

2026 Wisconsin Dairy Showcase Show Rules

ANIMAL HEALTH RULES AND REGULATIONS/DAIRY CATTLE

ALL CATTLE - Health requirements for the Wisconsin Dairy Showcase are the same as the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture's requirements for intrastate movement of cattle.

Please visit the DATCP website for the most recent rules - <https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents2/FairRulesFinal.pdf>

It is highly recommended that all animals shown at the WI Dairy Showcase be vaccinated for BVD according to your Veterinarian's recommendations. It is also highly recommended that animals be tested for Persistently Infected (PI) BVD animals. This is a once in a lifetime test to insure that the animal is not a PI or shedder animal carrying the BVD Virus.

Cattle infected with ringworm, warts, or mange may not be exhibited unless the veterinarian in charge determines the ringworm lesions or warts are inactive and incapable of transmitting the disease. Any cattle found with ringworm, warts, mange or scab shall be removed from the premises of the show.

Show management is responsible for maintaining records of persons who have exhibited at the show and the identification of animals shown for 5 years. Acceptable forms of animal identification for breeding animals are (1) 15-digit "840" RFID tags, (2) 15-digit 840 tags or USDA metal ear tag if applied before 11/5/24 or (3) manufacturer-coded RFID tag (15-digit with first 3 digits in 900s) or American ID tag (8 to 12 digit number prefaced with "USA") if applied before 3/11/15. Please reference the DATCP file listed above for complete information.

Junior Ownership: Junior exhibitors shall be in competition with open class cattle. To compete for junior awards the exhibitor shall not have passed his or her 21st birthday before January 1 of the year of the show. To compete for junior ribbons and awards, All junior exhibitors must have the animal's ownership registered or transferred by the respective breed organization on or before the junior transfer date and according to each breed's junior ownership rules. Transfer applications will be accepted at the show.

a. Animal must be registered in the name of the junior member(s), or a partnership according to the breed organization's rules, in order to qualify for junior recognition.

b. To be eligible to compete at National Shows, entries must be shown by the junior owner in all cases, except by prior written approval. Alternate Leadsperson forms must be submitted at time of check-in for pre-approval by the breed's official show representative. Adults are not allowed to show, in any case, or assist. A leased animal may only be shown by the junior lessee.

c. Managerial projects may be exhibited in open class competition. However, they are not eligible for junior awards.

d. To be considered for Junior Awards, exhibitors must identify themselves as a qualified junior member upon check-in to show management.

e. It is the responsibility of the junior owner to prove ownership of animal.

f. Exhibitors must be a minimum of 9 years old on show day to participate in the junior shows. Youth younger than 9 may participate as long as they can solely and safely control their animal, but are not eligible for any junior awards.

Bred and Owned: A rosette will be given in all classes for the highest placing animal bred and solely owned by exhibitor. To be considered for Bred & Owned awards, one of the original owners must be listed as one of the current owners. Where a herd is registered in the names of different members of a family and where the herd is one unit, all entries may be considered as exhibits of one breeder.

Junior Bred and Owned: Recognition will be given in all classes for the highest placing animal bred and owned by a junior exhibitor; the junior exhibitor must be leading the animal during the class as stated in the rules of Junior Ownership. Junior Bred and Owned eligibility will be established according to each breed's standard show rules. Class winners are invited back for selection of a Champion Bred & Owned of the Junior Show award.

Best Udder: A Best Udder rosette will be awarded in all milking cow classes. The Best Udder cow in each of the milking classes will compete for Best Udder of the Show.

Premier Breeder Award: The breeder winning the most points on six (6) animals, all exhibited in the single classes, shall be designated Premier Breeder. The winner of this award need not be an exhibitor at the show, or need not be the current owner of any of the point winning animals. Any breeder wishing to be eligible for Premier Breeder Awards must submit a form to show staff with all eligible animals listed by the start of their respective breed show. In classes with ten or less animals, no more than two head per breeder will be counted toward premier points. In case of a tie, additional animals will be counted, one at a time, until the tie is broken.

Breeder Defined: The owner of the dam at the time of service shall be considered the breeder of the animal. Where a herd is registered in the names of different members of a family, and where the herd is one unit, all entries may be considered as exhibits of one breeder. Otherwise, when animals are bred in partnership, each unique partnership is considered a unique breeder.

Premier Exhibitor Award: The exhibitor winning the most points on six (6) animals, all owned and exhibited in the single classes, shall be designated the Premier Exhibitor. Any exhibitor wishing to be eligible for Premier Exhibitor Awards must submit a form to show staff with all eligible animals listed by the start of their respective breed show. In classes with ten or less animals, no more than two head per breeder will be counted toward premier points. In case of a tie, additional animals will be counted, one at a time, until the tie is broken.

Exhibitor Defined: The exhibitor must be the owner. In case a herd is registered or bred in the names of different members of a family, residing on one farm or breeding establishment, and where the herd is one unit, all entries may be considered as a single exhibitor for all group classes and Premier Exhibitor.

However, members of one family, where cattle are not housed as one unit, will not be considered as a single exhibitor. When animals are owned in partnership, each unique partnership is considered a unique exhibitor.

Immediate family is defined as a person's parents, siblings, spouse, children, grandparents, grandchildren, and nieces and/or nephews.

The point system for determining Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor Awards:

Milking Females:

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
40	38	36	34	32	30	28	26	24	22
11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th
20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2

Junior Females:

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11
11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

GENERAL RULES

1. All animals exhibited at the WI Dairy Showcase must be accompanied by the registration certificate or an emailed copy from the respective breed association; no photocopies or confirmation letters will be accepted.

