

# WORLD BEEF EXPO

## GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

### Arrival of Animals

The cattle barns will be open for the arrival of cattle beginning at **10 a.m. on Wednesday** of show week. Neither exhibitors nor cattle will be allowed access to the barns prior to that time. In no case shall any animal be brought into the barns to be placed on exhibit except by, and at the expense of, the owner and his/her hired authorized agent.

**All show and sale animals must be on display by the following times:**

Open Show Cattle	10:00 a.m. Thursday
Sale Cattle	4:00 p.m. Friday
Junior Show Cattle	11:00 a.m. Saturday

Once an animal is on the grounds, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor, owner, or his/her authorized agent to notify the breed superintendent for show check-in. Health papers must be presented at the gate before entry into the grounds.

**The entry office will open at 10 a.m. on Wednesday.**

**Exhibitors are required to familiarize themselves  
with all the rules of this show applicable to their  
exhibits.**

1. **Violation of Rules.** All entries and exhibitors of any kind and character in this exhibition are subject to these regulations, and any violation will subject exhibitors to such penalty as management may order.
2. **Interpretation of Rules.** World Beef Expo reserves, to the Executive Director and the Executive Committee, the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations, and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, or differences in regard to, arising out of, or incident to the show and its rules and regulations.
3. **Application for Entry.** All entry applications must be submitted electronically on the WBE website in accordance with the entry instructions. Entry information may be obtained from the World Beef Expo website, [www.worldbeefexpo.com](http://www.worldbeefexpo.com). **Early Entry Deadline – August 15, 2019**

Application must be received on or before the date listed above. Entries received after these dates are considered **LATE** and will be subject to a late entry fee, which **must** be included with the entry. See the entry form for specific due dates and late fees.

World Beef Expo is not responsible for electronic entries not received by entry date and time.

All fees must be paid by credit card or mailed to World Beef Expo to be eligible for entry. No refunds of entry fees or any other fees will be made to exhibitors whose animals are entered but not shown.

4. **Accepting Entries.** In all cases, World Beef Expo management reserves the right to reject entirely or accept conditionally any entry or application. It is intended that only such animals shall be exhibited as have merit. The Executive Director may appoint a special committee on the opening day of the show to view the animals entered for exhibition: Upon the recommendation of said committee that any animal or animals which do not have merit as would entitle them to exhibit, the Executive Director may require them removed from the World Beef Expo grounds.

World Beef Expo reserves the right to withdraw the classification and prizes in any department, upon the closing of the entries, where it is found the animal(s) entered would be discreditable to the exhibition.

5. **Erroneous Entry.** Animals incorrectly entered may be transferred to their proper class, prior to judging, upon application to a superintendent. Upon the approval of a superintendent or, in his/her absence, the Executive Director, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to notify the entry office of an approved class change for any entry.
6. **Multiple Entries.** Each animal may be entered in one and only one breed division per show, regardless of eligibility. Animals that are eligible for multiple breed divisions may be shown in only one division, at the discretion of the paid entrant. Any animal found to have been entered in multiple breed divisions will be disqualified from the show entirely. Multiple-breed eligible animals entered and shown in Open Show and Junior Show are not required to show as the same breed in each show.
7. **Changing Entries.** Each animal, registered or commercial, must be shown in the division in which it is entered. If, at the time of check-in, an animal's identification (i.e. tattoo, brand, etc.) does not correspond with its registration certificate, the animal is disqualified from this division. Once disqualified, the animal may not be re-tattooed.

If entry into an alternate division is desired, a late fee will be charged and the animal will be subject to check-in for that division.

