

## 2017 AJSA Regional and National Classic Rules

### I. Registration, Entry and Fees

1. Individual entry forms and required fees must be submitted online by the entry deadline to participate in any Regional or National Classic. The areas of competition in which an individual will participate must be designated at the same time.
2. **NEW for 2017:** Exhibitors are permitted to enter up to nine head, however, each contestant may bring and exhibit only six entries at the Regional and National Classics.
  - a. The only exception being the 2017 Eastern Regional in London, Ohio, exhibitors can only enter five head, and exhibit three head. The six head rule will permanently go into effect for all Regionals and Nationals in 2018.
  - b. Stall space will be provided for the number of head entered, unless additional stalls are purchased.
  - c. Animals entered in the National Classic Bred and Owned Show will incur a separate fee for entering in both the Owned, and Bred and Owned Show.
  - d. Entry fees must be paid for all cattle entered and no refunds will be issued.
  - e. No substitutions will be accepted.
3. Regional Classic entries must be submitted by 11:59 PM MT on Monday, May 15, 2017. No late entries accepted.
4. National Classic entries must be submitted by 11:59 PM MT on Monday, May 22, 2017. No late entries accepted.
5. Entry fees are located within each Classic schedule.
6. Exhibitors must be current AJSA members at the time of online entry for entries to be accepted.

### II. Eligibility

1. All participants in the 2017 Regionals and National Classic must hold an individual junior membership with the American Simmental Association and have paid their annual service fee for the fiscal year.
2. Participants must not have reached their 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday prior to January 1, 2017.
3. No participant will be discriminated against as a result of a physical, emotional or mental handicap. The only requirement is to specify on the entry form so accommodations can be made.
4. AJSA members can compete in as many Regionals as they wish; however, they are only eligible for awards at the first two in which they compete.

### III. Health Requirements for Cattle

1. All cattle must meet the health requirements for the state where the event is held. Health inspection certificates issued by your local veterinarian must bear the animal's ID, age and breed description. Any and all questions regarding health requirements should be directed to your local or state veterinarian.

### IV. Individual Competition

1. At the Regional and National Classics, overall competition will be determined by points won in four of the following six events: Cattlemen's Quiz, Public Speaking, Livestock Judging, Sales Talk, cattle show, and showmanship.
2. At the Regionals, points will be awarded to the top ten competitors in the Cattlemen's Quiz, Sales Talk, Livestock Judging and Public Speaking, with the highest score receiving ten points, and each subsequent score receiving one less point, down to one point for 10<sup>th</sup> place. To compete in the cattle show, exhibitors are required to participate in three of the four following

educational competitions: Cattlemen's Quiz, Sales Talk, Livestock Judging and Public Speaking.

3. At the National Classic, points will be awarded to the top twenty competitors in Cattlemen's Quiz, Sales Talk, Livestock Judging and Public Speaking, with the highest score receiving twenty points, and each subsequent score receiving one less point down to one point for the 20<sup>th</sup> place. To compete in the cattle show, exhibitors are required to participate in three of the four following educational competitions: Cattlemen's Quiz, Sales Talk, Livestock Judging and Public Speaking.
4. At the Regionals, in the cattle show, the top ten exhibitors will receive points based on their placing, with the highest score receiving ten points and each subsequent score receiving one less point down to one point for 10<sup>th</sup> place. Simbrah, Fullblood, cow/calf and steer entries must equal 10% of the largest heifer division or the available points for those divisions will be reduced by 50%. In the instance the division receives half points, only the top five animals will be placed in the ring.
  - a. In the case where a contestant has two entries in the top ten, only the points for the highest placing entry will be used for tabulation in the overall competition. The remaining animal will still receive recognition and awards, but only the highest placing will receive overall points.
5. At the National Classic:
  - b. In the heifer show, the top twenty exhibitors within each division will receive points based on their placing with the highest receiving twenty points, and each subsequent placing receiving one less point down to one point for 20<sup>th</sup> place.
  - c. In the Bred and Owned shows, the top twenty exhibitors will receive points based on their placing with the highest receiving twenty points, and each subsequent placing receiving one less point down to one point for 20<sup>th</sup> place.
  - d. All Bred and Owned shows, Simbrah, Fullblood, cow/calf and steer divisions must equal 10% of the largest heifer division or the available points for those divisions will be reduced by 50%. In the instance where the division receives half points, only top ten animals will be placed in the ring.
  - e. In the case where a contestant has two entries in the top twenty, only the points for the highest placing entry will be used for tabulation in the overall competition. The remaining animal will still receive recognition and awards, but only the highest placing will receive overall points.
6. Cell phones are prohibited from all contests under all conditions. If a contestant uses a cell phone during a contest, the contestant will be disqualified from the contest and his/her score will be pulled and the contest will not count toward eligibility of the three out of the four required contests.

