

## **2019 Miniature Hereford Junior National Rules**

### **Registration, Entry and Fees**

Online Entry Site: <https://www.fairentry.com> **Entries will Open May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

ENTRY FEES ARE \$65 PER ENTRY.

Entry fees are nonrefundable.

**FINAL ENTRY DEADLINE:** Individual entry forms and required fees must be submitted by **May 18, 2019**. The areas of competition in which an individual will participate must be designated at this time. All animals must be registered and transferred ON OR BEFORE May 18<sup>th</sup> to be eligible to show.

**There will be no Late Entries!**

All entries must be in place in the barn by 8:00 am June 26, 2019.

Release will be after the Premier Exhibitor Announcement on Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup>, barns must be empty Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup> by Noon.

There will be no premiums paid to MHJN exhibitors.

### **Eligibility:**

Exhibitors must be current Miniature Hereford Breeder Association member at the time of entry for entries to be accepted. They will need to provide their Membership Number in Fair Entry.

To complete membership or renewal online go to:

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

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

Participants must have reached their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday by January 1, 2019.

Participants must not have reached their 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday by January 1, 2019.

No participant will be discriminated against due to a physical, emotional or mental handicap. The only request is to specify on the entry form and communicate needed accommodations in advance. Approval will not be given based solely on the age of the exhibitor.

The name and member code listed on the entry form as exhibitor must also be listed on the animal's registration certificate as "owner." Joint ownerships are only allowed on bred-and-owned entries, provided the name and member code of the exhibitor is listed as "breeder" and "first and continuous owner" on the registration certificate.

The exhibitor listed on the entry will need to be the exhibitor for the show and showmanship. Siblings will not be allowed to substitute showing or showmanship participation.

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 and they will not be eligible for overall premier points 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 Oklahoma. 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, 2019, determines the division in which you will compete.

Pre - Junior Division contestants must be 3 years old on or before January 1, 2019, and not have reached their 8th birthday prior to January 1, 2019.

Junior Division contestants must be 8 years old on or before January 1, 2019, and not have reached their 12th birthday prior to January 1, 2019.

Intermediate Division contestants must be 12 years old on or before January 1, 2019, and not have reached their 16th birthday prior to January 1, 2019.

Senior Division contestants must be 16 years old on or before January 1, 2019 and not have reached their 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday by January 1, 2019.

When completing entries be sure to use your age as of January 1, 2019:

**Pre-Junior:** 3-7

**Junior:** 8-11

**Intermediate:** 12-15

**Senior:** 16-21

### **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 Poster Contest, Beef Cook-Off, Sales Talk, Judging will be awarded at the evening meals on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Nights. Herdsman of the Year and Premier exhibitor will be presented after the last show on Saturday.

### **In the Barn:**

**Only side hanging fans in the stalls will be allowed in the cattle barn.** 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. Porta Coolers are allowed; however, they will need to be run on your own generator and you cannot tie up a water supply. Generators must be placed outside of the barn.

**No ranch or farm signs or videos 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. No ranch, farm or other identifying information will be allowed in the ring (no custom ear tags, number holders, harness, farm shirts etc.) This includes any assistant helping an exhibitor in the Pre-Junior show.

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

Due to safety concerns dogs will not be allowed in the barns, tie outs or showing.

### **Cattle Show - General Rules:**

All entries showing at the Miniature Hereford Junior Nationals (MHJN) must be registered by the American Hereford Association (AHA) and be out of a AHA registered sire and dam.

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.

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.

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.**

All cattle must meet the health requirements for Oklahoma. 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.

### **Pre - Junior Show Exhibitors (3-7y/o):**

**Exhibitors may have one person to assist with exhibiting their animal.** An assistant may be a parent, adult, sibling or another junior exhibitor.

The exhibitors are to handle the showing, One show stick per animal and the use of the show stick is only to be done by the exhibitor. Adult role is for safety reasons only and is not allowed to assist with setting up of the cattle. (ex.the assistant cannot take control of the show stick/halter to set up the animal). The Pre- Junior must be attentive to their animal at all times.

If the assistant is not following the guidelines as stated above, the exhibitor will receive one verbal warning and then be excused from the show. The MHJN Committee will appoint one person to monitor assistance involvement.

Pre-Junior can choose to show up in the Junior show, if the pre-junior chooses to show up in the junior cattle shows, the pre-junior will be required to show in the Junior Cattle show for all divisions/shows. If Pre-Junior exhibits an animal in the Pre-junior cattle show, another sibling cannot exhibit the same animal in the junior show.