2. If an animal is identified with Holstein USA eartags, two official eartags must be in the animal's ears for entry to be accepted and allowed in showing. All animals exhibited must be Holstein Registered or Qualified by the Holstein USA, Inc. or registered with the Holstein Association of Canada with 87% or greater purity. Registration papers with images are accepted. Jerseys must have two tags or one tattoo. Animals are eligible when recorded by the American Jersey Cattle Association in the Herd Register or with Generation Count 4 or greater. Other breed association identification rules apply.

3. Ownership shall be established by the name listed on the registration certificate; or the presentation of the certificate of registration along with a completed transfer and the appropriate fee, which will be retained by a show representative and forwarded to the appropriate breed organization.

4. To be considered an official entry, all owners must be members in good standing of the respective state and national breed associations.

5. Substitutions within class of the same breed by the same exhibitor may be made at check-in time. Exhibitors are also allowed one open substitution within the same breed as long as the ownership remains the same.

6. All animals must be in place and checked-in by 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2026.

7. The Wisconsin Dairy Showcase show management, Executive Show Committee and the Wisconsin Holstein Association's Board of Directors reserve the final and absolute right to interpret the rules and regulations of the shows and will settle and determine all matters, questions, or differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of, or in connection with the Shows. In the event a question arises concerning an animal's age, show management may request that an individual registration certificate be checked at ringside.

8. All exhibitors and their representatives are expected to respect and adhere to any requests from the Executive Show Committee, show management or WHA staff. Failure to do so will result in an ethics violation and the case will be brought before the Executive Show Committee and WHA Board of Directors.

9. A signed and dated Standard Agreement for Owners to Exhibit at Wisconsin Holstein Association Sponsored Shows, including the Wisconsin Dairy Showcase, must accompany all entries.

PUREBRED DAIRY CATTLE ASSOCIATION SHOW RING CODE OF ETHICS

A full copy of the Holstein USA Show Program and PDCA Show Ring Code of Ethics is available here: https://www.holsteinusa.com/pdf/print_material/show_program.pdf

The showing of registered dairy cattle stimulates and sustains interest in the breeding of registered dairy cattle. It is also an important part of the promotion, merchandising and breeding program of many breeders. For these reasons, the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association (PDCA) believes that it is in the best interest of all breeders of registered dairy cattle to maintain a reputation of integrity in dairy cattle shows and to present a wholesome and progressive image of dairy cattle in the show ring.

PDCA endorses this Show Ring Code of Ethics for all dairy breed shows and pledges its full cooperative support for its enforcement to show management, show judges, and the national breed associations.

The application of this Code of Ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this Code of Ethics. Dairy cattle exhibitors shall, at all times, deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship.

It is recognized that there are certain practices in the proper care and management of dairy cattle that are necessary in the course of moving dairy cattle to and between shows that are advisable to keep them in a sound, healthy state so they might be presented in the show ring in a natural, normal condition. At all times, exhibition livestock shall be treated in a humane manner and in accordance with dairy quality assurance practices so as to protect the health, safety and welfare of the livestock and the consuming public. No person shall present for exhibition or exhibit an animal which he or she knows, or has reason to suspect, is affected with or has been exposed to a dangerously contagious or infectious disease, or illegal or nonapproved use of drugs, medication and/or prohibited substance, or residue.

The position of the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association is that all animals presented for exhibition shall be in their natural conformation and structure, free of any alteration or modification by injection or internal

or external administration of any substance or by any involvement in unethical fitting.

GROOMING & PREPARATION

Dairy cattle exhibitions are conducted under standards for evaluating conformation established by the PDCA Unified Score Card (2025), with specific breed characteristics taken into consideration by the show judge. In this connection, animals will be groomed and prepared for the judge's evaluation in order to display the animal's natural contour, conformation, performance and mobility. Specifically:

1. Changing the natural color of the animal is prohibited. However, external applications of cosmetics that affect only appearance may be used, including by way of example hoof polishes and false switches.
2. The maximum allowable length of naturally growing hair anywhere on the topline is not to exceed 1½". Exhibitors will be required to comply with this rule before the animal is allowed to enter the ring.
3. Addition of foreign objects, including but not limited to hair or hair substitutes, cloth or fiber, to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body is prohibited.
4. Externally sealing the teat end with a preparation that does not harm the animal's skin is permissible
5. Natural teat placement will be given preference over artificially positioned teats.
6. The practice of over bagging the udder, or allowing excessive fill of milk in the mammary system, is strongly discouraged due to the harmful impact on animal comfort and health. Any signs of this could result in competition disqualification.

VIOLATIONS: FALSE, DECEPTIVE OR UNACCEPTABLE PRACTICES

These practices are violations of the Code of Ethics and will be reported to show management and may be reported to the respective national breed associations:

1. Misrepresenting the age &/or milking status and/or lactation number of the animal for the class in which it is shown.
2. Treating the animal, particularly the udder, internally or externally:
 - a. with an irritant or counter-irritant,
 - b. using a device to artificially create or enhance the udder crease,
 - c. using other substances as detected by testing that causes changes in the udder to artificially improve the conformation.
 - d. no substances that is not approved by FDA or prescribed by veterinarian may be administered to the mammary system including the teat canal.
3. Surgical or unethical insertion of any matter under the skin or into body cavities, performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body (e.g., administration of fluid via a stomach tube or other similar apparatus to fill the rumen), though not to preclude practices required or involved in normal management.
4. Criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management, or other exhibitors while in the showing, or other conduct detrimental to the breed or the show.
5. Challenging, threatening or interfering with an ethics committee appointed by show management to monitor the animals on exhibit on the show grounds.

EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITY

The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter and/or absolutely responsible person (hereinafter referred to as "Exhibitor") for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, milk, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Materials may also be collected by ultrasound and photographic methods and by direct examination of animal.

The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter and/or absolutely responsible person (the "Exhibitor") to have disciplinary action for violation of this Show Ring Code of Ethics taken by show management, the state in which the show occurs, and/or the national dairy breed association without recourse.

