

2026 Wisconsin Summer Championship Shows Rules

ANIMAL HEALTH RULES AND REGULATIONS/DAIRY CATTLE

ALL CATTLE - Health requirements for the Wisconsin Summer Championship Shows 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 Summer Championship Shows 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 must be 9 years of age by show day (8 for Brown Swiss) and shall not have passed his or her 21st birthday before January 1 of the year of the show. To compete for junior recognition, all junior exhibitors must have the animal's ownership registered or transferred by the respective breed organization into the individual name of the junior exhibitor on or before **the posted date for each breed organization**.

a. Managerial projects may be exhibited in Open Class competition. However, they are not eligible for Junior awards.

b. To be considered for Junior Awards, exhibitors must identify themselves as a qualified junior member on the entry form and upon check-in to show management. If a paid membership is required, that must be taken care of before the junior member enters the show ring to be eligible for junior recognition.

c. It is the responsibility of the Junior owner to prove ownership of animal by hard copy (on the registration paper).

d. For the safety of all exhibitors and to limit liability, no additional leads/people will be allowed on any animal that enters the ring. 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. Appropriate assistance will be accommodated for those with disabilities. We ask that those needing assistance contact the WHA office at least 7 days prior to the show so accommodations can be met.

e. **PLEASE SEE THE BREED SPECIFIC JUNIOR RULES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**

Bred and Owned: 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: 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 and a junior exhibitor must be leading the animal in class. Specific breed rules for Junior Bred and Owned will be followed.

Premier Breeder Award: The breeder winning the most points on six (6) animals, all exhibited in the single classes, shall be designated Premier Breeder. A Premier Breeder form is to be filled prior to the start of the breed show to be eligible for this award. No entry fee is required. 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. 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 by exhibitor in the open, single classes, shall be designated the Premier Exhibitor. A Premier Exhibitor form is to be filled out prior to the start of the breed show to be eligible for this award. No entry fee is required. In case of a tie, additional animals will be counted, one at a time, until the tie is broken.

Exhibitor Defined: Exhibitor shall be named as the owner shown on the registration paper. 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.

In classes with 10 or less animals, no more than 2 head per breeder or exhibitor will be counted toward premier points.

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

GENERAL RULES

1. Owners of all animals exhibited at the Wisconsin Summer Championship Shows must be breed association members in good standing.

a. Holstein owners must all be current paid members of the Wisconsin Holstein Association. A

late fee may apply for any membership renewals collected at the show. Out of state partners on Holsteins must also be paid members of WHA in order to show at any WHA show. Along with the \$60 membership fee, there is a \$50 show fee that must be paid before any animal owned by the out of state member is shown at the Championship Show.

b. Red & White owners must all be current paid members of the RWDCA.

c. Junior Milking Shorthorn exhibitors must be a paid member of the AMS Junior Society.

d. Brown Swiss exhibitors must be paid members of the Wisconsin Brown Swiss Association.

2. **No Papers, No Show.** All animals exhibited at the Summer Show must be accompanied by the registration certificate or emailed copy sent directly from the respective breed association to show management; no photocopies or verification letters will be accepted.

3. Please see the additional breed rules to meet the specific requirements for identification and purity for each breed.

4. 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, which will be retained by show management & forwarded to the respective breed organization.

5. The full entry fee must accompany any entry for the Summer Shows in order for that animal to be considered an entry; otherwise, late entry fee schedule applies.

6. **All animals exhibited at the Summer Show are required to have 840 RFID tags. Exhibitors are expected to follow current animal health regulations - including testing for Avian Flu for lactating animals if required for cattle originating from a state without Unaffected State Status under NMMS. Negative test results and interstate movement papers will be cross-checked and collected to be kept on file - any animals without appropriate paperwork will result in the entire string being sent home.**

7. Once cattle are checked into a class, there will be absolutely no switching of classes (such as Production Class to Aged Cow). Absolutely no additions or switching after the check-in deadline, except for Red & Whites wanting to late enter for the Holstein show.

8. Spring Calves may be exhibited in both classes if an entry fee is paid for both classes.

9. Substitutions within class by the same owner may be made at check-in time; any other new entries will be considered a new or late entry and must pay the appropriate entry fees. Summer Show exhibitors will also be allowed 1 open substitution as long as the ownership remains the same. All substitutions are breed specific. No substitutions will be allowed across breed shows.

