

2020 AJSA National Classic Rules

These rules apply only to the 2020 AJSA National Classic. Adjustments have been made to the standard AJSA Classic rules to accommodate changes and limitations due to COVID-19 as well as facilities and scheduling restrictions and requirements. Notable changes from or additions to the previously published AJSA Classic Rules have been highlighted throughout the document.



I. Registration, Entries and Fees

1. Each contestant must submit an entry and the required fees online by the entry deadline in order to participate in the 2020 AJSA National Classic. In order to compete in the Cattle Show and/or Showmanship, each contestant must compete in a minimum of **three of the four** educational contests. Contestants will designate the contests in which they intend to compete at the time of entry.
2. Contestants are allowed to enter up to **six head**. However, each contestant may bring and exhibit **only three head** at the 2020 AJSA National Classic. If a Bred & Owned eligible animal is entered and/or shown in both shows (Bred & Owned and Owned), it shall count as only one head.
 - a. Due to potential space constraints for housing livestock due to the Covid-19 outbreak, ASA reserves the right to further limit the total number of cattle each exhibitor can bring to the National Classic.
 - b. Every animal must be registered with ASA prior to registration for National Classic.
 - i. If DNA requirements for an ET calf have not been completed prior to registering for the 2020 National Classic, the ET calf must be placed on file in the database, assigned a pseudo-number, and DNA must be received and recorded at the lab (GeneSeek).
 - ii. Any DNA issues must be resolved and the ET calf must be registered prior to event check-in.
 - c. Stall space will be provided only for the number of animals allowed to be exhibited. No additional stall space will be available for purchase, and exhibitors may not bring additional animals onto the grounds.
 - d. Animals being entered in both the Bred & Owned Show and the Owned Show will incur separate fees for each show.
 - e. Entry fees must be paid for all cattle entered, and no refunds will be issued, unless ASA cancels the event in its entirety.
 - f. No substitutions will be accepted, except as otherwise noted in Section VII, Item 19.
3. 2020 National Classic entries will open on Wednesday, May 27. Entry deadline will be 4:30 pm MDT on Friday, June 5. **There will be no late entry period and no late entries accepted.**
4. Contestants must be current junior members of the American Simmental Association and in good standing at the time of online entry for entries to be accepted.

II. Eligibility

1. Each participant in the 2020 National Classic must hold an individual junior membership with the American Simmental Association and have paid his/her annual service fee for the fiscal year.
2. Participants must be 21 years of age or younger as of January 1, 2020.
3. No participant will be discriminated against as a result of physical, emotional, or mental handicap. The only requirement is to specify on the entry form any accommodations that need to be made.

III. Health Requirements for Cattle

1. All cattle must meet the health requirements for South Dakota. Health inspection certificates issued by a participant's local veterinarian must bear each animal's ID, age, and breed description. Any and all questions regarding health requirements should be directed to your local or state veterinarian.
2. Cattle must be free of ringworm, warts, and any infectious disease.

IV. Individual Competition

1. At the 2020 National Classic, the Overall competition will be determined by points won in five of the six events: Cattlemen's Quiz, Calvin Drake Genetic Evaluation Quiz, Judging Contest, Sales Talk, Cattle Show, and Showmanship.
 - a. To compete in the Cattle Show and/or Showmanship, contestants are required to participate in three of the following four educational competitions: Cattlemen's Quiz, Calvin Drake Genetic Evaluation Quiz, Judging Contest and Sales Talk.
 - b. Each contestant must complete all contests at his/her schedule times. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from that contest, and that contest will not count towards the education requirement to compete in the Cattle Show and/or Showmanship.
 - c. **The Public Speaking contest will not be offered as a part of the 2020 National Classic.**
2. At the 2020 National Classic, points will be awarded to the Top 20 competitors in each age division in Cattlemen's Quiz, Calvin Drake Genetic Evaluation, Judging Contest, Sales Talk and Showmanship, with the highest placing receiving twenty points and each subsequent placing receiving one less point down to one point for 20th Place.
3. 2020 National Classic Cattle Show points will be issued as follows:
 - a. The Top 20 exhibitors in each qualifying division of the show will receive points based on their placing with the Grand Champion receiving twenty points, and each subsequent placing receiving one less point down to one point for 20th Place.
 - b. The number of animals checked in for each cattle show division, either Bred & Owned or Owned, must equal 15% of the largest show or the points awarded for that division will be reduced by 50%. In the instance where points are reduced, a maximum of ten animals will be placed in the ring.
 - c. In the event a contestant has multiple entries earning Cattle Show points, only the points for the highest placing entry will be used in tabulation of the Overall competition. The other animal(s) will still receive recognition and awards.
4. Cell phones are prohibited from all contests under all conditions. If a contestant uses a cell phone during a contest, he/she will be disqualified from the contest, his/her score will be pulled, and the contest will not count toward the educational contest requirement.