## **V. Competition and Awards**

1. Age division eligibility will be determined based on the contestants age on January 1, 2017 for the division of competition.
2. Contestants 7 years and under who have not reached their 8<sup>th</sup> birthday prior to January 1, 2017 must compete in the Novice division. Novice competitors are not eligible to exhibit cattle.
3. At the Regional Classics:
  - a. Junior division contestants must be 8 years old on or before January 1, 2017, and not have reached their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday prior to January 1, 2017.
  - b. Senior division contestants must be 15 years old on or before January 1, 2017, and have not reached their 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday prior to January 1, 2017.

4. At the National Classic:
  - a. Junior division contestants must be 8 years old on or before January 1, 2017, and must not have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday prior to January 1, 2017.
  - b. Intermediate division contestants must be 14 years old on or before January 1, 2017, and must not have reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday prior to January 1, 2017.
  - c. Senior division contestants must be 18 years old on or before January 1, 2017, and must not have reached their 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday prior to January 1, 2017.

## VI. Recognition and Awards

1. To receive awards, contestants must attend the entire awards ceremony. The only exceptions will be approved by the AJSA Board of Trustees. Applications for early release must be received, in writing, by the time cattle check-in is complete at the designated show. Failure to complete an early release form will result in consequences at the discretion of the AJSA Board of Trustees.
2. At the Regionals Classics, awards will be presented to winners in both the Junior and Senior divisions in each event. At the National Classic, awards will be presented to the Intermediate division as well. Novice competitors will receive recognition only.
3. Ties: in the event of ties in the overall competition, ties will be broken by comparing scores in the following events:
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> tiebreaker: Cattlemen's Quiz
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> tiebreaker: Livestock Judging
  - c. 3<sup>rd</sup> tiebreaker: Public Speaking

## VII. Cattle Show - General

1. At the Classics, shows will consist of the following divisions: Purebred Simmental heifers, Purebred cow/calf pairs, Percentage Simmental heifers, Percentage Simmental cow/calf pairs, Simbrah heifers, Simbrah cow/calf pairs, Fullblood heifers, Fullblood cow/calf pairs, and steers. Some Regionals may not have a Simbrah division.
  - a. At the National Classic, a Bred and Owned Show will exist for each of the previously listed divisions. The Bred and Owned animals have the option to enter in both the Bred and Owned Show, and/or the Owned show.
    - i. Each show, Bred and Owned, and Owned will have a separate entry fee.
    - ii. Should the same animal place in the top twenty in both shows, only the highest placing in either show will be used to tabulate points for the overall competition. Awards and recognition will still be received.
    - iii. An animal entered twice, in the Bred and Owned, and Owned Show will not count as "two head" per the six head maximum rule.
  - b. **NEW for 2017:** At the Regional Classic, the Bred and Owned Show will be separated from the Owned Show. Animals entering in the Bred and Owned Show will receive equal and full awards, recognition and points for overall competition but will be unable to re-show in the Owned Show division.
  - c. A Bred and Owned heifer is defined as that 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 since birth. Registration ownership dates apply to Bred and Owned cattle.
  - d. Each contestant may enter nine head, but only bring and exhibit up to six head at the Regional and National Classics.