10. The Wisconsin Dairy Show Series Standard Agreement for Owners to Exhibit must be signed or agreed to in the online entry system to be an eligible entry.

Entry Fee Schedule

- \$40 per head if made by mail and POSTMARKED by SATURDAY, JULY 25

- \$40 per head if made through the online system by SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

- \$110 per head if entry made at show or received after AUG. 2 (entry may not be in the catalog)

All cattle for the Summer Show shall be in place by 11 a.m., Monday, August 24 in order for show and health paper check-in to be completed. The Alliant Energy Center will be open at 7 a.m. on Saturday, August 22 for set-up and cattle arrival. Exhibitors arriving earlier than 7 a.m. on August 22 must pay a \$1000 fine to the Executive Show Committee prior to the first class entering the ring at the 2026 WI Summer Championship Shows. If the fine is unpaid, the violators will be disqualified from the 2026 WI Summer Championship Shows.

An exhibitor meeting will be held Sunday, August 23 at 7 p.m.

The Executive Show Committee and the Wisconsin Holstein Association Board of Directors reserve the final and absolute right to interpret the rules and regulations of the shows and will settle and determine all matter, 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, the Show Committee chairperson may request that an individual registration certificate be checked at ringside.

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 SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS 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 conformation (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 Summer Championship Shows 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 the Show Committee. 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 Summer Championship Shows. 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 WI Summer Championship Shows 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 and WHA Executive Show Committee 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 WHA Executive 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 WHA Executive 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 WHA Executive 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 2026 Wisconsin Summer Championship Show

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 Wisconsin Holstein Association members. Out of state juniors are allowed to compete for junior awards if a membership and an additional \$50 show fee are paid.
 - 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.
 - 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:** 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. 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. A leased animal may only be shown by the Junior lessee.
- 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 Showing 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:** An alternate leadsperson request form is required to be submitted via the online form **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 the statement - Name, age, and signature of the Junior owner. Cell phone number of contact person. Class of animal. Name and age of alternate leadsperson (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. Jerseys will require 2 tags or a tattoo for identification.

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 leadspersons 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 and GE 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. **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.
- d. **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.
- e. **Junior Bred & Owned:** As of January 1, 2025, to be eligible for Junior Bred & Owned, at least one of the Junior owners must be listed as a breeder on the registration paper. All owners listed must be AMSJS members.

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. **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. Animals that are leased through the National Brown Swiss Association Lease Program are also eligible to be shown as juniors. The leased animal's recorded owners will receive open show awards. It is the responsibility of the junior owner to prove ownership of animal. To be considered for Junior Awards, exhibitors must identify themselves as a qualified junior member upon check-in to show management.
- b. **Lease:** The junior who owns or leases the animal is to show her. If the owner cannot attend the show, another National Brown Swiss Association Junior Member may show the animal. 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.
- c. **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.
- d. 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. 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.

Wisconsin Junior Brown Swiss State Show Awards

All paid Junior Members are eligible for these awards and Junior-owned animals are those animals owned solely by junior members before the animal's second birthday. Or cows that have been owned for at least one full calendar year.

William Faskell High Protein Award: Any junior owned animal is eligible to compete. The junior must exhibit the animal and a copy of the last completed lactation report must accompany the animal at the show. (The animal may win only once during the year.)

Lawrence Hanson Sportsmanship Award: Any paid junior member is eligible for this award. The junior will be judged by a panel of judges on their sportsmanship throughout the entire show. A junior can only win this award once.

Top Three All Around Juniors: The top 3 Juniors will be awarded with the following points system:

Showmanship: 3 points Class Winner: 2 points Jr/Reserve/Grand/Reserve: 3/2 points

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. All junior exhibitors must be national junior members in good standing to receive National Show Junior Recognition and awards.
- b. Eligibility: Junior members may participate after they reach 9 years of age and until December 31 of the year when they turn 21 years old.
- c. Junior owners must be listed on registration papers or have a lease agreement on file with the national office by Aug 1st of the current year
- d. Junior exhibitors may own in partnership with an adult and exhibit as a junior.
- e. Junior exhibitors must have a paid membership with US Ayrshire to be considered a National Junior Show exhibitor and be eligible for awards and recognition.
- f. In lieu of ownership, a lease agreement will be accepted. (Lease rules can be found on US Ayrshire website - https://www.usayrshire.com/_files/ugd/b80a90_14edb3685cd34c7dac05fa5f7849e37f.pdf)
- g. **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 Summer Championship Show Entry Form

