

How to Get Involved

The National Junior Angus Show, scheduled July 9-14 in Denver, Colo., is much more than a cattle show.

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The 2001 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) is right around the corner, and now is your chance to get involved in one or more of the event's activities.

The NJAS, founded in 1969 as the National Junior Angus Heifer Show, is the world's largest single-breed youth cattle show. It is a cattle show — with classes for bred-and-owned heifers and bulls, owned heifers, cow-calf pairs, and steers. But it's much more. In addition to showing competition, there are numerous contests, events and meetings, including the annual meeting of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA).

"Even if you are not going to show an animal, it's still a great way to see what's going on," says Heath Johnson, an NJAA Board member from Tupelo, Miss. "There are so many different contests, everyone can get a little taste of something while they are there. It's the show that's for everybody."

If you're a junior, regular or life member of the American Angus Association and between the ages of 9 and 21 as of Jan. 1 of the current year, there are various ways to participate as an individual or in a group at this year's NJAS.

Scrapbook contest

Through the scrapbook contest, junior associations are encouraged to keep a record of their achievements and highlights. The contest also provides a means by which junior associations can show others what they have done, become familiar with other junior groups and share ideas.

Any state or regional junior Angus association may enter a scrapbook at the NJAS. The association need not have a display of cattle or a booth to enter a scrapbook; however, scrapbooks can be part of the herdsmanship displays. Thus, by taking a scrapbook to the national show, an association can enter the scrapbook contest and can improve its chances of winning the herdsmanship competition.



Scrapbooks must be created completely by current members of the state junior association. The cover should incorporate the association's name and should be creative, but not costly. The state logo, Angus artwork, or other appropriate artwork and wording may be included. Each

scrapbook should have a consistent and evident theme.

The scrapbook should include a listing of junior officers, representatives, members and advisors. It should mention any meetings, activities, shows, displays, games, parties or work sessions in which the junior association took part. Any association communications, such as newsletters or notices, also should be included.

Scrapbooks will be judged on content, organization, neatness, effectiveness of the layout and general effect. Winning entries up to fifth place receive cash prizes, and additional awards may be presented to participating associations.

State herdsmanship contest

The purpose of the herdsmanship contest is to encourage cooperation, fellowship and teamwork among state juniors in developing and maintaining a display of cattle and a stall area. It also promotes pride and enthusiasm for the state junior organization and rewards organizations displaying such enthusiasm.

State associations are divided into three divisions: those with 36 head or more, those with 16-35 head, and those with 15 head or less.



They are judged on aisle and bedding (cleanliness and general appearance); animals (clean and well-groomed); equipment, boxes, signs, etc. (arrangement, attractiveness and general appearance); personnel attending cattle (neat appearance,

knowledgeable, friendly, teamwork, enthusiasm); and promotion of association, state, Angus or beef.

The actual booth space can't exceed a 10-by-10-foot area. The emphasis in the scoring is placed on cleanliness and general appearance of the aisle and how the animals are maintained.

Cash prizes are awarded for all three divisions, and each of the exhibitors in the first-place groups receives a plaque.

Cook-Off contest

Another contest opportunity is the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® Cook-Off Contest. The American Angus Auxiliary and the NJAA co-sponsor this popular event, which is coordinated by the Auxiliary's Beef Education Committee. It has been part of the NJAS since 1983.

For junior participants, there are three age divisions: ages 9-13, ages 14-17 and ages 18-21. Each team can include two to six members of a state junior association. There is only one adult division. However, adults can participate as individuals or as teams.

Competing in one of two categories (fresh meat or quick-n-easy entrées), teams present their cook-off entries to a panel of judges.



Judges give teams scores for showmanship and recipe. Winners in each category are awarded prizes for their divisions.

The Black Kettle Award is presented to the highest-placing

team among all age groups at the contest's conclusion. First given at the 2000 NJAS, the award commemorates Paul St. Blanc, an Angus breeder and Cook-Off participant who supported the contest for many years.

Cook-Off Coordinator Ann Patton Schubert says one of the event's challenges is the fact that it has a new home every year.

