

2017 Texas Junior Simmental/Simbrah Association Futurity

GENERAL RULES

I. Registration, Entry, and Fees

- A. Individual entry forms and required fees must be postmarked by the entry deadline of **May 15**. If postmark is after May 15 a **late fee of \$30** per exhibitor will be incurred. The areas of competition in which an individual will participate must be designated at the same time.
- B. Fees are located on the entry form.
- C. All checks will be written to the **TJSSA** and must accompany the entry form.
- D. All entries will be returned to address designated on entry form.

II. Eligibility

- A. Participants in the State Futurity must be paid members of the Texas Junior Simmental/Simbrah Association (**with the exception of out of state participants**).
- B. Participants must not have reached their 22nd birthday prior to January 1, 2017.

COMPETITION AND AWARDS

I. Novice, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Division Eligibility

- A. Contestants entering 2nd grade and younger must compete in the Novice division. Novice contestants may participate in all contests except the Cattle Show. Contests will be age appropriate.
Novices who participate in showmanship must be accompanied by a family member
- B. Contestants entering 3rd grade through 13 years old by January 1, 2017 must compete in the Junior Division.
- C. Contestants 14-17 years old on January 1, 2017 must compete in the Intermediate Division.
- D. Contestants 18 and older by January 1, 2017 must compete in the Senior Division.

II. Individual Competition

- A. At the Futurity, overall competition will be determined by points won in five of the seven following events: Cattlemen's Quiz, Public Speaking, Judging Contest, Sales Talk, Cattle Show, Skill-A-Thon, and Showmanship.
- B. The top 10 competitors in the Cattlemen's Quiz, Public Speaking, Judging Contest, Sales Talk, Skill-A-Thon, and Showmanship will receive points, with the highest score receiving 10 points and each subsequent score receiving one less point down to one point for tenth place.
- C. In the Cattle Show, the top 10 exhibitors will receive points based on their placing, with the highest receiving 10 points and each subsequent score receiving one less point down to one point for tenth place. Divisions of the cattle show must equal 10% of the largest division or overall points for those divisions will be reduced 50%.
- D. In the case where a contestant has two entries in the top ten, only the points for the highest placing entry will be counted for overall competition. The lower placing heifer will receive recognition, but no points will be awarded to that placing.

E. To compete in the Cattle Show and be eligible for awards, a contestant must compete in four of the five following events: Cattlemen's Quiz, Judging Contest, Public Speaking, Sales Talk, and Skill-A-Thon.

F. Contestants are required to wear the official Futurity shirt during the Cattle Show and Showmanship.

III. Ties

A. Ties will be broken by comparing scores in the order of the following events: Cattlemen's Quiz, Judging Contest, and Public Speaking.

IV. Recognition and Awards

To receive awards, contestants must attend the awards ceremony. The only exceptions must be approved by the TJSSA Board. Approval for early release must be brought to TJSSA Board's attention by the completion of contestant check-in.

A. Awards will be presented to winners in the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions in each event. Novice competitors will receive recognition only.

B. Overall competition – The top individuals in the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions will receive an award.

C. First time exhibitors will be recognized based on overall competition standings.

V. Conduct and Disciplinary Action

A. All TJSSA members in attendance at the TJSSA Futurity are expected to conduct themselves in a manner becoming to a member of the TJSSA.

B. Violations of the above standard include, but are not limited to: misrepresentation of animals, vandalism, theft, fighting, unsportsmanlike conduct, failure to comply with the directives of Futurity officials, possessing or being under the influence of intoxicating beverages or other prohibited substances, or willful violation of rules.

C. TJSSA Board Members and Advisers, upon finding an individual in violation of conduct, may take action as deemed necessary.

VI. Liability Provisions

A. All contestants must supply a signed release statement from a parent or legal guardian before being allowed to participate. The release statement is provided on the individual entry form.

B. The Texas Junior Simmental/Simbrah Association and/or any of its volunteers are not responsible for accidents or theft that may occur during the Futurity.

CONTEST RULES

Cattle Show – General Rules

The Futurity Cattle Show consists of the following female divisions: Purebred Simmental heifers, Purebred Simbrah heifers, Simmental Cow/Calf Pairs, Simbrah Cow/Calf Pairs, Percentage Cow/Calf Pairs, Percentage Simmental heifers and Percentage Simbrah heifers.

1. Each exhibitor may bring up to five entries to the Futurity.
2. Contestants must present original registration certificate at check-in. Photocopies of registration certificate will not be accepted. Contestants exhibiting scramble heifers must obtain a copy of both sides of the registration certificate. Name of show must be officially shown on the certificate by letterhead or official seal/logo.