Saturday, August 22 - Wednesday, August 26
ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER, MADISON, WI

Full show schedule and entry information available at
<https://wisholsteinevents.com/wisconsin-dairy-shows-information/>

Entry Fee Schedule

\$40/entry if made by mail and postmarked by 7/25/26

\$40/entry if made through online entry system by 8/2/26

\$110/entry if made online or postmarked after 8/2/26 (may not be listed in catalog)

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

Online entry system available at www.wisholsteinevents.com;

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 WI Dairy Show Series shows Must be signed and accompany a completed 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:

a. any animal entered is not currently barred from showing at any future dairy show in North America; and

b. 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

c. 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 Show Series.

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.**

SHOW CLASSES

To make an entry, indicate the breed and class number. For example: A-1, B-1, J-1, H-1, M-1 or R-1.

1. Spring Heifer Calf, Exhibitor 10 & Under - born after February 28, 2026. This class is limited to juniors 10 years of age and younger as of January 1 of the year of the show. Calves in Class 1 must be under control of the exhibitor (the exhibitor must be the sole person on the halter). 1st & 2nd open and junior placing animals in Class 1 may compete in Class 2 and may return for Junior Champion honors.
2. Spring Heifer Calf - born after February 28, 2026 (open to exhibitors of any age)
3. Winter Calf - born Dec. 1, 2025 - Feb. 28, 2026
4. Fall Calf - born Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2025
5. Summer Yearling - born June 1 - August 31, 2025
6. Spring Yearling - born March 1 - May 31, 2025
7. Winter Yearling - born Dec. 1, 2024 - Feb. 28, 2025
8. Fall Yearling - born Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2024
9. Junior & Reserve Junior Champion (Junior Show)
10. Junior & Reserve Junior Champion (Open Show)
11. 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.)
12. Premier Breeder of the Heifer Show
13. Premier Exhibitor of the Heifer Show
14. Milking Yearling - born after August 31, 2024
15. Summer Junior 2-Year-Old Cow - born June 1-Aug. 31, 2024
16. Spring Junior 2-Year-Old Cow - born March 1-May 31, 2024
17. Senior 2-Year-Old Cow - born September 1, 2023 - Feb. 28, 2024 (Winter and Fall Senior 2-Year-Old classes will be offered for the Ayrshire, Holstein, Jersey and Red & White breeds. Please enter in class 17 and the classes will be split based on birthdate. Show management reserves the right to combine into one class if entry numbers are low.)
18. Junior 3-Year-Old Cow - born March 1-August 31, 2023
19. Senior 3-Year-Old Cow - born September 1, 2022 - Feb. 28, 2023
20. Intermediate Champion & Res. Intermediate Champion (Junior Show)
21. Intermediate Champion & Res. Intermediate Champion (Open Show)
22. 4-Year-Old Cow - born Sept. 1, 2021 - Aug. 31, 2022
23. 5-Year-Old Cow - born Sept. 1, 2020 - Aug. 31, 2021
24. 6-Year-Old and Older Cow - born before Sept. 1, 2020
25. Production Cow Class (Must meet breed production requirements and bring proof of production to check-in to be eligible for Production class)
26. Champion Bred & Owned of the Junior Show
27. Senior & Reserve Senior Champion (Junior Show)
28. Grand & Reserve Grand Champion (Junior Show)
29. Senior & Reserve Senior Champion (Open Show)
30. Grand & Reserve Grand Champion (Open Show)
31. Best Udder of Show
32. Champion Bred & Owned of the Show
33. Best Three Females (Made up of 3 cows having at least 1 calf, all bred by the exhibitor with at least 1 owned, solely or in partnership, by exhibitor. Each exhibitor is limited to 1 entry)
34. Produce of Dam (2 animals, any age and the progeny of 1 cow)
35. Dam & Offspring (dam and 1 offspring, any age)
36. Premier Breeder
37. Premier Exhibitor

NAME _____ **FARM NAME** _____

ADDRESS _____ **CITY, STATE, ZIP** _____

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

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WI Junior Holstein Member Agreement

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.