8. **Substitutions.** With the approval of a superintendent, substitutions **within classes and with identical ownership** will be permitted. No other substitutions will be allowed, and all substitutions must be made no later than the breed's time of check-in. Exhibitors in shows without any defined classes may only substitute an animal of the same sex, with identical ownership, and with a birth date within 45 days of the animal it is replacing.
9. **Assignment of Stalls.** The allocation of stalls will be assigned only to animals which arrive at the show. No refunds will be granted for animals who are entered but do not arrive at the show. Stalling assignments will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis as exhibitors check in with the stalling superintendent upon arrival. The stalling superintendent's office will be staffed beginning Wednesday morning. **Neither exhibitors nor cattle will be allowed access to the barns prior to Wednesday morning.** Cattle may not be stalled without authorization from the stalling superintendent.
10. **Cattle Check-In.** Exhibitors are responsible for knowing when their breed is being checked in. More specifically, each exhibitor is responsible for being present at the time his/her cattle are being checked in. If the exhibitor or a designated representative is not present, the superintendent may refuse to allow the exhibitor's cattle to participate in the show.

All official registration papers must be present at check-in. Telegrams, phone calls, and other communications from breed associations certifying application for registration will not be accepted. **No photocopies or faxes of animal registration forms will be accepted.** The original registration or a breed association issued duplicate of the registration will be accepted. Please note that Angus check-in and rules for registrations will follow guidelines established for the American Angus Association as outlined in its premium participation statement.

*Exceptions will be made only for cattle bought at the 2019 World Beef Expo Sale and entered in the Junior Show. Proof of purchase must be available for inspection on animals purchased at the 2019 World Beef Expo Elite Sale and entered in the Junior Show. If registration papers are not available for a sale animal, it will be shown in the Crossbred or Commercial Division.*

11. **Health requirements.** Please see the World Beef Expo page on DATCP Health Rules and Regulations website for import requirements. Health papers must be presented at the gate before entry into the grounds.
12. **Tattoos.** Tattoos on all registered cattle will be checked in accordance with the breed's national association exhibition rules. In the case a tattoo does not meet national association regulations, the animal will not be allowed exhibition.
13. **Entry Numbers.** Entry numbers will be provided to all exhibitors. The handler must display, on his/her back, this number when the animal is in the show ring.
14. **Classes.** World Beef Expo Show Management reserves the right to split or combine classes as they find

appropriate.

- 15. Supreme Champion Drive.** Each Open Show breed with ten or more paid entries has the opportunity to present its Grand Champion Heifer, Grand Champion Bull, and Grand Champion Cow/Calf to compete for the title of Supreme Champion. Cattle who have achieved the honor of Grand Champion are invited to participate in this showcase event on Saturday evening. The Any Other Breed (AOB) champions (see Rule 12) are also invited to compete. The Supreme Champion Heifer, Bull, and Cow/Calf Pair will each be awarded a \$1500 premium. The judges' written reasons for Supreme Champion will not be released.

Any animal entered in the Supreme Champion Drive must be fitted in accord with the Code of Ethics, as described in Rule 15. The use of false tail heads is prohibited. The addition of hair or any similar substance to any part of the animal's body is prohibited. Dyeing or artificially changing the color of the animal is prohibited, though coloring agents may be used on the legs and tail switches. No powder of any kind or color may be used on any part of the animal. Failure to comply with these standards will result in disqualification. *(Note: This rule applies only to the Open Show.)*

- 16. Breed Show Requirements.** All Open Show breeds, regardless of paid entries, will show individually and recognize their own champions. Any breed with fewer than ten paid entries will show on Saturday (in alphabetical order) and will have its champion eligible for Any Other Breed (AOB) champion. The AOB champion in each division – heifer, bull, and cow/calf – will then qualify for the Supreme Champion Drive. AOB champion(s) will be selected following the completion of all Open Show divisions. Any show with ten or more paid entries will have its champion automatically eligible for the Supreme Champion Drive.

The total number of paid entries in a show shall include all checked-in entries for that show, regardless of division. *(Example: 7 heifers + 3 bulls + 2 cow/calf pairs = 12 entries.)* The minimum requirement for automatic qualification for the Supreme Champion Drive is based on the number of paid entries.