"The contestants never know what to expect. It's good if they approach the contest with a sense of humor and are flexible to change," she says. "Things don't always work out like they're planned. The ability to work with their team members to create a skit to highlight the CAB® information is also important."

Carcass contest

Another popular contest at the NJAS is the carcass contest. As the name implies, it's a competition based on an animal's actual carcass data rather than its appearance in the showring. Introduced in 1985, the contest was discontinued after the 1991 NJAS due to a lack of interest. In 1993 it was redesigned and returned to the NJAS with a greater emphasis on quality.



The carcass steer contest is completely separate from the on-hoof steer show. Juniors may enter the same steer in both categories, if the NJAS schedule allows, provided they pay both entry fees. Exhibitors

may show no more than two entries in the carcass category.

Carcass steers must meet all other show eligibility requirements. The ownership, transfer and entry deadlines are the same as for all other contests. Carcass steer show classification includes steers born Jan. 1 through July 1 of the previous year with a minimum live weight of 950 pounds (lb.).

Carcass steers must be halter broke, and if a parade of the carcass steers is conducted, they must be paraded to be eligible for premiums and placings. They should be washed and dried, but not fitted.

To qualify for placings and premiums, carcasses must be Yield Grade (YG) 3.99 or better and grade Choice or Prime.

Premiums are \$1,000 for first place; \$750 for second; \$500 for third; \$400 for fourth; \$350 for fifth; \$300 for sixth; \$250 for seventh; \$200 for eighth; \$150 for ninth; and \$100 for 10th. All other carcasses qualifying for placing

receive a \$50 premium. Carcasses not qualifying for placing receive a \$15 premium.

Carcasses meeting CAB standards receive an additional 25% in premiums. To do this, the carcass must meet minimum show requirements and grade average-Choice or higher. If Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) data is turned in on the steer and its dam, the carcass may qualify for an additional 25% premium.

State carcass group contest

New to the carcass contest in 2001 is a state-group class. All rules for eligibility to participate in the carcass show apply. There is no limit to the number of groups a state may enter.

"Individuals will have to get together with other people from their state who are also entering carcass steers and put together a set of



three steers that compete as a group," says James Fisher, director of junior activities for the Association. At least two exhibitors must be represented in a group.

The groups can be entered at any time following the official carcass steer weigh-in,

but they must be designated prior to the cattle's being shipped to the packing plant for harvest and data collection. Entries are submitted by completing a state carcass group contest entry form that lists the ear tag (entry) numbers of the three steers in the group.

No entry fee, independent of that to participate in the individual carcass steer contest, is assessed to those exhibitors designating cattle for the state carcass group contest.

The carcass groups are ranked using an adjusted group carcass index. Individual carcass index values are averaged, then the range between the low and the high individual indexes within the group is subtracted from the group index. The carcass group with the highest adjusted index is the winner.

Points toward determining the NJAS sweepstakes winner will be awarded to each state. Awards and premiums are paid to the champion and reserve champion state carcass groups.

Team sales competition

The objective of the team sales competition is to gain a working understanding of performance and pedigree information. Emphasis is placed on team organization, communication skills and marketing techniques.

Johnson was on the second-place senior division team at last year's show.

"I personally believe that the team sales contest is probably the most valuable contest of the entire show because it's dealing with real, live situations," he says. "You market your cattle every day. That's

how you sell your cattle, and ultimately that's how the Association makes money — by your selling your animals.

"To be able to sell your animals, you have to have good marketing skills. And that's just not for cattle. That's across the board for any kind of business,



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anywhere in the world. You have to market your product. That's why I think it's a great contest. It increases your skills trying to sell your animal, and it helps your confidence as far as public speaking."

Each state association may enter one team of three individuals in each age division: 9-13, 14-17 and 18-21 years. Mixed-age teams may enter; however, their division will be that of the oldest member of the team.

If you are from a state that doesn't have enough members present for a team, you may ask a junior from another state to compete on your team. Combined teams must consist of at least two members from the same state. However, if a state association already has a team, no one else from that junior association may compete on a combined team.

It's important to note that teams must sign up during the registration period. The order of team presentation will be determined by a drawing after preregistration.