WISCONSIN DAIRY SHOWCASE SHOW RING POLICY

The following practices or procedures are unacceptable in the showing of Registered dairy cattle:

1. criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management or other exhibitors, or other conduct detrimental to the breed or show;
2. misrepresenting the age or ownership of an animal or the number of calvings and/or stage of lactation;
3. surgically or unethically inserting any matter under the skin or into any body cavity to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body is prohibited and is a violation of the showing policy and code of ethics. After 12 a.m. on the day in which an animal is to show, no administration of fluids by stomach pump is allowed, unless show management is notified, deemed therapeutically necessary, and is done under supervision of a Veterinarian.
4. balancing the udder by any means other than by leaving naturally produced milk in any or all quarters;
5. treating the udder internally with an irritant, counter-irritant, or any other substance to temporarily improve conformation;
6. overfilling or overbagging of udders;
7. treating the udder externally with an irritant, counterirritant, or any other substance to temporarily improve conformation (allowable practices/substances include sealing and setting teats, but not shrinking/shortening of teats);
8. treating the animal, particularly the udder, internally or externally, with an irritant or counter-irritant, or other substance to artificially improve the confirmation (this is to include any external pressure applied to the udder crease to artificially enhance it, i.e. roping).
9. administering epidural anesthesia (blocking tails) and/or applying any irritant either externally or internally to the perineal (rectum and vagina) area;
10. inserting foreign material/articles under the skin, into the topline or on the feet (Administration of acceptable medications is permitted.);
11. performing surgery of any kind to change the natural contour of appearance of the animal's body,

hide or hair. Not included is the removal of warts, teats and horns, clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves;

12. draining fluid from hocks unless authorized by a veterinarian at the show.
13. Excessive manipulation of hair and/or the use of any hair not naturally attached to the animal or the use of any substance or material which is intended to resemble or imitate hair. We will follow the rules and guidelines set forth by WDE.
14. mistreatment of animals;
15. any un-sportsmanshiplike conduct during the event.

MONITORING PROCEDURES

The Ethics Committee shall have the authority to inspect all animals to determine if violations of Wisconsin Dairy Showcase Show Ring Policy have occurred. To help in this regard, the Ethics Committee has the authority to perform and review results of the following:

1. An ultrasound examination of the udder of selected animals immediately upon completion of respective milking class competition. It shall be the exhibitor's responsibility to deliver selected cow to the designated testing area. Within a reasonable time following said testing, the ultrasound official shall submit his/her report to WHA. If an animal fails to show up for ultrasounding with a full udder, show placings will be revoked and reported to All-American contest officials for the appropriate breed.
2. a milk out of any individual cow and/or
3. the collection and testing of any of the animal's body fluids and/or
4. the use of any other technology that may be useful in determining if a violation in any animal based on placement, random selection, or suspect characteristics.
5. The Ethics Committee or show management may, at any time, require the delivery to them of any hair samples or hypodermic syringe, needle, or other device, swabs, cloths, or other material, or samples or any medicine, preparation, or substance, whether in liquid or other form, in the possession or control of exhibitor, fitters, agents or person acting on behalf of the exhibitor for laboratory analysis.

ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

1. Show management shall appoint an Ethics Committee to monitor violations at the Wisconsin Dairy Showcase. The Ethics Committee will be on the grounds for all shows.
2. Complaints of alleged violations must be presented to the Show Chairman or a member of the show management of the respective show immediately, except ultrasound results as noted above.
3. If it is suspected that a violation will occur if an animal is shown the exhibitor will be informed by show management that the showing of that animal may result in a violation of the Wisconsin Dairy Showcase Show Ring Policy. If the exhibitor decides not to show that animal, no violation will have occurred.
4. All complaints of alleged violations (as is designated in Enforcement Procedure point #2) received by the Show Chairman or a member of the show management must be presented to the Wisconsin Holstein Association for review by the Ethics Committee within five (5) days of receiving notice of alleged violations, with the Ethics Committee to make a decision on the violations within ten (10) days of receiving such notice.
5. The show management coordinator will notify the accused exhibitor immediately of the Ethics Committee decision that a violation has occurred and all the supportive evidence will be shared with the exhibitor. Within thirty (30) days Wisconsin Dairy Showcase Show Committee shall review the findings from the Ethics Committee and make a recommendation to the WHA Board of Directors of the disciplinary action. The exhibitor will be able to participate in the Show Committee meeting. The WHA Board of Directors shall meet on the same day to review the findings from the Ethics Committee, recommendations from the Show Committee and hear any presentation the exhibitor wishes to present.
6. The accused exhibitor must notify WHA within seven (7) days of receiving the violation notice of their intent to participate in the Show Committee meeting and/or the WHA Board of Directors meeting, which is set for reviewing the evidence of the alleged violation(s) and the disciplinary action to be taken.
7. If the alleged violator is found in violation of the WHA Show Ring Policy, the WHA Board of Directors, at its discretion may pass onto the violator(s) its costs associated with the violations, enforcement and review of violation(s).

Costs associated with the review and/or appeals process must be paid in full; if this assessment is not paid in full the violator(s) will not be in "good standing" with the WHA and therefore be denied any and all membership benefits of the association (voting, showing, etc.).

8. WHA Board of Directors &/or the Show Committee may consider previous violations by an exhibitor in their decision of disciplinary action. (see*)
9. An animal found in violation of the WHA Show Ring Policy will receive no premium monies or awards or placing(s).
10. During this entire process the WHA Board of Directors, the Ethics Committee, the Show Committee, its staff and members will not be obligated to maintain confidentiality.

Violations Penalties

(Penalties for violations at Wisconsin Holstein Association sponsored shows.)