- a. The only exception being the 2017 Eastern Regional in London, Ohio, exhibitors can only enter five head, and exhibit three head. The six head rule will permanently go into effect for all Regionals and Nationals in 2018.
2. Heifers must have been born on or after August 1, 2015, and prior to March 15, 2017. Heifers must be registered with the American Simmental Association as a Purebred Simmental (7/8 Simmental), Percentage Simmental (at minimum 1/2 Simmental, but not exceeding 7/8 Simmental), Simbrah (5/8 Simmental, 3/8 Brahman), or a Fullblood.
3. The registration certificate must be issued in the name of an exhibitor or in the name of an ASA membership, or joint membership, in which the exhibitor is an authorized representative.
  - a. All owner accounts on the animal's registration paper must be active ASA/AJSA member accounts.
4. For all Regionals, the registration ownership date must be on or before May 15, 2017.
5. For Nationals, the registration ownership date must be on or before May 22, 2017.
  - a. Note: it is important to plan ahead and complete cattle registrations/transfers early.
  - b. It is recommended to register/transfer online through Herdbook services ([herdbook.org](http://herdbook.org)).
  - c. Paper cattle registration and transfer applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.
  - d. Priority handling can be used to speed up the registration/transfer process. If you desire a priority handling, please note on your registration/transfer application and enclose an additional \$50 handling fee, noting the animal's are entries for a Regional and/or National Classic.
6. Exhibitors must exhibit their own animals, unless they meet the exhibitor substitution requirements.
7. Cattle identification at check-in must conform to PTP Show Guidelines. Tattoos will be inspected on all animals and are subject to ASA staff approval.
8. Only cattle being exhibited at the Regional and National Classic will be allowed on the fairgrounds. Any cattle not being exhibited at the Regional and/or National Classic will be asked to leave the fairgrounds.
9. No artificial filling (including pumping or drenching) of animals will be allowed unless under the advice of a licensed, non-owner veterinarian. The AJSA will select individual(s) to monitor the area during the process. Anyone artificially filling an animal without licensed, non-owner veterinarian approval will be removed from the show.
10. Classes will consist of no more than 20 head, with a maximum of a 60 day age spread. The top heifers will be selected from each age division to compete for champion selection in each grand drive.
11. Cattle must be on exhibit at the fairgrounds through the awards ceremony. Requests for early dismissal must be submitted, in writing, to the AJSA Board of Trustees by the time cattle check-in is completed.
12. All cattle are required to be in the barn by 8:00 a.m. and remain there until tie-out time, set by the host state association
13. Current EPD's will be available for the judge in both the Bred and Owned, and Owned Shows.
14. Winners will be DNA tested for breed verification.
15. At the Regional and National Classics, contestants are required to wear the official provided show shirts during the cattle show and showmanship.
16. No farm or ranch signs or stall cards are permitted in the barns.
17. Exhibitor substitutions will be allowed, per approval from the AJSA Board of Trustees on the following basis:
  - a. Medical note no later than 60 minutes prior to the cattle show, or earlier if applicable. Emergency cases will be handled at the discretion of the AJSA Board of Trustees.

- b. No exceptions will be made for non-medical reasons other than family emergencies.
- c. In the event of an animal injury or illness at the time an event where an exhibitor is required to use their own animal for a contest, a non-owner veterinarian approval is required for the exhibitors to use an animal not their own.
  - i. Animal deemed unfit for an event/contest must be reapproved by a non-owner veterinarian in order to be later shown in the cattle show.

### **VIII. Steer Show**

1. All general rules apply to the steer show.
2. All steers must be registered with the American Simmental Association as a half-blood or greater Simmental or Simbrah.
3. All steers are to be born on or after January 1, 2016, and prior to March 15, 2017.
4. Weights will be recorded and presented to the judge(s) for use in evaluation.
  - a. No weigh-backs will be taken.
5. There will be two divisions of steers, broken by weight:
  - a. Prospect steers: steers under 900 lbs.
  - b. Progress steers: steers over 900 lbs.

### **IX. Cow/Calf Show**

1. The following will be cow/calf divisions:
  - a. Purebred
  - b. Percentage
  - c. Simbrah
  - d. Fullblood
  - e. At the National Classic, Bred and Owned of each of the above divisions, so long as both the cow and the calf both meet the above stated Bred and Owned Rules in Section VII.
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2. Heifer calves at the side of a cow/calf pair may show in the regular female show, so long as she is born prior to March 15, 2017. In doing so, the cow/calf pair must be entered in the show, and the heifer calf must be entered in the heifer show.
  - a. Entering a heifer calf in the heifer show causes the heifer to be counted as "one head" per the six head rule. Entering solely the cow/calf pair, without entering the heifer calf in the heifer show, only counts as "one head" per the six head rule.
3. All cow/calf pairs must have a calf at side, born on or after November 1, 2016.
4. To qualify for the division of entry, both the cow and the calf must meet the division requirements.
  - b. If the cow is a Purebred, Simbrah or Fulblood, but the calf is not, the pair together becomes a Percentage entry.
5. All calves must be registered with the American Simmental Association by the time of check-in at the designated show. The calf at side must have an original registration paper and be tattooed by check-in.
6. Pairs will be shown in two groups; each group will be divided into classes accordingly:
  - a. Cows born in 2015
  - b. Cows born in 2014 and older
7. Cow/calf pairs in each division will receive Champion and Reserve awards.