**Breeds with separate low-percentage divisions are considered to have two separate shows, each of which is subject to the aforementioned rules and requirements.**

World Beef Expo reserves the right to limit or remove the class breakdowns in shows with fewer than ten checked-in entries. In this scenario, all heifers would show in one class, all bulls in another, and all cow/calf pairs in another. The resulting class winners would be named the breed's champions and would be eligible for AOB champion. *(Note: This rule applies only to Open Show.)*

- 17. Code of Ethics.** To maintain a high degree of confidence in the World Beef Expo show, show management reserves the right to disqualify any animals that have been fitted in an unethical fashion. Unethical fitting shall include, but is not limited to: Any injection of gas, solid, or liquid under the skin or into the body (i.e. "pumping"); any cutting or tearing of the hide or removal of tissue beneath the hide in effort to alter the shape of the individual; attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development; dyeing or coloring which alters natural coloration; and efforts to change the degree of firmness of the animal.

In such cases where unethical fitting, fraud, or misrepresentation appears to have been attempted and the attempt is protested, World Beef Expo may appoint a veterinarian, official, or committee to inspect the entry. World Beef Expo will follow a course of action based upon the findings and conclusions of the examining individual or committee, and penalty may include forfeiture of all premiums and a one-year prohibition from World Beef Expo. By submitting and/or signing an application for entry, participants agree to comply with all rules and regulations governing World Beef Expo, including those displayed on the official website.

- 18. Drugs.** No drugs may be administered to an animal while on the World Beef Expo grounds unless under the supervision of a veterinarian. Such treatment must be acknowledged to show management.
- 19. Tie-outs.** Tie-outs are limited to the designated area only. **World Beef Expo will not be providing a central pre-constructed tie-out area.** Cattle will need to be tied to the exhibitor's trailer or to personal gates in the tie-out area. Exhibitors are responsible for their own bedding in the tie-out area. Cattle will be allowed to leave the barns for tie-outs at 5:00 p.m. and must be returned to the barns by 8:00 a.m. daily. Any exhibitor failing to abide by these rules may be disqualified and all premiums withheld at the discretion of World Beef Expo management. All animals are required to be double-tied while at tie-outs.
- 20. Cattle Washing.** Cattle can only be washed in one of the designated wash racks. These are drained to sanitary sewers to comply with health requirements.

21. **Appearance of Exhibits/Exhibitors.** Stalls, pens, and exhibition places must be cleaned before 8:00 a.m. each day, and all refuse matter must be disposed of properly. All animal waste must be deposited in the appropriate structures located at each barn. All stalls must be kept neat and in good condition at all times. Loud or inappropriate music in the barns will not be tolerated. Management reserves the right to withhold premium money or awards from exhibitors who do not comply with this expectation. Exhibitors are encouraged to be neatly dressed while exhibiting their animals in the show ring.
22. **Care and Exhibition of Animals.** Exhibitors are responsible for the delivery of their animals to the appropriate area by the designated time. Exhibitors are required to attend to their animals, including proper dietary procedures, and to have them presented to the judge(s) when called. Exhibitors are responsible for following the progression of the show and presenting their animals in the show ring in the appropriate class(es). No refunds will be granted for missing a class.
23. **Nose Rings.** All bulls 12 months of age and older must have a nose ring/nose lead when out of the stall.
24. **Grooming Chutes.** Grooming chutes or cattle safety devices may be used. They must be kept with the exhibitor's cattle and cannot be placed in aisles, clean-out alleys, fire lanes, or wash rack areas. If space is limited in the stalling area, exhibitors may be required to set up grooming chutes outside the building in an assigned area. Grooming chutes may be in the aisle when in use, provided there is a walkway through the area. Any exhibitor who does not comply promptly, if requested by management, to remove a chute is subject to disciplinary action. World Beef Expo will allow two (2) chutes per exhibitor.
25. **Generators.** Generators are allowed for cattle exhibitors only. Fire code regulations require that generators cannot be allowed inside the barns, whether in use or not. Generators must be kept out of wash rack areas and fire lanes.
26. **Parking** All vehicles, trucks, and trailers must be parked in the designated areas. No Parking areas will be posted, and violators will be subject to ticketing and towing at the owner's expense.
27. **Fire Code Regulations.** Please comply with all signs and posted safety regulations. Due diligence must be exercised to prevent fire, accidents, or other damage. This includes keeping fire lanes around each barn, **no smoking** in any building, using no combustibles in display materials, and proper restraint of animals.