V. Age Divisions

1. A contestant's age division will be determined based on his/her age as of January 1, 2020.
 - a. Junior Division contestants will be 8 to 13 years old, as of January 1, 2020.
 - b. Intermediate Division contestants will be 14 to 17 years old, as of January 1, 2020.
 - c. Senior Division contestants will be 18 to 21 years old, as of January 1, 2020.
2. **There will be no Novice Division at the 2020 National Classic.**

VI. Recognition and Awards

1. To receive awards, a contestant must attend the entire awards ceremony. Exceptions to this rule may be approved by the AJSA Board of Trustees, provided an application for early release is submitted, in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled time of the awards ceremony. Emergency or special circumstances will be evaluated in a case-by-case manner.
 - a. If an early release request is approved and the contestant wishes to receive his/her awards, he/she is responsible for any shipping costs incurred.
 - b. A member of the AJSA Board of Trustees will communicate either the approval or denial of early release requests as soon as the decision is made.
 - c. Failure to complete an early release application will result in consequences at the discretion of the AJSA Board of Trustees.
2. Awards will be presented to Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions in each event.
3. In the event of a tie in the Overall competition, the tie-breakers are as follows:
 - 1st Tiebreaker: Cattlemen's Quiz Score
 - 2nd Tiebreaker: Calvin Drake Genetic Evaluation Quiz Score
 - 3rd Tiebreaker: Judging Contest Cumulative Score
 - 4th Tiebreaker: Sales Talk Score

VII. Cattle Show

1. Each contestant may enter up to **six** head, but may bring and exhibit only **three** head.
 - a. Due to potential space constraints for housing livestock due to the Covid-19 outbreak, ASA reserves the right to further limit the total number of cattle each exhibitor can bring to the National Classic.
2. At the 2020 National Classic, the Owned Cattle Show will consist of the following divisions: Purebred Simmental Heifers, Purebred Simmental 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.
3. The Bred & Owned Show will consist of all of the aforementioned divisions, plus Bred & Owned Purebred Simmental Bulls, Bred & Owned Percentage Simmental Bulls, Bred & Owned Simbrah Bulls and Bred & Owned Fullblood Bulls.
 - a. Animals being entered in both the Bred & Owned Show and the Owned Show will incur separate fees for each show.
 - b. An animal entered in both the Bred & Owned Show and the Owned Show will not count as two head against the three head maximum rule.
 - c. Should an animal place in the Top 20 in both the Bred & Owned Show and the Owned Show, only the highest placing will earn points towards the Overall competition. Awards and recognition will be given for both entries.
 - d. A Bred & Owned heifer, steer or cow/calf pair must meet all of the following conditions:
 - The exhibitor is both the owner and the breeder on the registration certificate.
 - The exhibitor is the sole and continuous owner of the entry since birth.
 - The exhibitor is the sole owner of the dam of the entry at the time the entry was conceived.
 - e. A Bred & Owned Bull is defined in Section X.
4. Cattle Check-In: During check-in, the exhibitor (or a representative of the exhibitor) must declare which of his/her entries are on site and should be checked in for the show. Proof of registration must be presented on all entries being shown. Any entry not checked in during this process will be considered a scratch.
 - a. Do not bring animals to cattle check-in. If you have a steer, it will need to be weighed at the designated time.
 - b. Hard copies of registration papers are recommended, but online registration records through Herdbook Services will also be accepted.
 - c. Upon completion of cattle check-in, ASA Staff and/or AJSA Trustees will verify tattoos on a random 10% of the animals checked in. This will take place in the exhibitors' stalls. Any animal with a tattoo that does not match its registration will be automatically disqualified from the show.
5. The registration certificate for each entry must be issued in the name of the exhibitor or in the name of an ASA account of which the exhibitor is an authorized representative. The owner account of record must not be a suspended ASA account.
6. For the 2020 National Classic, the ownership deadline is June 5, 2020. Ownership must continue consecutively through the completion of the show.
 - a. Note that it is important to plan ahead and complete cattle registrations/transfers early. Registration will be delayed for any animal if DNA has not been submitted for AI or embryo transfer animals.
 - b. Demand that any animal purchased is registered prior to the completion of the sale, especially if DNA is required for an AI or embryo transfer animal.
 - c. It is recommended to register/transfer animals online through Herdbook Services (herdbook.org). Paper cattle registration and transfer applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.
7. Exhibitors must show their own animals, unless they meet the exhibitor substitution requirements. In the event that an exhibitor has multiple animals in the ring at once, he/she must have another contestant who is competing in the 2020 National Classic show the additional animal(s).
8. An individual animal cannot be shown by multiple exhibitors.
9. Only cattle being exhibited at the 2020 National Classic will be allowed on the fairgrounds.
10. No artificial filling of animals, including pumping or drenching, 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 the approval of a licensed, non-owner veterinarian will be removed from the show.
11. Breeding cattle classes will consist of no more than 20 head with a maximum 60-day age spread. Steers will be shown by weight with no more than 20 head in a class.

