

# **AHCA Rules for ROE Sanctioned Shows**

## **AHCA Policy Statement Concerning Highland Breeding Cattle for the Show Ring**

It is neither the desire nor the business of AHCA to act as a show ring policeman. It is however within the scope of AHCA's responsibilities to maintain the integrity of the breed and its breeders. This includes the promotion of the breed in an attractive public setting by both amateur and professional exhibitors, build camaraderie and participation among owners and enthusiasts, and encourage the selection of highly productive cattle with attributes of the Highland breed. It is also within the scope of AHCA's responsibilities to mediate and ensure the ongoing contentment within its constituency.

1. Exhibitors must be members in good standing of the American Highland Cattle Association or Canadian Highland Cattle Society.
2. All animals must be owned by the exhibitor and breeding stock registered with the American Highland Cattle Association or Canadian Highland Cattle Society.
3. All shows will conform with IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics and show rules (see [www.highlandcattleusa.org](http://www.highlandcattleusa.org)).
4. Registration papers must be presented to show officials or AHCA representatives upon request.
5. Tattoos must be legible and correspond to registration papers.
6. Use of hormones or steroids in animals exhibited is prohibited.
7. Purebred breeding cattle may not be dehorned.
8. A calf in the cow/calf class must be the cow's natural calf, still nursing and a maximum of 250 days old. Both the cow and calf must be registered purebred Highland cattle.
9. **All bulls 12 months or older must be shown with a nose ring or nose lead.** Note: We recommend that bulls be experienced with nose ring or nose lead prior to showing the animal.
10. All ROE shows attended will be counted in the cow/calf division. In the case of a tie for the cow/calf division, the cow/calf that has defeated the most animals will be the winner.
11. **Registered and unregistered** steers (both pure and crossbred) and **registered** Sovereign heifers, will be included for the number of animals in a point show.
12. Only **registered** pure and crossbred steers and **registered** Sovereign heifers will count toward the Premier Breeder and Exhibitor awards at all ROE shows.
13. Animals in group classes Get-of-Sire, Produce-of-Dam and Breeders Herd must be registered purebred Highland cattle.
14. Jackpot classes will be left to the discretion of each individual show to structure as they see fit (purebred/Sovereign/crossbred).