Participants in the senior division will be provided with a complete scenario on the day of the registration. The team is required to select its own live animal and to find a pedigree to match the scenario. It is not necessary that the animal and the pedigree correspond.

Presentations last five to 10 minutes, including questions. All presentations will be stopped at the end of 10 minutes. Each individual on the team will be expected to speak during the presentation. The objective of each team is to sell their heifer, bull or cow-calf pair to the judges. Pedigree information, performance information and visual characteristics should be discussed, and other information may be included.

The judges' questions may not be limited to the three topics listed. Teams will be discounted for using notes, but they are encouraged to use reference materials. The judges will not interrupt the junior division. However, they will be encouraged to ask questions throughout the presentation in the intermediate and senior divisions.

Each team will be responsible for selecting a heifer, bull or pair to use in the competition. Bulls, heifers and pairs are not to be groomed. However, they should be clean. Animals will be checked before entering the competition area. No show halters or grooming supplies will be allowed in the competition area. In addition to the registration certificate, each team may supply things such as performance data, pictures and show records as part of the sales package for the judges.

Each team is allowed to enter the ring with only the animal being marketed and one set of sales materials per judge. A three-member judging panel will award points for knowledge, ability to communicate, team organization and overall effect. Points

will be deducted for dependence on notes, not submitting three copies of the registration certificates, nonspeaking team members and failure to meet the five-minute presentation time minimum.

Prizes are awarded to the top two places in each division.

Prepared speaking

Communication is a vital element in society — today more than ever. The ability to communicate effectively is not only an art but also can mean the difference between success, mediocrity or failure.

In an effort to foster the development of speaking skills among NJAA members, the Junior Activities Department and the NJAA Board organized a national public speaking contest in 1989.

To compete, contestants are required to submit a typewritten, double-spaced outline of their speeches on 8½-by-11-inch (in.) white bond paper to the Junior Activities Department by June 25.

The outline must be the result of the contestant's own efforts. A title page (including the title of the speech and the speaker's name, hometown and birth date) should be included.

Contestants will be divided into three age groups: 9-13, 14-17 and 18-21 years. Contest officials will determine the speaking order by drawing lots. The order will be posted prior to the contest.

For junior and intermediate divisions, the topic of the speech can be any subject pertaining to Angus cattle or the beef industry. Exploration of, and insight into, any and all phases of the industry are encouraged. Current affairs, policies and trends provide good topics.

For the senior speech division, a different topic relating to the beef industry is selected each March. This year senior contestants are asked to respond to the statement, "According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), a voluntary national individual animal identification (ID) system is projected to be in place in the United States in the next three years. What do you see the role of this individual animal ID being as it relates to the Angus Beef Record Service (BRS) offered to commercial cattlemen by the American Angus Association, and will it provide opportunities for improving the national beef herd?"

All speeches must be the result of the contestant's own efforts and cannot have been presented for competition at a previous NJAS. Each speech in the junior division should be four to six minutes in length, and the intermediate- and senior-division entries shall last six to eight minutes. Each judge deducts half a point from the score for each five seconds that the speech goes under or over the specified length.



Bring the family

For many Angus enthusiasts, the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) is a family vacation and a place to make and to renew acquaintances with people who share a love of agriculture and Angus cattle.

"The national junior show is designed to be a family event, where the entire family gets involved in helping the young people learn," says James Fisher, director of junior activities for the American Angus Association. "This doesn't mean doing things for them, but helping the young person learn by being part of the organization."

Sy Olson, an National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Board member from Hereford, Texas, says he agrees that the NJAS is an event for the whole family.

"The NJAS has been my family's vacation for the last 13 years. It is the event of the summer," he says, adding that he's looking forward to the 2001 event in Denver, Colo. "It gets better every year."

Each contestant will be allowed up to five minutes to answer questions from the three judges. Judges shall receive copies of the outline prior to the contest so the general idea of the speech may be reviewed before the actual presentation. The contestants will be graded on their ability to respond effectively.

Contestants will be permitted to use notes. Excessive reference to notes, however, may result in scoring deductions. The use of visual aids (such as charts, signs and slides) is not allowed. Contestants are scored 30% on the speech content and organization and 70% on presentation.