Heavy-duty 3-wire electrical cords must be used and under no circumstances can electrical cords touch straw, hay, metal beams, or rafters. All fans must be UL approved. Only overhead fans may be used in the barns. Fire regulations are designed for the protection and safety of the exhibitor, exhibits, the public, and the grounds.

World Beef Expo has implemented a policy in an effort to prevent electrical and safety problems by worn, ungrounded, and/or unapproved equipment. All equipment that does not conform to the manufacturer's specifications for safety and usage will be disconnected. Exhibitors with faulty/unapproved equipment will be warned, and if proper corrective action is not taken, the electrical cord will be cut to prevent further use while at World Beef Expo.
28. **Conduct of Exhibitors.** If an exhibitor, in any way – whether in person or through an agent or employee – interferes with a judge during his/her adjudication, or shows any disrespect to a judge or the show, World Beef Expo management may exclude such exhibitor from competition and may also withhold any premiums which may have been won.
29. **Judges Decision.** The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases, except where mistakes, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award, is proven. In such cases, management or an appointed referee may decide – or, at his/her discretion, the case may be appealed to the Executive Committee, from whose decision there is no appeal.
30. **Protests.** Individuals must submit a written protest and accompany it with \$500 in cash or check (payable to World Beef Expo), which will be forfeited to World Beef Expo if the protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint and must be delivered to the Executive Director immediately after the occasion of the protested event. Protests may be submitted prior to judging or immediately after the conclusion of class judging. Once an animal is eligible for Supreme Champion, Junior Prospect or

Market Steer Champion, or Supreme Champion Junior Female, a protest will **NOT** be accepted.

Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation; and, depending upon the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a thorough investigation is complete. No complaint or appeal that a judge has overlooked an animal will be considered as a basis for a complaint.

31. **Judges Selection Committee.** Nomination of judges for World Beef Expo is open to anyone. Nominations must be made on the proper form, which must be filled out completely and accurately. All nominations are sent to a Judges Selection Committee, which consists of no fewer than three non-exhibiting members. This committee is responsible for the selection of all World Beef Expo judges.

All judge nominations must be submitted by January 1 of the year of the show. Nominations can be made by email or letter to World Beef Expo.

32. **Judging Contest.** It is mandatory that all exhibitors cooperate with judging contest officials in providing animals for use in the judging contest. If the contest selection committee or representatives of World Beef Expo select an exhibitor's animal for the judging contest, the exhibitor must allow the animal to be part of the contest.
33. **Loss Of or Damage to Property.** While the show management has created structures to provide a safe environment for exhibits, exhibitors, and the public, it does not accept responsibility for any loss of or damage to personal property which may be present on the show grounds. All exhibitors are encouraged to exercise appropriate care and diligence in the storage and placement of personal property.
34. **Animal and Pedestrian Safety.** The use of scooters, skateboards, bicycles, and similar items are prohibited in the barns and on the sidewalks and roads which provide access to the barns, coliseum, and buildings in use during World Beef Expo. World Beef Expo management reserves the right to order such items removed from the grounds.
35. **Dogs.** All dogs – with the exception of on-duty service dogs – are prohibited in the barns, show rings, and buildings. All dogs must be leashed when on the grounds.
36. **Sale Animals.** Animals to be entered in the **Showcase Sale** must use the designated entry form found on the World Beef Expo website, [www.worldbeefexpo.com](http://www.worldbeefexpo.com). Additional Information concerning the sale is available on the website. All sale animals must meet World Beef Expo health requirements. Sale consignments are due August 26, 2019.

For Sale questions, contact:

Larry Martin      (217) 433-0242    [lmcs2000@yahoo.com](mailto:lmcs2000@yahoo.com)

Send all sale entry forms with required entry fees to Larry Martin. See the website for the entry form and mailing address.

If sale animals are to be shown, they must be entered in the appropriate division and class and must pay the corresponding entry fee. (Refer to the Open Show entry form for more details.) Animals purchased at the World Beef Expo sale may be entered and exhibited in the Junior Show by the new owner. (Refer to the Junior Show entry form for more details.)

