

# A quick guide to Wisconsin Holstein Shows

As we start show season, new members (and existing members) might have questions about rules, registrations and just general show info. Here are a few topics we get questions on as show season comes around.

## Do I need to be a WHA member to exhibit at a District Show?

Yes. Anyone exhibiting an animal at a WHA District Show and/or the Summer Championship Show needs to be a current member of the Wisconsin Holstein Association. This includes any owner of an animal, even if another individual is showing that animal for the owner. If a junior is exhibiting a managerial project they do not need to be a member unless they are participating in the showmanship contest – but the owner of the animal does need to be a member.

## Do I need a registration paper to be able to show?

Yes. All animals exhibited at Wisconsin Holstein Shows (District Shows and the Wisconsin Summer Championship Shows) require papers in order to be checked in. If you have questions about the status of your registration, you can reach out to [info@holstein.com](mailto:info@holstein.com) and a customer service rep will help you out. They can email you a copy of the registration paper if you have not received it in the mail. **BUT DON'T DELAY**– we will make our best effort to allow everyone to show, but we also expect exhibitors to do their best to get registration papers or a copy of the paper ahead of time.

## Can my animal show with just a button tag?

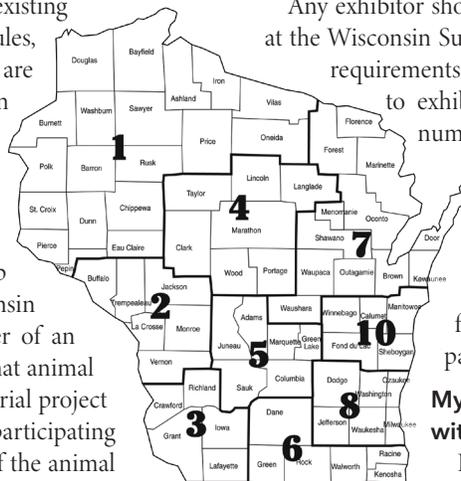
If your heifer or cow is identified with photos on the registration paper, then they do not need eartags. If an animal is identified with Holstein USA eartags, two official eartags must be in the animal's ears for entry to be accepted and allowed in the showing. **If you are concerned that you will not have custom tags in time for your show, please take photos and send to Holstein USA to have them attach to the papers. Again, we will do our best to let everyone show but we also expect exhibitors to take care of things ahead of the show as well.** In addition, all animals exhibited at WHA shows must be Holstein Registered or Qualified by Holstein USA or registered with Holstein Canada with 87% or greater purity.

## Which District Show should I show at? When do I need to enter?

You may show in either the district where you live or where your animals are housed (if housed elsewhere). We have 9 districts in the state of Wisconsin, shown on the map above. If you have any questions about which district you should show in, please contact us at the office. Each District Show has a local and district chair and most are hosted in different locations each year. All of the information for show location, entry fees and deadlines is printed in the April/May Wisconsin Holstein News and on our website.

## Do I have to show at a District Show to be eligible for the Summer Championship Show?

**NEW THIS YEAR:** Owners and exhibitors who choose not to show at a District Show have the option to pay an opt-out fee for the Holstein Championship Show of \$200 per animal plus the entry fee (\$30 on-time or \$100 late fee). So, for example, if you choose not to show at your district show and you want to show one animal at the Championship show, your total entry fee will be \$230 if you enter on time and \$300 if you late enter.



Any exhibitor showing at their District Show is still eligible to show at the Wisconsin Summer Championship Holstein Show (there are no requirements for the Red & White Show). The exhibitor is allowed to exhibit in the Championship Show up to the actual number shown and placed at District Shows. These animals may or may not be the same as shown at the District Show. Partnerships that did not exhibit an animal in that partnership at a District Show but wish to exhibit partnership animals may show at the Championship Show as a substitution animal for one of the animals shown and placed by one of the partners at a District Show.

## My child is just starting to show. Can they walk with me and the animal in the showing?

For the safety of all exhibitors and to limit liability, no additional leadspeople will be allowed on any animal that enters the ring for all classes. If a youth is leading an animal, they must be able to control the animal on their own without an adult or older youth's assistance. For young exhibitors, we offer a Spring Calf class for only exhibitors that are age 10 and under. However, each child needs to be able to handle the animal on their own.

## When do I need to have my junior animals transferred?

The Holstein USA transfer deadline is July 15 for junior owned animals. Transfers will be accepted at any District Show held before July 15 and submitted to Holstein USA representatives for submission.

## Can a junior show an animal not registered in their name?

Yes, they can, however these juniors will not be eligible for junior awards. All animals (open and junior show) are shown together at WHA shows, but junior members are eligible for additional recognition as junior owners. We recommend that if your junior wants to show in the junior show, the animal must be transferred into their name. If the junior is just showing a managerial animal, this animal will be eligible for open show recognition and the animal's owner will be listed in any show catalogs. No animals owned by adult/junior partnerships will be eligible for junior recognition.

## What happens if a junior isn't around to show their animal?

As stated in the Wisconsin Holstein show rules, the junior listed on the registration paper must exhibit the animal to earn junior recognition. If another junior (not listed on the paper in partnership with the junior) or adult shows the animal, they no longer qualify for junior awards. Junior animals may be shown in the open show at District Show and still be eligible to be shown by the junior at the Wisconsin Championship Show.

If accommodations need to be made due to a disability, we ask that you contact the WHA office at least 7 days prior to your show.

*For those juniors starting to show, the Holstein Foundation has excellent resources regarding fitting, showmanship and show animal care. These include downloadable resources and videos.*

<http://www.holsteinfoundation.org>