The rankings (not the score) of the three judges are added for each speaker, and the final placings are determined by the lowest composite rankings. Actual scores will be used only to break ties.

Plaques and cash awards will be presented to the top contestants in each division. First place receives \$125; second, \$100; third, \$75; fourth, \$50; and fifth, \$25.

For the senior division, the *Angus Journal* provides an additional prize. The top three senior contestants will receive college scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 for first place, \$750 for second and \$500 for third, and the winning speeches will be published in the September *Angus Journal*.

Recipients of the scholarship awards will receive the awards after the Junior Activities Department receives proof of enrollment at an institution of higher education.

Extemporaneous speaking

Introduced in 1996, the extemporaneous public speaking contest is designed to develop the ability of members to express themselves on a given subject without much rehearsal.

All participants are required to register for the event during the contest sign-up. Participants will be divided into three age groups: 9-13, 14-17 and 18-21 years. Prizes will be awarded in each division.

The NJAA Board members in charge of the contest choose 10 speech topics relating to agriculture or the Angus breed. Thirty minutes before their turn to present, the participants draw three topics from the pool of 10. After selecting the one topic about which they will speak, all three topics will be returned to the pool for the next drawing.

Participants are admitted to the preparation room at 10-minute intervals and are given exactly 30 minutes for the topic selection and preparation. Any notes for speaking must be made during this time, and participants must use the uniform note cards provided.

Reference materials are allowed during preparation. However, the NJAA Board screens them. Contestants are limited to five reference items, and they must be printed materials, such as books, magazines or compilations of collected materials. To be counted as one item, a notebook or folder of collected materials may contain no more than 100 single-sided pages. Of course, these

cannot be notes or speeches prepared by the participant or another person for the purpose of the event. All copies must reference the original. No other assistance is provided.

A list of all possible topics will be given to and reviewed by the judges prior to the event. Speaking order is randomly drawn by the event officials and posted prior to the event at the show office and in the contest area.

An NJAA Board member introduces each participant by name and state, then the participants introduce their speeches by title only. Each speech must be between two and six minutes in length, not including the three minutes allowed for related questions from the judges.

Participants are penalized one point per second on each judge's score sheet for being over six minutes or under two minutes. The time commences when the speaker begins talking. Speakers may use a watch to keep track of their time; event officials and observers give no warnings.

The participant may use notes while speaking, but deductions in scoring may be made for this practice if it detracts from the effectiveness of the presentation. A timekeeper will be designated to record the length of each speech, noting undertime and overtime.

At the time of the event, three judges will be seated in different sections of the contest room. They will score each participant on delivery. Each judge formulates and asks questions pertaining directly to the speaker's subject. Participants are evaluated on their ability to answer the questions. The full three minutes should be used.

After all participants have finished speaking, the judges will total the score of each speaker. The timekeeper's record is used in computing the final score for each participant.

The judges' score sheets are submitted to the event officials to determine final rankings of participants. Participants are ranked in numerical order on the basis of their final scores, which are determined by each judge without consultation. The participant with the lowest total ranking is the winner.

Other placings shall be determined in the same manner (low-point-score method of selection). In the case of a tie, the individual with the highest grand total score shall have the higher ranking. In the event the participants are still tied, they shall be named co-winners, and two awards will be given for that placing and none given for the following placing.

Plaques or similar items and cash awards

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are presented to the top three contestants in each age division. First place receives \$75; second, \$50; and third, \$25.

Poster contest

Since 1990 the NJAA and the Junior Activities Department have co-sponsored a poster contest during the NJAS. Its purpose is to display the creative talent of NJAA members and to share ideas that may be useful in promoting the breed, its organizations and individual herds. It also provides another competitive activity for juniors who may or may not be able to participate in other programs.

There are three subject categories: breed/association promotion, membership recruitment and herd advertisement. Entries will be grouped according to the contestants' ages. The three age groups will be 9-13, 14-17 and 18-21 years.

Contestants need not be present at the time of judging to enter. In this way there will be no scheduling conflicts for junior participants. All posters will be placed on display throughout the show. Awards will be presented to the top entries in each division. Selected entries may be used in the *Angus Journal* or other publications.