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

**Junior Show Exhibitors (8-22 y/o):**

**Exhibitors MUST exhibit their own animal independently. Only one person (the exhibitor) per animal will be allowed in the ring. Parents, adult or a fellow exhibitor will NOT be allowed in the ring, to assist the junior. Unless preapproved by the MHJN committee**

Exhibitors must show their own animals unless excused by the show coordinator. Only exhibitors who are in attendance and are physically unable to show the animals due to illness or injury will be excused. All exhibitors may secure another Jr. Member to show his/ her animals if excused by the show committee or if an exhibitor has more than one entry in the same class. (ex. Pre-Junior Exhibitors will use another Pre-Junior and Junior Exhibitors will use another Junior Exhibitor if the exhibitor has more than one entry in the same class).

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 an animal gets loose in the showing, an exhibitor will be given two chances to regain control of said animal throughout the duration of that particular show/class, this includes showmanship. After the third instance exhibitor and animal will be excused from the showing.

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 committee reserves the right to combine or split classes.

For the MHJN, exhibitors are required to wear the official provided show shirt during the cattle show, Saturday June 29, 2019.

Substitutions may be made only in the name of the original exhibitor/recorded owner as listed on the entry form and must be the same sex - bulls for bulls and females for females to submit a substitution please email [mhjncomm@gmail.com](mailto:mhjncomm@gmail.com) no later than May 30, 2019.

If an animal's registration has been obtained through misrepresentation or fraud, or if the date of birth, tattoo number, sire, dam or service information or any other fact regarding the animal has been misrepresented the entry and junior exhibitor will be disqualified from the MHJN event in its entirety and will not be allowed back. This applies to all entries.

The MHJN reserves the right to DNA any cattle being shown. Should testing reveal that the animal has been misrepresented on its registration papers, the junior exhibitor will be disqualified from the MHJN event in its entirety and will not be allowed back. This applies to all entries

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 MHJN show committee.

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 Claremore Expo 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.

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

### **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.

All parents, family members, mentors and guests of the junior in attendance at the MHJN are expected to conduct themselves in a manner becoming of adult, leader and role model. Role models are expected to act in an honest and trustworthy manner, act with integrity, in an ethical and respectful manner in their interactions with junior members, staff and others at the event. Violations of the standard can result in disqualification of their junior member.

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

### **Steer Show:**

Steers must have been born after January 1, 2017 and be registered with the American Hereford Association. The registration paper must state Steer and be issued in the name of the exhibitor. No steer certificates will be accepted, only registration papers.

Steers may be no greater than 47" at the hip.

Prospect steers will not have exceeded 1 year of age as of June 1, 2019.

Steer classes will be divided by weight. Classes will be determined after check in. We will select a Grand Champion Prospect Steer and a Grand Champion Market Steer.

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

### **Heifer Show:**

Heifers must have been born after May 31, 2017, and prior to May 15, 2019, 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, 2019. If you choose to do so, you must enter both the Cow/Calf pair and the calf. 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 solely in the name of the junior exhibitor before May 15, 2019. No animal is eligible to compete if recorded in joint ownership, farm name or family name, is not allowed doing so will result in false entry rendering it ineligible.

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- Exhibitor in the bred and owned category must be the breeder and the first and continuous owner of the animal entered. "Breeder" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time of service. "First Owner" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time the calf is born. "Continuous Owner" is defined as the recorded owner of the animal without history of transfer. Registration paper issue dates apply to Bred and Owned cattle.

**\*\*Bred and Owned is separated from Owned. Be sure to indicate whether your heifer(s) will show in the owned show, the bred-and-owned show, or both. Heifers exhibited in both shows will require two entries an additional fee per head is required if you choose to enter the Owned and Bred & Owned competition**

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

#### **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.

Calves at the side of cow-calf pairs may show in separate heifer or bull shows, however, additional entry fees will apply. If the calf is not showing separately an additional \$60 bedding fee applies.

**All calves on the side of the cow-calf pairs must be registered and tattooed at time of Entry.**

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, 2017.

Horned and polled bulls will show together.

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

Bull 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.

## **Divisions:**

Junior Heifer Calf - heifers calved after January 1, 2019	B/O	Owned
Senior Heifer Calf - heifers calved September - December, 2018	B/O	Owned
Intermediate Heifer - heifers calved May - August, 2018	B/O	Owned
Junior Heifer - heifers calved January - April, 2018	B/O	Owned
Senior Heifer - heifers calved September - December, 2017	B/O	Owned
Late Sr. Heifer - June - Aug 2017	B/O	Owned
Junior Bull Calf - bulls calves calved after January 1, 2019		
Senior Bull Calf - bulls calved September - December, 2018		
Intermediate Bull - bulls calved May - August, 2018		
Junior Bull - bulls calved January - April, 2018		
Senior Bull - 2 Year Old		
Light Weight Market Steer or Division 1		
Middle Weight Market Steer or Division 2		
Heavy Weight Market Steer or Division 3		
Light Weight Prospect Steer or Division 1		
Middle Weight Prospect Steer or Division 2		
Heavy Weight Prospect Steer or Division 3		
Cow /Calf 2		
Cow /Calf 3+		

## **Contest Rules:**

### **Photography Contest:**

The purpose of this contest is to help juniors increase their communication skills through the creative display of a message or feeling through photography.