- i. **1st Offense** - a minimum of one year probation to a maximum of one year suspension for the animal(s), owner(s), and/or fitter(s) or their representatives either individually and/or a combination thereof from all Wisconsin Holstein Assoc. state sponsored shows.
- ii. **2nd Offense** - minimum one year suspension to a maximum of three years suspension for the animal(s), owner(s), and/or fitter(s) or their representatives either individually and/or combination thereof from all Wisconsin Holstein Assoc. state sponsored shows.
- iii. **3rd Offense** - minimum of five years suspension to a maximum of barred for life for the animal(s), owner(s), and/or fitter(s) or their representatives either individually and/or combination thereof from all Wisconsin Holstein Assoc. state sponsored shows.

***Violations prior to 1/1/2004 shall not apply; any violations after 1/1/2004 shall be cumulative.**

Breed specific rules for breed shows at the 2026 Wisconsin Dairy Showcase

Holstein

1. Only animals of 87% Registered Holstein Ancestry and higher will be eligible.
2. If an animal is registered using the Tag ID system with Holstein USA, the animal must have a combination of two approved identifiers, one of which must be a Maxi or Large ID tag. The other identifier may be another ID tag (Maxi, Large, Junior or Mini-Round). A combination of one Maxi or Large with an ear tattoo or freeze brand may also be used.
3. Group Class Rules - Junior Best Three & Best Three Females: Entries in the group classes must be entered and shown in their individual animal classes. All must be bred by the exhibitor and at least one animal must be owned (solely or in partnership) by the exhibitor. Breeder is identified as listed on the registration paper. Where animals are bred by different members of a family, and where the herd is one unit, they are considered as bred by one breeder. When animals are bred in partnership, each partnership is considered a unique breeder.
4. PRODUCTION CLASS requirements: lifetime production over 150,000 lbs. by show day.

5. Junior Ownership

- a. **Eligibility:** Exhibitors must be a minimum of 9 years old to participate, but not have reached their 21st birthday by January 1 in the year competing. Members who become 21 years of age during the current year will be allowed to compete in Junior activities until December 31st of the current year and not beyond that time. Exhibitors must be national Junior Members of the Holstein Association USA, Inc. Juniors entered in the show may submit applications on site for national Junior Membership with payment by 5:00 p.m. the day before the show.
- b. **Entries:** All animals must be registered by the Holstein Association USA, Inc. The Junior owner(s) or lessee must be recorded on the registration certificate. Animals must have a minimum of 87% Registered Holstein Ancestry (RHA) to be eligible for the designated shows.
- c. **Ownership:** Animal must be registered in the name of the Junior member, or a partnership of Junior members, throughout the year exhibiting in order to qualify for Junior recognition. Adult-Junior and family or farm partnerships are not acceptable. For an animal (cow or heifer) being transferred to a Junior, or a partnership of Juniors, the transfer application must be received by the Holstein Association USA office on or before July 15th.
 1. The following actions will disqualify an animal from Junior recognition:
 - Transferring an animal in or out of a Junior's name after July 15 of the show year
 - Adding or dropping any adult or junior member as an owner after the deadline
- d. **Lease:** The Junior leasing program is designed to encourage young people to get involved in a dairy project and learn about animal care and responsibility. The leased animal remains in the original ownership and, if the leased animal is bred, any offspring are named using the owner's prefix.
 1. The leasing program is not available to youth who concurrently own any Registered Holsteins either as an individual or in partnership. However, if the lessee becomes the owner of the animal anytime during the year exhibiting, they will qualify for Junior recognition.
 2. A maximum of two Registered Holsteins may be leased by any youth at one time. Animals may not be leased by partnerships.
 3. The lease may be terminated by either the owner (lessor) or the youth(lessee) by providing written notice to the other party 45 or more days before the intended termination date. A Lease Termination Report must be filed with Holstein Association USA. If the animal has been sold, submitting an application for transfer of ownership will also terminate the lease.
 4. The animal must be leased before she reaches her first birthday.
 5. Leased animals may only be shown by the lessee (Junior). If a leased animal is shown by an adult, the lease is automatically terminated. The leasing Junior must show the animal at all shows; no substitutions may be made.
 6. The owner of an animal to be leased must submit the Certificate of Registration for that animal and a completed Application for Transfer, with the "Lease" box marked, to Holstein Association USA, Inc. All lease applications must be received by July 15 in the year exhibiting.
 7. The fee to lease an animal is \$20. There is no fee to record a lease termination.
 8. When a lease is initiated and approved, the Certificate of Registration will be printed with the lease details and mailed to the Junior lessee. When a lease is terminated and the Certificate of Registration is returned to Holstein Association USA, the lease termination will be recorded on the certificate and the certificate

will be mailed to the owner. All leases expire on December 31 of the year in which the Junior lessee becomes 21 years of age if not terminated prior to that date.

- e. **Exhibition:** To be eligible to compete at National Shows, entries must be shown by the Junior owner in all cases, except by prior written approval. Alternate Leadsperson forms must be submitted to the Holstein representative by 5:00 p.m. (in the time zone of the show) the day before the show. If approved, another National Junior Holstein member the same birth year or younger must show the animal. Adults are not allowed to show, in any case, or assist with the Junior State Herd Class. A leased animal may only be shown by the Junior lessee. Only Show Management Staff or individuals specifically approved by Show Management may assist in containing or controlling animals in the ring. The safety of exhibitors, spectators, and animals is the highest priority. Show Management staff may step in to help manage or contain an animal if necessary; however, this assistance does not include leading the animal. Parents, other exhibitors, or unapproved individuals are not permitted to provide assistance in the ring. Violation of the rule can include disqualification.
- f. **Bred & Owned:** To be eligible for Junior Bred & Owned, at least one of the Junior owners must be listed as a breeder and owner on the registration certificate.
- g. **Partnership:** More than one Junior exhibitor may own an animal in partnership if the animal is exhibited by the partnership throughout the entire show season and the names of all Junior partners are listed on the registration certificate. Adult-Junior and family or farm partnerships are not acceptable.
- h. **Violations:** If any part of the above Junior Showring Policy is violated, all Junior exhibitors involved will lose all privileges for that show the following year.