All posters must be created within the current year and cannot have been presented for competition at a previous NJAS. Juniors may enter up to three posters, but no more than one per category. Poster dimensions must be either 14-by-22 in. or 22-by-28 in., and the posters can be exhibited by one contestant only. Those with more than one contestant will be disqualified.

There is no limit as to the use or style of drawings or lettering, provided they are the design and handiwork of the entrant. Posters should not be made using computer-generated graphics or designs, and three-dimensional posters are not allowed. Photographs, magazine clippings, stencils and adhesive lettering may be used.

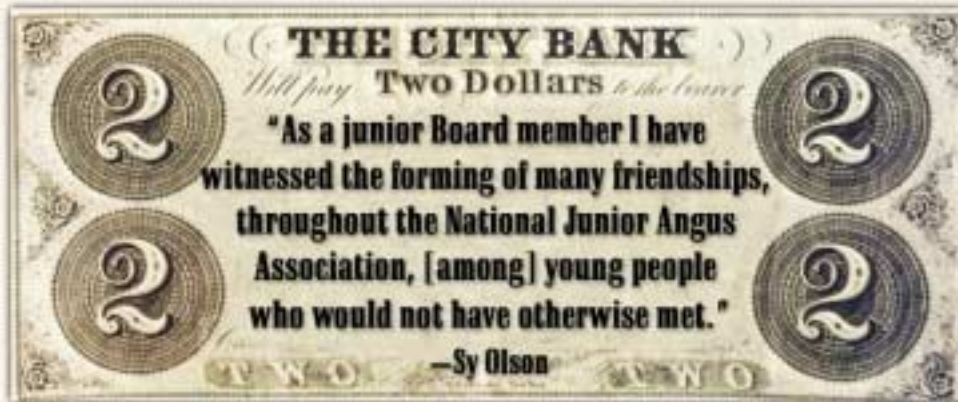
For best results, it is suggested that posters be laminated or covered with clear contact paper. All entries must be turned in at the show office by 9 a.m. on the first day of cattle exhibition at the NJAS. Posters should not be mailed to the Association office. They may be sent to the show with other juniors.

Cash awards are presented to the top contestants in each

%division. First place receives \$20, and second place gets \$10. In addition, a top poster in each age division will be named.

Graphic-design contest

The NJAA and the Junior Activities Department have co-sponsored a graphic-design contest during the NJAS since 1999. Its purpose is much the same as the poster contest's, although computer technology is used. The entries in the graphic-design contest have been of varying types. To allow for a better comparison of the entries, they will be limited to a specific entry type each year. "Previously, it



was pretty wide open. Anything they wanted to design and put together, they could enter," Fisher says. "And we had to compare it all. Rather than break it down into categories, we decided to come up with one area that we ask them to do."

The 2001 graphic-design contest asks members to design a brochure promoting the 2002 Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference, which will be in Sacramento, Calif. The brochure should focus on attracting NJAA members to attend the conference.

"Participants need to develop the theme and the thought pattern behind it, realizing that it's aimed at kids 14 to 21 years of age. We're not going to say winning entries will be used for the actual conference, but it's possible some of the ideas might be used in the promotion of the conference next year," Fisher says.

Contestants are divided into three age groups: 9-13, 14-17 and 18-21 years. The entries must be of the current year's work and cannot have been presented for competition at a previous NJAS. The

objective of the piece must be described on the entry form, as a portion of the score is dependent upon how it meets the stated objectives. There is a limit of one entry per contestant. This year entries should be mailed to the Association office prior to the June 15 deadline.

All entries are placed on display throughout the show, and contestants need not be present at the time of judging to enter. Cash awards are presented to the top contestants in each division, and selected entries may be used in the *Angus Journal* or other publications. Prize money will be paid in each age group: \$20 for first place, and \$10 for second.

True team effort

This year juniors from across the nation will converge on Denver, Colo., for a week of activities at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) complex. The theme of this year's show is "Under the Western Sky."

"What's really unique about this show is a whole group of Western states has come together to put it on," says James Fisher, director of junior activities. In fact, there are 11 state junior and adult Angus associations working together. These include groups from California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

For more on how these groups worked together, refer to "Under the Western Sky," on page 223 of the December *Angus Journal*. The article is also available on the www.angusjournal.com Web site under "Back Issues."