## **X. Showmanship**

1. No fit, no adhesive.
2. Each exhibitor must use their own heifer, and the same heifer for all phases of the Showmanship competition.
3. Contestants who wish to compete in Showmanship must have that animal entered in the cattle show and be the exhibitor of the animal they are using for Showmanship, unless substitution rules are met.
4. Cow/calf pairs may not be used for Showmanship. The cow or the calf may be used individually.
5. At the Classics, exhibitors are required to wear the official 2017 Classic shirt in Showmanship.

## **XI. Livestock Judging Contest**

1. A committee of judges shall select and place all classes and listen to all reasons. The contest should consist of six classes: yearling bulls, cow/calf pairs, steers, a keep/cull class of yearling heifers, and two classes of yearling heifers. Performance data will be used when available. The committee reserves the right to substitute classes, if necessary, due to the availability of animals.
2. At Regional Classics, Juniors will give one set of reasons and answer one set of questions and Seniors will give two sets of reasons and answer one set of questions.
3. At the National Classic, Juniors will give one set of reasons and answer one set of questions, Intermediate will give one set of reasons and answer one set of questions, Seniors will give two sets of reasons and answer one set of questions.
4. Placing and reason classes will be worth 50 points per class, and there will be 10 questions on one class worth 5 points/each.
5. Jackets, caps or other apparel identifying an individual's team, state of residence or farm/ranch affiliation are prohibited while giving reasons.
6. No member of any team, parents, or advisors shall be allowed in the judging contest area to inspect the livestock prior to the contest.
7. While the contest is in progress, there shall be no conferring between contestants or between parents and/or advisors and contestants. Any violation of this rule will result in disqualification of the contestant.
8. Contestants will be allowed 12 minutes to place each class. There will be a two-minute time warning in each class to signal conclusion of round.
9. Cattle will be judging unaltered in pens, or haltered. Close inspection will not be allowed unless directed by the official committee.
10. Contestants must remain with their assigned groups throughout the entire contest unless otherwise directed by their group leader.
11. Contestants must provide note taking material for use while judging reasons/questions classes.
12. Ties will be broken on the basis of total reasons, then questions scores. If a tie still remains, ties will be broken according to the keep/cull class. Should a tie still exist, placings will be decided by a "flip of the coin" for the award.
13. Once a contestant turns in their scantron to their group leader or reasons taker, they will not be allowed to have their scantron back. Any unbubbled classes will be counted as a zero.

## **XII. Cattlemen's Quiz**

1. The quiz will consist of fifty multiple choice and true/false questions.
2. Primary resources for questions on the quiz will be the Skills for Life Series, the Register and material available at [www.juniorsimmental.org](http://www.juniorsimmental.org).

3. One and one-half hours (90 minutes) will be allowed for contestants to complete the quiz. Ten-minute warnings will be given after 30 minutes after passed.
4. Contestants may not bring notes, books or reference materials into testing area. All materials will be provided, including quiz questions, answer sheet and a number two pencil. Highlighters are permitted, but not provided.
5. Conferring with other contestants, use of notes or any other form of cheating will be grounds for disqualification.
6. Ties will be broken according to clearly marked tie-breaker questions. If a tie still remains, five pre-selected unmarked questions from the test will be used to decide on the final contestant placing.
7. Once a contestant turns in their answer sheet, they will not be allowed to have it back.