Red & White

1. If an animal is registered using the Tag ID system with Holstein USA, the animal must have a combination of two approved identifiers, one of which must be a Maxi or Large ID tag. The other identifier may be another ID tag (Maxi, Large, Junior or Mini-Round). A combination of one Maxi or Large with an ear tattoo or freeze brand may also be used.
2. The RWDCA will accept original registration papers and/or a certificate of identification (CID) from Holstein Association USA. Other registration papers accepted will be from RWDCA, Holstein Association USA showing the suffix "RED" and Holstein Canada.
3. Owners must be a member in good standing of RWDCA.
4. Animals must be Red and White in physical color. Any animal in question of this color status must submit a DNA sample to an accredited lab for a full genomic panel to prove color and identification of the animal in question. Results must be shared with RWDCA.
5. If for any reason an animal is in question for eligibility, the RWDCA management will be contacted before a final decision is rendered.
6. Eligibility of animals and RWDCA members will be determined on a show-to-show basis.
7. In order to enter/exhibit at any national and/or approved shows, Red & White animals must carry 87% dairy bloodlines as designated by RWDCA guidelines. Dairy bloodlines include: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein (Black & White and Red & White), Jersey, Milking Shorthorn, Angler, Swedish Red, Aussie Red, Lineback, and Rouge Flammande.
8. PRODUCTION CLASS requirements: lifetime production over 150,000 lbs. by show day.

9. Junior Ownership

- a. **LEASE:** All animals must be owned or leased by the Junior by July 15 of the current year.
- b. **TRANSFER:** For an animal (cow or heifer) being transferred to a Junior, or a partnership of Juniors, the transfer application must be received by the Holstein Association USA office on or before July 15. Except for animals purchased by and/or leased to a Junior at the RWDCA National Convention Sale.
- c. **OWNERSHIP:** Two or more juniors may own an animal. One junior must be on the halter to receive junior recognition. Awards will be presented as one unit, to all owners equally.
- d. **Alternate leadsperson:** All entries must be shown by the Junior owner in all cases, except by prior written approval. An alternate leadsperson request form handwritten, email, or fax **24 HOURS** before the start of the show explaining in specific your reason for the absence and final approval by the RWDCA. Any alternate leadsperson form can be turned into the RWDCA in advance if you know of upcoming conflicts. Included in statement- Name, age, and signature of the junior owner. Cell phone number of contact person. Class of animal. Name and age of alternate leads person (up to three listed) — the reason the junior owner needs an alternate. If approved, the alternate must be the same age or younger as the junior owner. The alternate must

also be an RWDCA junior member. Adults are not allowed to show in any case. If more than one animal owned by the same Junior is eligible for the championship class, another Junior may lead the other animal. Final approval will be decided by RWDCA staff and/or an RWDCA Board of Directors member. *The Junior requesting this form MUST have led their animal once at a national, state, or county show before approval at Any Fall show.

- e. **Junior Bred & Owned:** To be eligible for Junior Bred & Owned, one of the original Junior owners must be listed as one of the current Junior owners on the registration certificate. Adult-Junior partnerships are not acceptable. Family unit or farm partnerships will not qualify for Bred & Owned awards unless all partners are Junior members and listed on the certificate and at least one of them is an original breeder/owner.

Jersey

1. Animals are eligible when recorded by the American Jersey Cattle Association in the Herd Register or with Generation Count 4 or greater, or by Jersey Canada with registry status of 93.75% and greater.

2. PRODUCTION CLASS requirements: Lifetime cheese production of a minimum level of 10,000 lbs. of cheese yield. Official records must be provided and will be verified with current breed average component levels (4.7% fat, 3.5% protein).

3. Junior Ownership

- a. The exhibitor must be listed as Recorded Owner on the registration certificate, either (1) as the sole owner or (2) by his/her name in joint ownership. Animals must be registered and/or transferred to meet one of the above ownership requirements on or before August 1. The date of registration and/or transfer is the Date Recorded printed on the registration certificate.
- b. **Alternate leadsperson:** Entries must be shown by the exhibitor, except by prior written approval from Show Management. Alternate leadpersons must be the same age or younger than the exhibitor of the animal being shown. Requests for alternate leadsperson must be submitted to show management no later than 5 p.m. the day prior to the show. No more than two (2) animals may be shown by one exhibitor in any one class. The exhibitor must lead the first entry and the second entry must be led by an alternate leadsperson as approved by show management. Adults are not allowed to show in any case.
- c. **Junior Bred & Owned:** The junior owner listed on the certificate must have his/her name recorded as a breeder on the animal's registration certificate.

Milking Shorthorn

1. All animals must be registered in the full herdbook of the American Milking Shorthorn Society and have registry certificates issued by the American Milking Shorthorn Society. The certificate should be white and does not have the word "Not eligible to show" near the Executive Secretary's signature or as a watermark across the page. Animals with a prefix of GI, GI2, GR and GE are not eligible to be shown. Females with a 36000 or 37000 registration number are not eligible to be shown. Tattoo numbers, Fair Tags and/or RFID tags must correspond with the registry certificates. Registration papers will be checked at the show by show management.