- 1) All photographs will be displayed at the Miniature Hereford Junior Nationals
- 2) Photos will be handled with care, however MHJN is not responsible for any loss or damaged.
- 3) Contestants are to take photographs by themselves, without the assistances from a parent or adult.
- 4) MHYF & MHJN reserves the right to reproduce in ANY FORM work submitted
- 5) One entry per contestant
- 6) The same photo or similar photo previously submitted, will not be eligible for entry
- 7) Photographer must use their own ideas and concepts when creating their photos. Do NOT copy, duplicate, or replicate the ideas of other photographers or previous winners.
- 8) All photos must be mounted on 11"x 14" foam core or gator board that is at least 1/8" thick. Photos can be any size up to including 11"x14" but must be mounted on 11"x14" foam core or gator board.
- 9) Photographer's name and or Ranch name must NOT appear in the photo
- 10) All photos must be unframed. There should be NO hooks or wires attached to the back of entries. Do not cover entry with cellphone, acetate, or glass. There should be NO spray adhesives or self-stick adhesive exposed that could damage another person photo.
- 11) Enhancements are allowed, but must be the work of the contestant.
- 12) Qualified judges will critique the entries. Judges will be appointed by the MHJN committee.

13) Top 5 placing in each Division: winners will be recognized at one of the evening meals.

- 1) Pre Junior 3-7
- 2) Junior 8-11
- 3) Intermediate 12-15
- 4) Senior 16-21

14) Listed on the back of each photo:

- 1) Full Name
- 2) Division
- 3) Title
- 4) Description of how the photography was taken.

Scoring:

Creativity, communication, composition	25 points
Highlight Miniature Hereford Breed	25 points
Technical quality of photo	25 points
Judges Question and Answer Session:	25 points
Total 100 Points	

**Arts & Crafts:**

Contestants with any special "artistic" skill (painting, video, sculpture, artistic posters, music, etc.) may 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.

Contestant is limited to 1 entry per person.

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 one of the evening meals.

**Beef Cook Off Contest: TAILGATE CHALLENGE – 2019 = Senior**

- 1) Each senior will do this as an individual unless there are 8 contestants. Then they will be paired up to be a team of two. They need to tell the judges a couple reasons of why Beef is the star of their Tailgate.
- 2) Product cooked will be the same for all teams. This year's choice of meat will be hamburger. Each team will receive a pound. If more is needed for their recipe, they can request up to 3 pounds total. New this year, everyone will have their tailgate experience ready to be judged at 4 pm. Then the tailgate will be opened to the public to snack and pick a people's choice winner at 5 pm. The public will purchase a poker chip and put in team's jar on the table they like.
- 3) One table per team will be provided; teams must supply additional materials.
- 4) A grill will be provided as well as a Chef to cook their meat to their specifications.



5) **All props, side dishes, etc., must be provided by the individual teams. The presentation can be as simple or complicated as they wish.**

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

7) All teams will be set up in one common area, the judges will move from group to group starting at 4 pm. Each team will need to keep their food warm as the people choice judging will start at 5 or when the judges are done.

**There will be a People's Choice selection this year. So, you need to be prepared to serve at least 100 to 125 people. The serving size needs to be considered when preparing.**

8) The judges may ask Questions.

9) Judging criteria will consist of:

**(a) Presentation:**

**1. Creativity: 15**

**2. Teamwork: 15**

**3. Knowledge of product and industry: 20**

**(b) Beef Product: Whole Sale Cuts of Beef**

**1. Taste: 20**

**2. Presentation of food: 20**

**3. Originality: 10**

10) Top five placings will be awarded overall. Winners will be recognized at one of the evening meals.

**BEEF COOK-OFF TAILGATE CHALLENGE – 2019 = Pre-junior – Junior - Intermediate**

1) A team shall consist of five persons. Each team must include only one Intermediate contestant. They need to tell the judges a couple reason of why Beef is the star of their Tailgate.

2) Product cooked will be the same for all teams. This year's choice of meat will be hamburger. Each team will receive a pound. If more is needed for their recipe, they can request up to 3 pounds total. New this year, everyone will have their tailgate experience ready to be judged at 4 pm. Then the tailgate will be opened to the public to snack and pick a people's choice winner at 5 pm. The public will purchase a poker chip and put in team's jar on the table they like.

3) One table per team will be provided; teams must supply additional materials. Adults may help during this process.