### **XIII. Public Speaking**

1. Contestants will speak on a topic selected in a random drawing. Subject areas will include topics that are pertinent to agriculture and the beef industry.
2. Contestants will report to a preparation room at their scheduled speaking time to draw three topics, selecting one of the three of which to speak. Actual preparation time will be limited to 30 minutes.
3. Contestants will receive a specifically prepared information packet on the selected topics and two 3x5 note cards. No other reference materials will be allowed.
4. Speeches will be three to seven minutes in length. Time elapsed will be posted during the speech so that contestants are aware of timing. Speakers who finish before three minutes have elapsed, or who run past seven minutes will be penalized 1 point for each second over or under. Following the speech, time will be allowed for questions from the judges.
5. Public speaking judges will be randomly rotated every two hours to ensure uniform scoring.
6. Contestants will be judged on: subject knowledge (20%), organization (10%), presentation (40%), response to questions (20%) and general effectiveness (10%).
7. Judge's comments sheets will be required and available to participants following the conclusion of the awards banquet.

### **XIV. Sales Talk**

1. The Sales Talk uses a live setting complete with animal, photo (no larger than 8"x10"), or video and potential buyers. The purpose of this contest is to evaluate the effectiveness of the presentation and the contestant's ability to merchandise cattle.
2. Contestants may use:
  - a. A registration paper matching the animal being sold
  - b. Any live animal entry
  - c. A photo (no larger than 8"x10") of a SimGenetics animal
  - d. And/or a one-minute video on a device the exhibitor must provide
    - i. Only non-audio footage is allowed
    - ii. Only footage of the animal alone may be played
    - iii. No other information on the device may be presented
3. A contestant's score will be reduced by 10% if additional materials are presented to the judges other than those listed above.
4. Exhibitors must sell their own animal, or a picture or video of an animal they own. Any registration paper presented must be the exact paper for that animal. A contestant may use either a cow, or a calf from a cow/calf pair, but cannot sell both as a pair. If a cow/calf pair is being sold, the other half of the cow/calf pair cannot be anywhere near the area of which the

- contestant is selling the animal. The contestant is required to have another junior member hold the animal during the selling process. The animal being sold is not allowed to be fitted.
5. Immediately preceding the talk, contestants will be required to provide the 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 conclusion of the talk.
  6. Sales talk judges will be randomly rotated every two hours to ensure uniform scoring.
  7. Contestants will be judged on the knowledge of the animal they are selling (25%), ability to relate important information about the animal (organization/style 25%), poise and delivery (25%), and their overall effectiveness in convincing the judge to purchase the animal (25%). Ties will be broken by a predetermined point breakdown.
  8. There will be a designated holding area for cattle and participants one round prior to their designated speaking time. Only cattle being used for the competition will be allowed in the holding area.
  9. Sales talk will be a maximum of seven minutes in length. Time elapsed will be indicated throughout the contest so contestants are aware of their time remaining.
  10. Judges comment sheets will be required and available to participants following the conclusion of the awards banquet.

### **Additional Competitions (National Classic Only)**

#### **XV. Photography Contest**

1. Only photos taken by AJSA members are eligible.
2. Photos must be taken between August 1, 2016 and deadline, June 1, 2017.
3. Photos must 8"x10" and be mounted on 10"x13" black foam core board. Contestants must attach the completed entry form available at [www.juniorsimmental.org](http://www.juniorsimmental.org) to the back of each photo.
4. Photos must not be altered or image-enhanced.
5. A maximum of four entries per contestant is allowed.
6. Photos will be judged amongst age divisions and broken into the following categories:
  - a. Simmental Cattle
  - b. People
  - c. Landscape
  - d. General Agriculture
7. Winners and honorable mention photo contestants must provide the original, unaltered, digital copy of the photograph.
8. Photography entries must be postmarked by June 1, 2017 to the ASA office located at One Genetics Way, Bozeman, Montana 59718.
9. All entries will be displayed at the National Classic.
10. Contestants do not have to be present at the National Classic to win.

#### **XVI. State Displays**

1. To increase the promotional potential of the Regional and National Classics, state association members are encouraged to use trade show booths or live cattle displays to promote their state activities.
2. The display area is to be focused on the promotion of the Simmental/Simbrah breed, not the promotion of individual farms or ranches; therefore no private advertising for any enterprise is to be used in the display. Location of the display area is dependent on availability of barn space.

3. Displays are to be in place at the Fairgrounds by noon of the first day of the Classic, and must remain in place until 6:00 PM the day prior to the awards ceremony. State association banners may also be used for decorating.
4. At the awards banquet, recognition will be given to the state with the best combination of a promotional booth and cattle display. (i.e. neatness, attractiveness, beddings, signs, appearance, cleanliness of aisle, exhibitor's behavior, etc.)

