

PTP Judge Selection Protocol

Current as of December 28, 2023

Seven (8) Member Judge Selection Panel (“Delegates”)

- Each of the six Major PTP Shows will have one delegate, totaling six (6) delegates.
- One (1) delegate is the most recent ASA Herdsman of the Year. This delegate will be on the selection panel the following show season. For example, the 2022/23 ASA Herdsman of the Year will sit on the 2023 panel, which nominates judges for the 2024/25 show season.
- One (1) delegate will be the collective AJSA Board of Trustees.

Delegate Selection and Expectations

- Each Major PTP Show host may use any method of selecting their respective delegate who will create and submit a list of judge nominations to the ASA’s Director of Progress Through Performance.
- Each delegate must submit five (5) names ranked in order of preference.
- Each delegate must abide by the regulations and timelines documented here and is expected to maintain communication with ASA’s Director of PTP.
- Judge names do not have to come from the current list of approved PTP Judges, available on the Ring of Champions page of www.simmental.org, but judges should be considered as qualified to sort any of the Major PTP Shows and/or AJSA National Classic and to analyze and utilize the EPD and percentile rank data provided to them as part of judging these events.

Show Season

- A show season begins with the AJSA National Classic and concludes with the following calendar year’s Dixie National Livestock Show.
- No selection panel member will be required to submit a list of nominations for show season that follows the upcoming show season until all judges for the upcoming show season have been selected.
 - o Exceptions will apply if any host state does not abide by one or more of the deadlines listed in this document.
 - o This ensures that selection panel members will know the judges for the upcoming show season, thereby allowing them to avoid nominating someone that is not eligible to officiate a Major PTP Show in the corresponding show season.

Judge Selection and Rotation

- During or following the current show season, host associations will be asked to select judges for the next show season. For AJSA National Classic and all Major PTP Open Shows, the lead judge must come from the priority list that is generated through this process and managed by ASA Staff.
- A set rotation for judge selection will be established.
 - o In all years, the AJSA Board will have the first and second choices, which will be used to select judges for the upcoming National Classic Owned and Bred & Owned Shows.
 - o After the National Classic judges have been selected, the host of the upcoming National SimGenetics Show will have next choice.
 - o After the National SimGenetics Show judge has been selected, the other Major PTP Show hosts will select in the same order as that of the future National Shows. *The National Show order is as follows: American Royal, NAILE, National Western Stock Show, Cattlemen’s Congress, Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo, Dixie National Livestock Show.*
- Junior PTP Shows: Cattlemen’s Congress and National Western Stock Show also host Junior PTP Shows. When their corresponding turns to select judges arrives, they may choose two judges from the priority list – one for

Open Show and one for Junior Show. The Junior PTP Show judge may come from the priority list or the existing list of approved PTP judges.

- Pen Shows: Pen Show judges may come from the priority list, the existing list of approved PTP judges, or may be added to the approved list through the existing application/nomination process. If a host committee selects a Pen Show judge from the priority list, that committee must wait until Open Show judges for all Major PTP Shows have been finalized. If the committee selects a Pen Show judge by any other process, they may do so at any time.
- **All selections for the upcoming show season must be made by May 1.**
- Selections must be submitted to the Director of PTP. Time will be provided for each host committee, or the corresponding show staff, to contact their first selection and obtain verbal confirmation from that individual that he/she will accept before the next show's selection is made.
 - o ASA's Director of PTP reserves the right to contact a selected judge in the event that the host association or show staff does not do so in a timely manner.
 - o If the confirmation process for any event takes too long, the next show's host association will be allowed to select and confirm its judges.

Judge Nomination and Validation

- After judges have been confirmed for the upcoming show season, the selection panel will be contacted by the Director of PTP with a complete list of these judges. At that point, the nomination process for the *following* show season is expected to begin.
- Each panel member must submit five (5) names ranked in order of preference. **Nominations must be received by August 1.** If a panel member fails to meet this deadline, he/she will forgo the right to submit nominations for the corresponding show season.
 - o All nominees will be vetted by ASA Staff to assure they are in good standing with the American Simmental Association.
 - o ASA will tabulate the list submissions using a points system, where the first listed nominee is receives 5 points, the second receives 4 points, and so forth. The full list of nominees will then be ranked by number of points and presented to the Activities & Events Committee for review and discussion during or prior to Fall Focus.
 - o A final priority list will be presented to and approved by the ASA Board of Trustees.
- Any name that makes the priority list will be automatically added to the Approved PTP Judges list, if not already listed, from which all PTP Show hosts select judges.

Judge Requirements

- Each lead judge for the AJSA National Classic and the Major PTP Shows is required to select one, and only one, associate judge for the corresponding show. The associate judge must be in good standing with ASA.
- No judge may officiate more than one (1) of the following SimGenetics PTP shows in a 24-month span: AJSA National Classic, American Royal Open Show, NAILE Open Show, Cattlemen's Congress Junior Show, Cattlemen's Congress Open Show, National Western Junior Show, National Western Open Show, Fort Worth Open Show, Dixie National Open Show.

Distribution

- ASA Staff will distribute the Board-approved priority list for selection to the AJSA Board and Major PTP Show host associations. The priority list will be presented by popular vote and will have the point total next to each name.
- The priority list is the official list of names from which the judges for AJSA National Classic and the six Major PTP Shows must be selected.