2. The AMSS Hair Color Regulations must be followed.

3. PRODUCTION CLASS requirements: Lifetime production over 100,000 lbs. by show day.

4. Junior Ownership

- a. Participation in this show is open to youth with registered Milking Shorthorns. Exhibitors must be a minimum of 9 years old but not have reached their 21st birthday by January 1st in the year competing. Members who become 21 years of age during the current year will be allowed to compete in Junior activities until December 31st of the current year. Youth must be a member of the American Milking Shorthorn Junior Society by August 1st of the current year. If the youth is not a member by August 1st, they must join before the show by paying the \$25 junior membership fee and an additional \$5 penalty to become a junior member payable to the American Milking Shorthorn Junior Society and turned into the AMSS Executive Secretary
- b. **Ownership:** Ownership of the animal must be recorded in AMSS herdbook in the name of the junior exhibitor(s) by August 1st of the current year. Animals may be owned in partnerships, however all members of the partnership must be paid junior members of AMSJS and animal must be owned by August 1st. Acceptable wording of Farm or other entity should read: Junior member's name of Farm name or other entity (EX: Nicholas Achen of Cherrywood Farm). The following will disqualify an animal from Junior show participation and recognition in current year: Transferring an animal in or out of a Junior's name after August 1st of the show year or adding/dropping a junior member and/or adult as an owner after the deadline.

- c. **Lease:** Animals that are leased through the American Milking Shorthorn Junior Society Lease Program are also eligible to be shown by juniors. Leases must be on file with the AMSS office by August 1st of the current year. Lessee must be a paid American Milking Shorthorn Junior Member. The Junior who leases the animal must show her. Only one AMSJS Junior Member may appear on each individual lease per animal. Multiple juniors are not permitted to lease the same animal. Alternate leadsperson are not permitted for leased animals except for an unforeseen circumstance.
- d. **Participation:** Up to two animals may be exhibited by each exhibitor in any one class. One animal must be shown by an owner listed on the registration certificate who is a paid National Junior Member. The second animal may be shown if the alternate leadsperson form is completed. All rules for the alternate leadsperson form apply. A Junior can own multiple animals in a given class, but only two may be exhibited. Additional animals must be leased by another Junior or if animal is owned in a partnership, the animals can be exhibited by another member of the partnership.
- e. **Alternate Leadsperson:** The Junior who owns the animal is to show her. If the owner cannot attend the show, an Alternate Leadsperson must be a National Milking Shorthorn Junior member, who is the same age or younger or up to three years older than the owner OR who is a sibling (full, half, step, foster) of the owner. All Alternate Leadspersons must meet the age guidelines of a minimum of nine years old but not have reached their 21st birthday by January 1st in the year competing. Alternate Leadsperson may show the animal with approval of show management.
- f. **Bred & Owned:** As of January 1, 2022, for a junior show animal to be eligible for Junior Bred and Owned, the owner of the animal must match exactly with the breeder of the animal on the registration paper.

Brown Swiss

1. Animals eligible to be shown will have the following registration certificates: Standard Registration Certificate - which is white with a green border is issued for Registered Brown Swiss Females and Certified Identity Enrolled Females (CIE). Brown Swiss Step II Identity Enrollment (IE) animals have a green registration paper with black border may also be shown. Animals with other colored papers cannot be shown. Identified females: RF, ID or IDR animals are not eligible to be shown.

2. PRODUCTION CLASS requirements: Lifetime production of at least 8,500 lbs. combined fat & protein, be shown in milking form and be in her third or higher lactation. Official test must be provided.

3. Junior Ownership

- a. Junior exhibitors shall be in competition with open class cattle. To compete for junior awards the exhibitor shall not have passed his or her 22nd birthday before January 1 of the year of the show. Exhibitors must be a minimum of 8 years by January 1st of the current year to participate in the junior shows. Youth younger than 8 may participate as long as they can solely and safely control their animal, but are not eligible for any junior awards.
- b. **Ownership:** For an animal to be exhibited as Junior owned, in all classes, the recorded ownership must show in the sole ownership of the exhibitor or a partnership comprised of Brown Swiss Association Junior members. (Adult-Junior partnerships and family partnerships are not acceptable.) All transfers and recorded ownerships must be dated by August 1 of the current show year for all classes. If joint ownership, one of the owners must be declared the exhibitor during check-in. Awards will be presented as one unit to all owners equally. Animals that are leased through the National Brown Swiss Association Lease Program are also eligible to be shown as juniors. The leased animals recorded owner will receive open show awards.
- c. **Lease:** The junior who owns or leases the animal is to show her.
- d. In a class where a junior member owns more than one animal, the owner must show one animal; another National Brown Swiss Junior Member may show the second animal.
- e. **Alternate Leadsperson:** Entries must be shown by the exhibitor, except by prior written approval by the National Brown Swiss Association. Request for alternate leadsperson must be submitted to the show management on the alternate leadsperson form no later than 5 p.m. the day prior to the show.

Guernsey

1. Animals are eligible when recorded by the American Guernsey Association in the Herd Register with registry status of 'PR-' or above. The standards for Guernsey Appearance remain in effect.

2. PRODUCTION CLASS requirements: A cow of any age that has produced 100,000 lbs. of milk OR 7,700 lbs. of combined fat and protein lifetime production on official DHIA or DHIR tests. DHI records are required at time of check-in for verification.

3. Junior Ownership

- a. In all classes, the recorded ownership must show in the sole ownership of the junior exhibitor or partnership comprised of only AGA Junior Members or a participant in the American Guernsey Association Youth Lease Agreement Program, no adults or farm names may be listed. The qualifying record of ownership or lease for animals, other than those bred by the junior exhibitor, shall be determined by the actual date the application for transfer of ownership was received in the offices of the American Guernsey Association. This date is automatically stamped on the front of the registration certificate and will be found with the transfer of ownership date. All guidelines and terms must have been followed and a copy of the signed and dated (on or before August 1) agreement must be present. If the participant is exhibiting under the American Guernsey Association Youth Lease Agreement Program, all guidelines and terms must have been followed and a copy of the signed and dated (on or before August 1) agreement must be present.
- b. **Alternate leadsperson:** The listed owner of the animal must lead the animal. If the owner is not present, an AGA Junior Member the same age or younger may lead the animal. A substitute leadsperson may only be used at a single show per year for each animal. No person older than the owner, other than show management, may lead the animal in the ring at any time. Substitute leadspersons are not permitted for leased cattle. Injury or multiple animals in the ring at the same time are the only valid reasons to use a substitute leadsperson if the junior owner is present at the show.