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Photography contest

The NJAA and the *Angus Journal* have co-sponsored the photography contest since its beginning in 1992. Its purpose is to help NJAA members increase their communication skills through photography.

In 2000 the contest rules were amended to include three different categories: animals, landscapes and people. All photographs must carry a general Angus theme and must have been taken since June 1 of the previous year.



"We have moved the entry deadline for the photography contest to June 1 so we would have time to have all of those photos scanned and judged appropriately prior to putting them on display at the national junior show," Fisher says.

A panel of judges evaluates the photographs for creativity, effect and composition. They also judge the entries for technical quality (such as proper light exposure), true color, sharp focus and correct cropping.

Photos are to be 8-by-10-in. color or black-and-white prints mounted on an 11-by-14-in. black poster board. They cannot be altered or image-enhanced in any way. Contestants are encouraged to use 35-millimeter (mm) cameras. The entry blank (see page 48) should be attached on the reverse side in the upper left-hand corner.

Winners will be selected in three age divisions: 9-13, 14-17 and 18-21 years. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three contestants in each division.

Each contestant is allowed a maximum of three entries, with no more than one photograph in each subject category. Each entry may apply to no more than one subject category.

All photographs will be displayed at the NJAS, and winning photos will be printed in the September *Angus Journal*.

Crystal Award

The Auxiliary strongly believes in the importance of the educational contests at the NJAS. To promote and to support these contests, the organization sponsors the Crystal Award, which is based on a cumulation of placings in all of the nonshowing educational events. Crystal Awards are given to the overall high-point boy and the high-point girl.

The photography, cook-off, poster, graphic-design, extemporaneous and prepared speaking and team sales contests are counted for the award. Points are awarded to the top three placings in each age division and contest as follows: seven points for first place, five points for second and three points for third. Participants who are not among the top three placings earn one point for each contest they enter.

The Janet Castle Crystal Award, established in memory of Janet Castle, is made possible by a generous donation from her family to the Auxiliary. Janet was one of the founders of the scholarship fund, and she served as president of the Auxiliary in 1962. Janet's vision and dedication helped many junior Angus members, so it is

appropriate that the Auxiliary's newest award for juniors be named for her.

Showmanship contest

The first showmanship contest was in 1967. It became part of the NJAS in 1973.

The showmanship contest is conducted in two parts. The contestants first show animals in elimination classes on Friday of the week; finals are on Saturday. The preliminary classes are not to exceed 15 competitors.

To be eligible, each contestant and alternate must have a straightbred Angus project or be from a family who raises registered or commercial Angus cattle. For the 2001 contest, they must have been born between Jan. 1, 1980, and Dec. 31, 1986, and they must not have participated in the national showmanship contest previously.

"Having the opportunity to be involved with the national showmanship contest has been a dream of mine since my first National Junior Angus Show in 1990," says NJAA Board member Jessica Sawyer, last year's winner. "Winning this prestigious event has been a pinnacle in my career as a junior member. I strongly encourage juniors and adults to take time and watch the event to see some of the most talented young showmen in the country," she says.

Selection of the contestants is the responsibility of the state or provincial adult Angus association or the state junior Angus association. The secretary of the adult association or a junior advisor

must submit the names to the Association Junior Activities Department by June 1 if they are to be listed in the contest program.

Entries are limited to two contestants from each state or province. However, all states or provinces should select two alternates in case one



or both of the contestants is unable to participate.

Contestants draw lots to determine which animals they will show. The animals are selected from that year's NJAS entries, and their owners will groom them. Contestants are not permitted to compete using animals they have groomed or exhibited prior to the date of the contest.

Awards will be based on the following criteria: skill (handling and response of the animal); use of equipment by contestant during the contest; general appearance of the contestant; showing courtesy and sportsmanship; and ability to follow instructions during the contest. The basis for awards will not include the individual excellence of the heifers shown by the contestants.