3. Cattle show entries must have a legible tattoo which conforms to registration certificate.
4. **OUT OF STATE EXHIBITORS** must have health papers by a licensed veterinarian. Entries 18 months and older must be tested free for brucellosis. If your state does not have TB free status then a negative TB test is also needed. Health papers are not required if cattle are native to Texas.
5. Only cattle entered in the Futurity are allowed on the Brazos County Expo grounds.
6. No artificial filling of animals will be allowed unless under the advice of a licensed, non-owner veterinarian. Anyone caught illegally artificially filling an animal will be removed from the show.
7. Cattle must be on exhibit at fairgrounds through the conclusion of the cattle show.
8. Substitutions for entries will be accepted until check-in is completed. Substituted heifers must comply with cattle show rules.
9. All contestants must wear the TJSSA Futurity t-shirt.
10. All classes will be broken after check-in.

Purebred Heifer Show

Owned Competition: Owned heifers are defined as entries in which the registration certificate is issued in the name of the exhibitor or the name of a membership for which the exhibitor is an ASA-recognized authorized representative.

Bred and Owned Competition: Bred and Owned heifers are defined as those which the exhibitor's name is the only name on the dam's registration certificate at the time the entry was conceived and the exhibitor has been the continuous and sole owner of the animal. The Percentage Simmental and Simbrah and Cow/Calf shows will not have a bred and owned competition.

1. Purebred Simmental & Simbrah heifers must have been born on or after August 1, 2015 and before March 15, 2017, and be registered with the American Simmental Association as either Purebred Simmental or Purebred Simbrah (5/8 SM 3/8 BR). The registration certificate must be issued in the name of the contestant or in the name of a membership in which the contestant is an authorized representative.

Percentage Heifer Competition

1. Heifers must have been born on or after August 1, 2015 and on or before March 15, 2017, and must be registered with the American Simmental Association. Half-blood to three-quarter blood Simmental will show in the percentage Simmental show and the percentage Simbrah show shall consist of $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ Simmental with the other remaining percentage being Brahman or half-blood Simbrah (ex: $\frac{1}{2}$ purebred Simbrah $\frac{1}{2}$ Angus).

Cow/Calf Competition

1. There will be three divisions within the the Cow/Calf Competition: Purebred Simmental; Purebred Simbrah; and Percentage Simmental and Simbrah.
2. The calf at side must be born on or after January 1, 2017.
3. Pairs will be shown in two groups: Group 1 is cows born in 2015; Group 2 is cows born in 2014 or older.

Showmanship

1. Exhibitors must use the same animal for all phases of the Showmanship Contest.
2. To compete in Showmanship, exhibitors must be entered in the cattle show and have shown animal to be used in showmanship in the cattle show.
3. Exhibitors must wear the TJSSA Futurity t-shirt.
4. Cow/Calf pairs may not be used for showmanship. Either the cow or the calf may be used individually.

Judging Contest

1. A committee of officials shall select and place classes, designate and listen to oral reasons, and assign questions about classes. The contest consists of at least 3 classes which will feature live cattle from any segment of the beef industry. Performance data will be used when available. One or more of the placing classes will be designated by the judges as an oral reasons/questions class.
2. Placing, oral reasons, and questions classes are worth 50 points per class.
3. Apparel identifying an individual's farm/ranch or team affiliation is prohibited during the contest.
4. Contestants, parents, or advisers are not allowed in the judging contest area to inspect the cattle before the contest.
5. Contestants are allowed 10 minutes to place each class. There will be a two-minute time warning for each class.
6. Contestants must remain with their assigned groups throughout the entire contest unless otherwise instructed by a contest coordinator.
7. During the contest, there will be no conferring between contestants or between parents and/or advisers and contestants. The use of cell phones is prohibited for the duration of the contest.
8. Cattle will be judged unhaltered in pens or haltered. Close inspection will not be allowed unless directed by the official committee.
9. Contestants must provide their own note taking material for use in the contest. Additional materials used as an aid are prohibited.
10. Any violation of the rules will result in disqualification of the contestant.
11. Ties will be broken on the basis of total reasons/questions scores. If a tie still remains, ties will be broken by highest oral reasons score, then highest placing score. If tie is still not broken, the Cattlemen's Quiz will be used.

Cattlemen's Quiz

1. The junior quiz will consist of 35 multiple choice and true/false questions and 50 on the intermediate/senior quiz.
2. One and one half hour will be allotted for contestants to complete the quiz.