12. Once a class has entered the ring and the first entry has begun to circle, no further entries will be allowed to enter the ring.
13. If an animal gets loose in the ring three times throughout the course of the show, that animal will be dismissed from the show and ineligible to receive awards. The exhibitor must be the sole handler of his/her animal(s) while in the show ring.
14. Cattle must be on exhibit at the fairgrounds through the completion of the last champion drive of the Cattle Show. Requests for early dismissal of cattle must be submitted, in writing, to the AJSA Board of Trustees before the start of the show. AJSA Trustees will inform exhibitors on the outcome of the request following the decision.
15. All cattle are required to be in the barn by 8 am and to remain there until the set tie-out time.
16. The 2020 National Classic is a Progress Through Performance (PTP) Show.
 - a. PTP data will be provided for the judges to use in conjunction with phenotypic evaluation.
 - b. All Grand and Reserve Champions from each division will have DNA collected and tested for parental validation and genomic testing. DNA collection will be conducted or supervised by ASA Staff.
 - c. The show must conform to all PTP Show Guidelines.
17. Contestants are required to wear the official provided show shirts during the Cattle Show and Showmanship.
18. No farm/ranch signs or stall cards are permitted in the barns.
19. Exhibitor substitutions will be allowed, per approval by 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 of an event or contest where an exhibitor is required to use his/her own animal, a non-owner veterinarian approval is required for the exhibitor to use an animal that is not his/her own.
 - d. Any animal deemed unfit for an event/contest must be reapproved by a non-owner veterinarian in order to later be shown in the Cattle Show.

VIII. Heifer Show

1. All general cattle show rules apply to the Heifer Show.
2. Heifers must have been born on or after September 1, 2018 and prior to March 15, 2020.
3. Heifers must be registered with the American Simmental Association as Purebred Simmental (7/8 Simmental or greater), Percentage Simmental (at minimum 1/2 Simmental but less than 7/8 Simmental), Simbrah (5/8 Simmental 3/8 Brahman), or Fullblood Simmental.
4. If a heifer falls under these heifer age guidelines but has a calf at side, she will be automatically moved to the appropriate cow/calf division and shown in the youngest class.

IX. Cow/Calf Show

1. All general cattle show rules apply to the Cow/Calf Show.
2. The cow/calf divisions will be as follows: Purebred, Percentage, Simbrah and Fullblood.
 - a. To qualify for the division of entry, both the cow and calf must meet the division requirements. *If the cow is a Purebred, Simbrah or Fullblood, but the calf is a percentage, the pair becomes a percentage entry. A Fullblood cow with a purebred calf at side is a purebred entry.*
3. A cow/calf pair counts only as one head against the three head limit, provided the calf is not being shown in its own individual class.
 - a. A calf at the side of a cow/calf pair has the option to show as an individual entry, provided the calf was born prior to March 15, 2020. The calf must be entered separately in the appropriate show division(s).
 - b. Entering the calf separately causes the calf to be counted as one head against the three head limit, and therefore the pair would count as two head.
4. A cow/calf pair must be shown with the cow's most recent natural calf at side, born on or after November 1, 2019.
5. All calves must be registered with ASA by the time of check-in. Calves at side must also be tattooed.
6. Pairs will be shown in two groups, with each group divided into classes accordingly:
 - Cows born in 2018, plus any female eligible for the Heifer Show with a calf at side
 - Cows born in 2017 or earlier
7. Grand and Reserve Grand Champions in each cow/calf division will receive awards.

X. Bull Show

1. All general cattle show rules apply to the Bull Show.
2. There will be only a Bred & Owned Bull Show.
3. Bred & Owned bulls born on or after September 1, 2018 and before March 15, 2020 are eligible. There will be no class for two-year-old bulls.
4. Bred & Owned bulls must be bred by the junior member/exhibitor, but may be jointly owned with an adult/farm, provided that the junior exhibitor is the sole breeder, original owner of records, and is officially recorded as a current owner of the bull.
5. All bulls twelve months of age and older must be shown with a nose lead or ring.