### **XVII. Interview Competition**

1. The Interview Competition gives participants the opportunity to prepare an effective resume, cover letter, and enhance their interview skills in a mock electronic interview using eMeeting, or conference call.
2. Contestants must be at least 17 years old on January 1, 2017.
3. AJSA will provide three job descriptions for the applicants to select from, applicants will select one job/internship and center their resume and cover letter around said job.
4. Interview times will be assigned and conducted via conference call.
5. Judging will be based on Interview (50%), Resume (25%), and Cover Letter (25%).
6. Only the judges, contestant, and ASA staff members will be allowed on the conference call interview.
7. Score sheets and judge's comments will be required, and returned to contestants in their packet following the awards ceremony at the National Classic.
8. This competition will not count for any points in the overall competition.
9. Top placing individual will be awarded at the National Classic.
10. Individuals do not have to be present at the National Classic to win.

### **XVIII. Team Fitting**

1. All contestants must be members of the AJSA and be competing at the National Classic.
2. Each state association may enter unlimited teams. Teams will consist of three (3) members; one Junior, one Intermediate and one Senior.
3. Team members may be substituted accordingly: a Junior may substitute for an Intermediate or Senior, or an Intermediate may sub for a Senior. Seniors may not sub for any age division.
4. Each team must provide their own animal for the contest. All supplies needed (chute, blower, clippers, etc.) must be provided by the team.
5. Each team will be allowed 45 minutes to fit their animal. If number of entries warrant, there may be two heats, with one overall winner, to allow the judges time to thoroughly and fairly view all teams.
6. When time is up, one team member will parade the animal before the judge. The judge will make comments and select winners to be announced at the banquet.
7. Awards will be given for the first three places.
8. Animals may be clean and clipped out but may not enter the fitting area with any prior additional fitting.

### **XIX. Herdsman of the Year Award**

1. The junior Herdsman of the Year award is an honor bestowed upon one AJSA member at the National Classic, each summer. This award is intended for an individual who gently commands a respect of both juniors and adults in the Simmental industry and upholds the honor and dignity of a future cattleman. The nominee's pride in their cattle both in the show ring and at home should be evident to fellow members across the Simmental industry. A positive attitude, willingness to help out wherever needed, and diligent work ethic are of the utmost necessity in candidates for this prestigious honor.

2. Both AJSA and ASA members are encouraged to nominate junior members they deem suitable and deserving of this prestigious honor. Nominees must be active AJSA members, at least 16 years of age, in attendance at the National Classic.
3. The following individuals will be on the committee to select the AJSA Herdsman of the Year:
  - a. Two ASA senior board members in attendance
  - b. All ASA field staff in attendance
  - c. All individuals on the selection committee must have no family ties with those nominated for the award
4. Nomination forms must be submitted to the Youth Coordinator by current AJSA and ASA members by 5 p.m. on the day prior to the banquet.
5. Nomination forms will be provided at the National Classic. Awarded at the National Classic awards banquet.

## **Conduct and Liability**

### **XX. Conduct, Hearing Committee and Discipline**

1. Disciplinary Action
  - a. Conduct:
    - i. All junior members of the ASA in attendance at Regional and National Classics are expected to conduct themselves in a manner becoming a junior member of ASA and abide by the on-site directives of the host state.
    - ii. 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 officials, being in possession of or under the influence of intoxicating beverages or other prohibited substances on or about the grounds or willful violation of rules.
    - iii. Persons with unnecessary, unruly, overly aggressive behavior will be banned from AJSA events for one year.
  - b. Hearing Committee:
    - i. Shall consist of attending representatives from the AJSA Board, ASA Board, and host state coordinator(s).
    - ii. An individual brought before the hearing committee may be accompanied by his or her parents, and legal counsel.
    - iii. Failure of an individual to appear before the hearing committee when called will be considered cause for the committee to take disciplinary action against that individual.
  - c. Discipline
    - i. The committee, upon finding an individual in violation of the conduct rule, may take action as deemed necessary.
2. Liability Provision
  - a. All contestants must supply the Steering Committee with a signed release statement from parents or legal guardian before being allowed to participate. This release statement is to be provided on the entry form.
  - b. The Regional and National Classic committees and/or any of its employees and the host fairgrounds and/or any of its employees are not responsible for any accidents or thefts.