First place receives \$350; second, \$250; third, \$175; fourth, \$125; and fifth, \$100. The Association awards \$75 each to the remaining competitors. The Auxiliary presents silver Revere bowls to the top five.

Sweepstakes contest

The NJAS sweepstakes contest was introduced at the 1992 national junior show in Columbus, Ohio. It is designed to reward state junior associations for their members' participation in the various contests,

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exhibitions of cattle and the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest during the NJAS.

Points are awarded based upon the placings of the individuals or teams. In contests where there is more than one division, points will be awarded for each division.

Points are awarded for the highest-placing individual, team or animal from each state in each of the contest categories. In the case of a tie, the number of events entered will determine the winner.

NJAA annual meeting

In addition to the contests and other activities, the NJAS also hosts the NJAA annual meeting, which is part of the candidate/delegate dinner. Delegates and candidates are picked well in advance, usually at a state association's annual meeting.

"Not only do the delegates have the responsibility to elect the next group of leaders for the NJAA Board, but they also review any suggestions for bylaw changes," Fisher says.

"Everything is brought to them on Wednesday evening at the candidate/delegate session. On Friday afternoon, all of the delegates are brought back together to cast their ballots for the junior Board candidates or for any bylaw changes that have been presented."

"It's really tough to get on the Board," Johnson says. "Not only because of the quality of candidates you are competing against, but also all the work you have to put into it. But it should be, because we're the best breed association in the world. It should be that quality. It should be that you put in that amount of time and effort."

Advice for participants

"We've made some changes to the schedule that we have operated under the past few years," Fisher says. "While the cattle will be showing at the same times, we've moved some of the contests and

adjusted some of those times. So the juniors will need to check their schedules closely.

"They also need to make sure the animals are registered in their name and in their name alone. I would encourage them to attend their state preview shows. We organize everything from a state level, so the juniors need to work together with their state to facilitate stalling," Fisher says. "Most states develop a theme within to go along with their herdsmanship and state booth. That's why it's important they contact their state junior advisors and work with their state junior associations to find out how their state is doing it."

Fisher also suggests that juniors bring their cattle and registration papers to the check-in area, and they need to check the schedule for the proper check-in time, he says.

"If the schedule says check-in time is at 11 o'clock, then the deadline for check-in time is 11 o'clock. They also need to make sure their tattoos match their registration papers. If there's a problem, they need to contact us at least two weeks in advance of the show so corrective measures can be taken," Fisher says.

With an event of this size, not everyone can go home with a trophy or an award, he adds. However, everyone can win by participating in the contests, honing their individual skills, and making and deepening Angus friendships.

"Whether it's conquering a fear by giving a speech or participating in one of the showing contests, everybody can be a winner," Fisher says.

Johnson agrees. Although juniors may be a little nervous about contest experiences, they shouldn't let that fear stop them, he says.

"It's really a great way to express yourself. In one week, you learn so much about not only the Angus breed, but yourself," he says. "You kind of get out of it what you put into it."



Entry Deadlines for Competitions at the 2001 National Junior Angus Show

CONTEST	ENTRY DEADLINE, TURN-IN SPOT	CONTACT	MATERIALS
Carcass —individual entries	June 1, entry due to Association office	James Fisher	Live steer
Carcass —state groups	Check-in, at loadout	James Fisher	Three live steers, representing at least two exhibitors
Cook-Off	June 1, Ann Patton Schubert	Ann Patton Schubert	Recipe and list of team members with addresses
Extemporaneous speaking	4 p.m., July 10, show office	James Fisher	
Graphic design	June 15, Association office	James Fisher	Entry
Herdsmanship		James Fisher	State group display
Photography	June 1, Association office	James Fisher	Photo entries mounted on 8-by-10-in. black poster board
Poster	8:30 a.m., July 11, show office	James Fisher	Entry
Prepared public speaking	June 25, Association office	James Fisher	Outline of speech
Scrapbook	8:30 a.m., July 11, show office	James Fisher	Entry
Showmanship	June 1, names submitted to Association	James Fisher	Junior association advisor or state adult association secretary must submit names
Team sales	4 p.m., July 10, show office	James Fisher	

Complete rules and entry information for each competition are available on the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Web site at www.angus.org/njaa.