

American Simmental Association

Progress Through Performance (PTP) Show Guidelines

The American Simmental Association (ASA) is proud to sanction Progress Through Performance shows. PTP shows effectively combine the assessment of statistical data, such as EPDs and actual measurements, with traditional phenotype evaluation. The primary goal of the PTP program is to promote multi-level progress within the SimGenetics industry.

This document serves as a guide to hosting an official PTP show that is a National SimGenetics Show or an AJSA Classic. Please contact ASA with questions or suggestions.



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PTP REGULATIONS

These apply to all PTP shows.

FOR EXHIBITORS

These rules should be included in your event's premium book in some format.

1. All animals must be registered with ASA. Exceptions may be made for cattle registered with the Canadian Simmental Association if arranged in advance with show management and/or ASA Staff.
2. Each animal must show in its designated breed division, provided that division exists at the event.
 - a. Purebred Simmental entries must be registered as Purebred Simmental (PB SM).
 - b. Percentage Simmental entries must be registered as at least 1/2 Simmental but less than Purebred Simmental.
 - c. Purebred Simbrah entries must be registered as 5/8 Simmental 3/8 Brahman.
 - d. Percentage Simbrah entries must be registered with American Simbrah Registry on the official registration but may not be Purebred Simbrah.
Note: National PTP Show rules also require Percentage Simbrah entries to be capable of producing Purebred Simbrah offspring.
 - e. Fullblood Simmental entries must be registered as Fullblood Simmental (FB SM).
3. All animals must be checked in to qualify for the show. Proof of registration is required at check-in. Original or printed digital certificates are preferred, but electronic versions and non-original copies will also be accepted. Cattle identification must conform to PTP guidelines: Each animal must be tattooed or branded, and that identification must match its official registration certificate. Identification is subject to review by event or association staff.
4. All bulls twelve (12) months of age and older must be shown with a nose lead and/or nose ring. All non-polled animals must be dehorned.
5. Select EPD and indexes and the corresponding percentile ranks for each individual entry will be printed in the show program, with the date of collection displayed. Judge(s) will have access to this information with animal and exhibitor information excluded to use in accordance with PTP guidelines.
6. Exhibitors are encouraged to genomic test their animals prior to the show. Genomic enhanced EPDs are noted in the show program and judge program.
7. In addition to PTP rules, all exhibitors must adhere to the rules set forth by event coordinators and directors.

If any rules and regulations are imposed beyond the aforementioned (i.e., entry or registration deadlines, fitting practices, etc.), it is the responsibility of the host committee and/or event staff to enforce such rules.

If ASA Staff will be present to assist with your event, you will be notified in advance. Whether present or not, ASA Staff is available to provide guidance and information regarding association procedures and policies.

FOR SHOW HOSTS

1. Exhibitors should be made aware of all regulations, including but not limited to: PTP rules, general show rules, deadlines, check-in times, class breaks, and show order. Rules regarding class size, division breaks, code of ethics, and other general requirements will be governed by the host committee and/or host event.
2. The host committee will select an approved PTP Show judge and ensure that he/she is compensated. A judge must be chosen from the list of official PTP judges. This list can be found on the ASA website.
3. A specific check-in time and location will be selected by the host committee. All animals must be checked in to be eligible to show.
4. Tattoos and brands are subject to inspection, either at the time of check-in or in accordance with ASA's check-in procedure in which a minimum of 10% of the animals checked in will have tattoos/brands verified in the stalls.
5. To receive show program assistance from ASA Staff, entry information should be submitted to the PTP Program Director at least ten days prior to check-in date. This information should be sent in a Microsoft Excel file containing the following, at minimum: Registration numbers, animal names, animal DOBs, and exhibitor names. If available, please also provide class numbers and back tag or entry numbers. Providing more accurate information will result in more accurate working files and a smoother check-in process.

ASA will create a working file containing the most current data for all animals entered in the show. If staffing the show, ASA will retain this file and generate show programs. If ASA is not staffing the show, the host committee is responsible for generating show programs.
6. If you provide publicity information, ASA will include it on the association website, in eNews and/or in *the Register* as space allows. Pre-show information should include show dates, judges, and venue. Show results may also be shared.
7. If your show allows animals with pending or unknown registration numbers to be entered, the host committee is responsible for verifying missing information to ensure these animals are included in the final ASA working file.
8. Prior to the show, the host committee will decide if DNA will be collected from champion animals for testing purposes. If DNA will be collected, hair kits should be obtained from ASA and returned following the show. Testing fees will be paid by the host association or committee.
9. EPDs and their corresponding percentile ranks will be printed in the show program and provided to the judge(s). At minimum, the following should be listed: CE, WW, YW, MCE, Milk, Stay, Marb, BF, REA, API and TI. If actual measurements are taken, this information must also be included.