### 37. **Junior Show**

**Junior Ownership** Ownership by a junior exhibitor **is required** and is established when an animal is recorded and certified on the registration certificate in the name of the junior exhibitor only, or with the junior exhibitor as a co-owner, and with the junior exhibitor's first and last name appearing on the certificate.

NOTE: All Simmental and Percentage Simmental entries (including calves born in 2019) require an American Simmental Association registration paper with the exhibitor's name – or an account for which the junior is an authorized representative – on the paper.

All animals entered in the Junior Show must be shown by the exhibitor of record, except in a case of exhibitor injury, severe illness, or prior written application to a Junior Show Superintendent. Only

another World Beef Expo junior exhibitor will be allowed to substitute for the exhibitor of record. Written approval of a Junior Show Superintendent must be obtained before the substitute may enter the show ring. No exceptions will be made. Any animal shown in violation of this rule will be disqualified, and no premiums will be awarded. The exhibitor of record and/or the unauthorized substitute may be subject to additional sanctions from show management

**Animals Purchased at World Beef Expo Sales.** Any heifer or steer purchased by a junior at the 2019 World Beef Expo Showcase Sale may enter the Junior Show for no fee. Entry forms for these animals will be available in the sale area and the entry office. Entries must be completed and submitted to the entry office by 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 28, along with proof of purchase. Proof of purchase may be required upon entry.

**Logos/Advertising.** Junior Show exhibitors are not allowed to have firm or farm identification on clothing worn or carried into the show ring. Failure to comply with this expectation may result in the exhibitor being barred from the show ring until compliance is demonstrated.

**Angus Exhibitors.** Junior Angus exhibitors are required to read and abide by the American Angus Association's Junior Angus Heifer Show Participation Statement.

**Interpretation and Enforcement.** Show management has the right to interpret and enforce the rules and regulations, as well as to accept or reject any entry entirely, partially, or conditionally. The decisions of Junior Show management are final. Questions for junior eligibility, animal ownership, and animal eligibility for Junior Show will be decided by Junior Show management according to the full body of rules for World Beef Expo as published on the official website. This authority includes, but is not limited to, the enforcement and interpretation of rules in regard to fitting, maintaining show standards, and ethics of conduct.

## Release of Animals

All World Beef Expo exhibitors are expected to keep their animals on exhibition and on the grounds until the designated time of release. The **penalty for early departure** without permission from show management is forfeiture of all premiums and prohibition from exhibiting at World Beef Expo the following year.

### Release times are as follows:

Normal Release 4:00 p.m. Sunday (or immediately following Junior Show)

Early Release 6:00 p.m. Saturday (*Note: Applies only to Open Show*)

Early release will begin at 6:00 p.m. Saturday and conclude at 7:00 a.m. Sunday. Exhibitors who plan to exercise the early release option should indicate their intention upon arrival at World Beef Expo so stalling can be arranged in a convenient pattern. Exhibitors who choose the early release option are expected to leave exhibits and cattle in place until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday. Further, they are expected to appropriately dispose of trash and animal waste in their stalling area and surrounding aisles before leaving the barn.

Release of show animals prior to 6:00 p.m. Saturday will only be granted for animals going directly to another show. Proof of entry and payment must be provided to show management. Such passes are issued only by the entry office.

Animals sold at the World Beef Expo sale can be released any time after the conclusion of the sale. Release passes for these cattle will be available in the entry office and/or the sale area. Proof of purchase for each animal must be presented. All Release passes will be collected, upon departure, by a superintendent or gate staff.

Official release time for Junior Show exhibitors is 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 29, or immediately following the conclusion of the Junior Show. However, Junior Show exhibitors will be allowed release following the conclusion of their breed show, provided no exhibitors in their aisle are in the process of fitting and/or showing. Exhibitors are asked to be courteous and respectful to fellow exhibitors. Any reports or complaints of disruptive tear-down activity may be investigated and penalized.

All Open Show Supreme Champions are encouraged to stay on site until the conclusion of World Beef Expo.

All feed, bedding, and veterinary bills must be settled before any animal is released. Bills may be paid in the entry office during posted office hours.

All animals must be out of the barns by 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.