3. Notes, books, and reference materials are not permitted in the testing area. All materials will be provided: quiz questions, supplements, answer sheet, and pencils.
4. Conferring with other contestants, use of cell phones, or any other form of cheating will be grounds for disqualification of contestants.
5. Ties will be broken according to pre-designated tie breaking questions.
6. Primary resources for questions used on the quiz will be *the Register*, material available on the ASA Web site – www.simmental.org, and other relevant industry material.

Public Speaking

1. Contestants will give a speech on a topic selected in a random drawing. Subject areas include, but are not limited to, the History and Development of Simmental and Simbrah cattle, Principles of Breeding, Selling, Customer Service, Health, Nutrition, and managing/marketing of Sim-genetics.
2. Contestants will report to the preparation room 30 minutes prior to their scheduled speaking time to draw their topic. Contestants will draw topics and select one on which to speak. 30 minutes will be allotted to prepare the speech.
3. Contestants may receive a specially prepared information packet on the selected topic and two 3x5 note cards. No other reference material is allowed.
4. Speeches will be 3 to 7 minutes in length. Time elapsed will be posted during the speech so contestants are aware of timing. Speakers who finish before 3 minutes have elapsed, or after 7 minutes have passed, will be penalized 1 point for each second over/under. Following the speech, time is allowed for judges to ask questions.
5. Contestants will be judged on: subject knowledge (20%); organization (10%); presentation (40%); response to questions (20%); and general effectiveness (10%)
6. Ties will be broken according to placing on the Cattlemen's Quiz.

Skill-A-Thon

1. The purpose of this contest is to assess practical skills related to the beef industry and SimGenetics cattle.
2. Contest may include a visual identification via Power Point, identification of the actual equipment, or a combination of the two.
3. Contest may include but is not limited to: identification, practical usage, beef industry problem solving, and practical application of ASA materials.
4. Contestants may not bring notes, books, or reference materials into the contest area.
5. While the contest is in progress, there shall be no conferring between contestants, use of cell phones, use of notes, or any other form of cheating. Any violation will be grounds for disqualification from the contest.
6. Ties will be broken according to placing on the Cattlemen's Quiz.

Sales Talk

The Sales Talk uses a live setting complete with animal or a photo (no larger than 8x10) and potential buyers. The purpose of this contest is to evaluate the effectiveness of the presentation and the contestant's ability to merchandise cattle.

1. Contestants may use any entry or photo (no larger than 8x10) of a SimGenetics animal as the subject of the Sales Talk. Contestants may use an animal other than their own. The contestant may hold or tie the subject, or have another contestant hold the subject during the talk. The animal is not to be fitted.
2. If the contestant's entry is a cow/calf pair, either the cow or the calf may be the subject of the Sales Talk.
3. Before the talk, contestants will be required to provide judges with a registration certificate for the animal being "sold". The judges will use the registration certificate to evaluate the accuracy of pedigree and performance information provided by the contestant and to also ask questions. The certificate will be returned to the contestant at the end of the talk.
4. Contestants will be judged on their knowledge of the animal they are selling (25%), ability to relate important information about the heifer/cow (organization and style-25%), poise and delivery (25%), and overall effectiveness in convincing the judge to buy the animal (25%).
5. A contestant's score will be reduced 10% if additional materials are presented to the judges other than those listed in the above rules.
6. Sales Talk will be 5-7 minutes in length. Time elapsed will be indicated during the contest so that contestants are aware of time constraints.
7. Ties will be broken according to placing on the Cattlemen's Quiz.

Fun Teams

1. Teams may be composed of four or five contestants. A team may consist of junior, intermediate and senior contestants.
2. Teams for overall competition must be designated on a posted sign-up sheet before 1:00 p.m., Friday, June 10, 2017.
3. Overall team standings will be based upon points awarded in Cattlemen's Quiz, Judging Contest, Public Speaking, Sales Talk, and Skill-A-Thon. Team scores in each event will be determined by combining contest points from the top four team members.
4. Awards will be presented to members of the top team overall.

General Information

1. Full recreational vehicle (RV) hookups are available on the Brazos County Expo fair grounds.
2. Straw bedding will be allowed in designated tie-out area at the Brazos County Expo fair grounds. Shavings for bedding can only be obtained on fair grounds. Fans are allowed in the cattle exhibit area. Only cattle will be allowed along the cattle tie panels. All equipment and display materials must be placed in the aisles without blocking the passage of traffic.
3. Alcohol is permitted with the exception of glass bottles.
4. No dogs or other pets are allowed in the facility, with the exception of persons requiring service animals for visual impairment, disability or medical reasons.