Ayrshire

1. All animals exhibiting in the Ayrshire Show must be verified as at least 87% Ayrshire by the U.S. Ayrshire Breeders' Association.

2. PRODUCTION CLASS requirements: Lifetime production over 100,000 lbs. of milk OR lifetime production of 7,500 pounds of combined fat and protein.

3. Junior Ownership

- a. Animals may be owned solely by the junior exhibitor or in a partnership provided the junior exhibitor's name appears on the registration paper, prior to August 1 of the current year. All purchased animals must be transferred by August 1 of the current year. The recorded date and not the delivery date will be considered the transfer date. Registration papers will be checked at the show. In lieu of ownership, an Ayrshire Breeders' Association lease agreement will be accepted. The lease form must be received by the Ayrshire Breeders' Association office prior to August 1.
- b. **Participation:** a) A junior exhibitor may exhibit up to two (2) animals per class, with a substitute showman, as long as the substitute showman is the same age as or younger than the junior exhibitor. Not more than four may be shown in the entire show that were not bred by exhibitor. In order to qualify as breeder, the registration paper must show the junior exhibitor or a partnership including the junior exhibitor as the breeder. b) Adults are not allowed to show in any Junior class or assist in the ring.
- c. **Alternate Leadsperson:** To be eligible to compete at National Shows, entries must be shown by the Junior owner in all cases, except by prior written approval. Alternate Leadsperson forms must be submitted to show management by 5:00 p.m. the day before the show. Written requests must be submitted by this time or the animal is ineligible to show, unless there is an unforeseen circumstance.

2026 Wisconsin Dairy Showcase Entry Information

April 22-26 • ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER, MADISON, WI

Friday, April 24 - 3 p.m.	Midwest National Spring Red & White Cow Show Midwest Spring Guernsey Show
Saturday, April 25 - 8 a.m.	Midwest National Spring Red & White Heifer Show & Midwest Spring Brown Swiss Show
1 p.m.	Midwest Spring Jersey & Midwest Spring Ayrshire Show
Sunday, April 26 - 8 a.m.	Midwest National Spring Holstein Show
10:30 a.m.	Midwest Spring Milking Shorthorn Show

Entry Fee Schedule

\$35/entry if made online or postmarked on or before 4/1

\$55/entry if made online or postmarked 4/2 to 4/10

\$105/entry if made online or postmarked after 4/10 (may not be listed in the show book)

**FOR COMPLETE SHOW RULES AND PRINTABLE ENTRY FORM, VISIT THE
WHA WEBSITE AT WWW.WISHOLSTEINS.COM/DAIRY-SHOW-SERIES**

Online entry system - <https://wisholsteinevents.com/wisconsin-dairy-shows-information/>

Mail entries to: WI Holstein Association, 902 8th Avenue, Baraboo, WI 53913

All entries must be accompanied by full entry fees to be considered an entry - late fees will apply to those entries without proper entry fees.

Standard Agreement for Owners to exhibit at Wisconsin Dairy Showcase Must be signed and accompany a WI Dairy Showcase Entry Form

I agree I am personally responsible for the care, welfare, and condition of my animals during the period of the Show. I acknowledge that I am responsible for my own actions and failures to act and for the actions and failure to act of all of my employees and anyone else who assists me with the fitting, care, and show preparation of my animals.

I acknowledge that the Wisconsin Holstein Association is not responsible in any way for my livestock or the actions of myself and anyone associated with my show string while participating in any WHA sponsored show. Exhibitors are encouraged to carry insurance coverage for animals, staff, and personal liability and are responsible for any damages to person or property while on show grounds.

I promise that I will abide by the Wisconsin Dairy Showcase Show Ring Rules and the Show Ring Policy and Enforcement Procedures for dairy cattle, and any other show rules and regulations. I will also ensure that all of my employees, agents, contractors and others who assist me with the fitting, care, and show preparation of the animals comply with the same requirements. I understand that a failure to adhere to such requirements could result in disciplinary measures including possible suspension or ban of me, my employees and helpers, the animal(s), the owner and/or the exhibitor of the animal(s) from the Show and future Shows and the public reporting of disciplinary action, including to any association registering purebred livestock.

I release and agree to hold the Show, the Show organizers and its officials, directors, officers, employees, representatives, agents, and volunteers (collectively the "Show organizers") harmless from any action taken under this agreement, the Wisconsin Dairy Showcase Show Ring Rules and the Show Ring Policy and Enforcement Procedures and any other Show rules and regulations, and release the Show organizers from and against any injury, damage or loss suffered during or in connection with the Show, whether or not such injury, damage or loss resulted from or was contributed to, directly or indirectly, by the acts or omissions of the Show organizers.

The undersigned further certifies that:

- any animal entered is not currently barred from showing at any future dairy show in North America; and
- no owner of the entered animal, whether direct or indirect, is currently barred from showing any other animal at any future dairy show in North America; and
- that he/she will not knowingly employ any fitters or agents to represent him/her or his/her animal(s) that may be barred from any dairy show in North America.

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE Standard Agreement for Owners to exhibit at the Wisconsin Dairy Showcase.

Date _____ Premise ID # _____

Name of Owner/Exhibitor _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Full Address _____

SIGNATURE OF OWNER OR OWNER'S AGENT:

Stalling Request: _____

***Must be signed and dated with full entry fee for entry to be eligible for show.**



WI DAIRY SHOWCASE CLASSES

When making entries, please include the breed code and class number. Breed codes: Jersey - J; Holstein - H; Red & White - R; Brown Swiss - B; Ayrshire - A; Guernsey - G; Milking Shorthorn - M. For example: J-1, H-1 or R-1. We will follow each breed association's rules for junior ownership, Production class, group classes, etc.

