual who generally commands respect of both juniors and adults and upholds the honor and dignity of a future cattleman. The nominee's pride in their cattle both in the show ring and at home should be evident to fellow members across the Miniature Hereford industry. A positive attitude, willingness to help out wherever needed, and diligent work ethic are of utmost necessity in candidates for this prestigious honor.

Members are encouraged to nominate junior members they deem suitable and deserving of this prestigious honor. Nominees must be active MHBA members, at least 3 years of age, and in attendance at the MHJN. This individual will be selected by Steven McIntyre and a designated selection committee.

The winner will be announced at the awards banquet.

Conduct and Liability

All junior members of MHBA in attendance at the MHJN are expected to conduct themselves in a manner becoming a junior member of MHBA.

Violations of the above standard include, but are not limited to: misrepresentation of animals, vandalism, theft, fighting, unsportsmanlike conduct, failure to comply with the directives of officials, being in possession of or under the influence of intoxicating beverages or other prohibited substances on or about the grounds, or willful violation of rules.

The Miniature Hereford Jr. Nationals, the Miniature Hereford Youth Foundation, the Miniature Hereford Breeders Association, the Litton Agri Science Center and/or any of its employees/volunteers are not responsible for any accidents/thefts.

Adult may not help, touch animal, or assist participants **PRIOR TO OR DURING THE CONTESTS**, except in the case of preventing injury/safety. Adults may not tell participants what to do, if caught doing so the exhibitor will be disqualified.