4) A grill will be provided as well as a Chef to cook their meat to their specifications.

5) **All props, side dishes, etc., must be provided by the individual teams. The presentation can be as simple or complicated as they wish.**

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### **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.  
One exhibitor per animal is allowed in showmanship. No parent or assistant is allowed.

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 the top 5 for each age group at time of show.

### **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 may **NOT** use any written material or note cards when presenting to the judges. A contestant's score will be reduced 10% if additional materials are presented to the judges or used when completing their sales talk. 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 recognized at one of the evening meals.

### **Team Fitting:**

Age Divisions:

- **Pre-Junior Division** - Teams will be divided up equally with a random selection. The parents will be able to help by verbal explaining things to the Pre-Juniors by following the pre-junior rules. There will be no clipping in Pre-Junior only paints and glues.
- **Junior, Intermediate & Senior Division** – Teams will be divided up equally with a random selection. (With equal number of sr. and intermediates and juniors on each team). There will be no parent interaction.

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

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

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.

Winners will be recognized at one of the evening meals.

### **Judging Contest:**

The primary purpose of the Judging Contest is for the contestants to test their ability to evaluate desirable beef cattle phenotype.

The Judging Contest Committee will select 4 classes of cattle, consisting of 4 head per class – 2 classes of females, 1 class of bulls, and 1 class of steers.

Classes are worth 50 points each. The Judging Contest Committee will determine official placings and cuts (points deducted for placing out of official order) for each of the classes.

Junior, Intermediate, and senior contestants will have one questions class with 10 questions worth 50 points (5 points per correct answer).

Intermediate and Senior divisions will have one oral reasons class, worth 25 points.

While the contest is in progress, **ONLY CONTESTANTS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, OFFICIALS, AND VOLUNTEERS RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING PLACING CARDS 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 may take 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 recognized at one of the evening meals.

Judging Contest will be separated into 4 divisions, with the same age breaks as all other contests:

1. Pre Junior
2. Junior
3. Intermediate
4. Senior

**Pre Junior Division:**

Contestants will have the choice to judge two to four classes. This is due to the age of contestants, with some without the attention span to complete four classes and some disappointed if they don't get to judge all four classes.

Each contestant's highest two class scores will be used. If a contestant only judges 2 classes, those 2 scores will be used. Tie breaker is 3<sup>rd</sup> highest score, then 4<sup>th</sup> highest score.

Pre-Juniors will not have a questions class.

Pre-Junior exhibitors or any who need assistance to complete the placing cards will be assisted by the group leaders.

**Junior, Intermediate & Senior Divisions:**

Judge four classes - 1 Steer, 2 heifers and 1 bull.

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.

Intermediate/Senior contestants will give oral reasons for one class, worth 25 points.

Junior/Intermediate/Senior will have 10 questions on 1 class, worth 50 points.

**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 Premier Exhibitor Announcement.

**Premiere Exhibitor:**

A Premiere Exhibitor will be awarded to an individual in each division. No overall Premiere Exhibitor will be recognized. Points will be awarded for cattle placings, and each contest. Points in cattle will be given only in class, no additional points will be given for division champions or overall champions. Points will be given to top three cattle exhibited by exhibitor. The contests will be broken down into tier one and tier two. Tier one contests will be of greater value than tier two. Tier one contests include: Showmanship, Judging, and Sales Talk. Tier two contests include: Team Fitting, Poster Contest, Arts & Crafts, and Beef Cookoff. In the event if a tie, tie breakers will be used. The first tie breaker will be Sales Talk, the second tie breaker will be judging. If more tie breakers are needed they will be determined at the show.

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.

**Point breakdown:**

***Cattle placing:***

- 1<sup>st</sup>- 10 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup>- 9 Points
- 3<sup>rd</sup>- 8 Points
- 4<sup>th</sup>- 7 Points
- 5<sup>th</sup>- 6 Points
- All remaining will receive 3 points

***Tier One Contests:*** Showmanship, Judging, and Sales Talk.

- 1<sup>st</sup>- 10 Points
- 2<sup>nd</sup>- 9 Points
- 3<sup>rd</sup>- 8 Points
- 4<sup>th</sup>- 7 Points
- 5<sup>th</sup>- 6 Points
- All remaining will receive 3 points.

***Tier Two Contests:*** Team Fitting, Photography Contest, Arts & Crafts, and Beef Cookoff

- 1<sup>st</sup>- 5 Points
- 2<sup>nd</sup>- 4 Points
- 3<sup>rd</sup>- 3 Points
- All remaining will receive 2 points.

Committee Member	Phone #	Responsibility
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Looking forward to seeing everyone in  
Claremore, Oklahoma  
June 25<sup>th</sup> thru 29<sup>th</sup> 2019