- Winter Calf - born Dec. 1, 2025 - Feb. 28, 2026
- Fall Calf - born Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2025
- Summer Yearling - born June 1 - August 31, 2025
- Spring Yearling - born March 1 - May 31, 2025
- Winter Yearling - born Dec. 1, 2024 - Feb. 28, 2025
- Fall Yearling - born Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2024
- Junior & Reserve Junior Champion (Junior Show)
- Junior & Reserve Junior Champion (Open Show)
- Junior Best Three Females (Fall Yearling & under, animals must be shown in their individual classes. All must be bred by the exhibitor & at least one owned, solely or in partnership, by exhibitor. Each exhibitor limited to one entry.)
- Premier Breeder of the Heifer Show
- Premier Exhibitor of the Heifer Show
- Summer Junior 2-Year-Old Cow - born June 1 - Aug. 31, 2024 (must be fresh)
- Spring Junior 2-Year-Old Cow - born March 1 - May 31, 2024
- Senior 2-Year-Old Cow - born September 1, 2023 - February 28, 2024 (*Holstein & R&W shows will have Fall and Winter Senior 2-Year-Old classes; please enter all Senior 2-Year-Olds in class 13)
- Junior 3-Year-Old Cow - born March 1 - August 31, 2023
- Senior 3-Year-Old Cow - born September 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023
- Intermediate Champion & Reserve Intermediate Champion Female (Junior Show)
- Intermediate Champion & Reserve Intermediate Champion Female (Open Show)
- Four Year Old Cow - born Sept. 1, 2021 - Aug. 31, 2022
- Five Year Old Cow - born Sept. 1, 2020 - Aug. 31, 2021
- Six Year Old and Older Cow - born before Sept. 1, 2020
- Production Cow Class (Must bring proof of production to check-in; cows may only be switched from another milking cow class to this class with additional paid entry fee. We will follow rules for this class for each individual breed.)
- Champion Bred & Owned of the Junior Show
- Senior & Reserve Senior Champion Female (Junior Show)
- Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Female (Junior Show)
- Best Udder of Show
- Champion Bred & Owned of the Show
- Senior & Reserve Senior Champion Female (Open Show)
- Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Female (Open Show)
- Best Three Females
- Produce of Dam
- Dam & Offspring
- Premier Breeder
- Premier Exhibitor

NAME _____ FARM NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

Breed-Class # _____ Animal's Name _____
Date of Birth _____ Reg. #: _____ Tattoo #(if applicable): _____
Sire: _____ Dam: _____
Exhibited by: _____
Please check if applicable: Bred & Owned Junior Shown & Owned Junior Bred & Owned Junior Shown & Leased

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WI Junior Holstein Member Agreement (for Holstein exhibitors only)

The purpose of this organization is to encourage youth to promote the Registered Holstein industry. The Wisconsin Junior Holstein Association is open to membership for those persons under the age of 21 as of January 1st of the membership year. To be eligible for membership, all applicants must sign this agreement and agree to abide by the rules hereinafter set forth. Failure to honor any of these rules may subject the junior member to immediate revocation of membership status, including the opportunity of participation in WI Holstein Association sanctioned activities and events. For those members that turn 21 during their last year of junior membership, they may continue to receive junior recognition at Wisconsin Holstein Association shows through the duration of the WI Championship Show if their 21st birthday occurs before said show. The following rules shall apply to all junior members:

1. Use or possession of any alcoholic beverage, whether or not in connection with an Association event, is strictly prohibited for anyone under the age of 21. Controlled substances are strictly prohibited by anyone.
2. No member shall engage in any behavior prohibited by state statute, local ordinance or Board Policy (which shall include, but is not limited to vandalism, theft, truancy, assault, threats to personal safety or property and flagrant misconduct).
3. Members, at all times, shall demonstrate good citizenship and recognize the value of setting and adhering to the highest standards of conduct and performance.
4. At all Association sponsored functions, activities and trips, the rules of conduct specified by adult chaperones and advisors shall be at all times observed by members.
5. All members shall recognize the right of the Wisconsin Holstein Association's Junior Activities Committee, the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Holstein Association and its staff, adult advisors and chaperones to have the authority to enforce the rules as established and authorized herein. Members and/or their parents/guardian shall accept any financial responsibility for the enforcement of the provisions herein.

6. For the purposes of the observance of the rules of membership herein, there is established a Board which shall consist of the WHA Staff, WHA Board of Directors and the WHA Junior Activities Committee. The purpose of this Board shall be to oversee the fair application of the rules of membership and afford the right of due process. A member of this Board must be contacted while the violation is occurring. If they cannot be reached, concrete proof must be provided against the accused. Pictures help but are not concrete proof of violation. If applicable, the accuser must be willing to provide information in support of a claim that a member has violated this policy.

Due process shall be afforded by: Explaining the evidence against the member, giving the member an opportunity to explain his/her version of the facts, thereafter, it is a matter of discretion by the Board whether to have the accuser/observer summoned and whether to permit cross examination of said individuals. The following procedure is in place if it is determined that a member has violated the alcohol and controlled substance policy:

1. 1st warning, written and verbal, with privileges taken away. The severity of the privileges revoked will be decided by the Board mentioned above.
2. 2nd offense will be looked at by the WHA Board with membership revocation. (Junior membership reinstatement may be requested after revocation of membership by meeting with the WHA Board of Directors)

I have read and discussed the above rules and agree to accept and faithfully abide by them as a member of the Wisconsin Junior Holstein Association.

Junior Name (Print): _____

Junior Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian of Junior Member Date: _____

Signature: _____

This Agreement must be signed by all junior members in order to participate in Wisconsin Holstein Association sponsored shows & activities.