XI. Steer Show

1. All general cattle show rules apply to the Steer Show.
2. All steers must be registered with ASA and must be at least 50% Simmental. There will be no breed divisions in the Steer Show.
3. Steers born on or after January 1, 2019 and prior to March 15, 2020 are eligible.
4. Weights will be recorded at the time of cattle check-in.
 - a. Steer classes will be broken by weight.
 - b. Weights will be provided to the judges for use in their evaluation.
 - c. No weigh-backs will be taken.
5. There will be two divisions of steers: Prospect Steers (under 900 lbs.) and Progress Steers (900 lbs. and over). Classes may be broken further within these divisions.

XII. Showmanship

1. All applicable general cattle show rules apply to Showmanship.
2. Showmanship will be non-fit. Adhesives and paints may not be used.
3. Each exhibitor must use his/her own animal. The same animal must be used for all phases of the Showmanship competition.
4. Any contestant who wishes to compete in Showmanship must have the animal entered in the Cattle Show and be the exhibitor of the animal being used in Showmanship, unless substitution rules are met and approved by the AJSA Board of Trustees.
5. Bulls may not be used in Showmanship.
6. Either the cow or calf from a cow/calf pair may be used for showmanship. The other half of the pair must remain in the stalls during Showmanship.
7. Exhibitors are required to wear the official 2020 National Classic Showmanship shirt.
8. Once the first animal has begun to circle, no further entries will be allowed to enter the ring. If an exhibitor misses his/her Showmanship heat, that exhibitor will not be allowed into a later heat and will effectively be disqualified from the contest.
9. ASA Staff reserves the right to adjust Showmanship heats after they have been posted.

XIII. Judging Contest

1. A committee of official judges shall select and place all classes and listen to all reasons. The Judging Contest shall consist of a minimum of four classes. Performance data will be used at the officials' discretion.
2. At the 2020 National Classic, all Judging Contest competitors will answer one set of questions and give one set of oral reasons.
3. Each Judging Contest class, including Questions and Reasons, will be worth 50 points.
4. Contestants will be allowed 12 minutes to judge and place each class. There will be a two-minute warning issued to signal the impending conclusion of each class.
5. Cattle may be judged on halter or un-haltered in pens. Close inspection will not be allowed unless directed by the official committee or its representatives.
6. Contestants must remain with their assigned groups throughout the contest unless otherwise directed by their group leader(s) or contest officials.
7. Any apparel – including but not limited to jackets and caps – identifying a contestant's farm/ranch affiliation or collegiate, FFA, 4-H or other competitive judging team is prohibited while giving reasons.
8. No parents or advisors shall be allowed in the Judging Contest area prior to or during the contest.
9. 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 those contestants.

10. Contestants must provide their own note-taking material for use during the Judging Contest.
11. In all age divisions, ties will be broken on the basis of Reasons scores then Questions scores. Should a tie still exist, final placing will be decided by a coin flip.
12. Once a contestant turns in his/her marked card/Scantron to the group leader or a contest official, he/she will not be allowed to have the card/Scantron back.
13. Any unmarked classes will be scored as a zero. Similarly, any classes with multiple placing markings will be scored as a zero.
14. Contestants must complete the entire Judging Contest, including Questions and Reasons, in order for the contest to count towards their educational requirement to show in the Cattle Show and/or Showmanship.

XIV. Cattlemen's Quiz

1. The Cattlemen's Quiz will consist of 30 questions plus 5 tiebreakers questions.
2. Primary resources for quiz questions will be *the Register*, SPC educational videos, and material available at www.juniorsimmental.org.
3. Contestants will have one hour to complete the quiz. After thirty minutes have passed, contestants will be notified of the time remaining on ten-minute intervals.
4. Once the first quiz has been turned in, no other contestants will be allowed to begin the quiz.
5. Contestants may not bring notes, books or reference materials into the testing area. All materials will be provided, including quiz questions, answer sheets, and writing utensils. Highlighters are permitted but will not be provided.
6. Conferring with other contestants in the testing area, use of notes, or any other form of cheating will be grounds for disqualification. In the event a contestant is disqualified, the contest will not count towards his/her education requirement for participation in the Cattle Show and/or Showmanship.
7. Ties will first be broken according to scores on five additional, clearly marked tiebreaker questions. If a tie still remains, it will be broken by order of finish.
8. Once a contestant turns in his/her answer sheet, he/she will not be allowed to have it returned. Each contestant may keep his/her copy of the quiz.

XV. Calvin Drake Genetic Evaluation Quiz

1. The Calvin Drake Genetic Evaluation Quiz will consist of 30 questions plus 5 tiebreakers questions.
2. Primary resources for quiz questions will be *the Register*, *Sire Source*, and material available at www.juniorsimmental.org.
3. Contestants will have one hour to complete the quiz. After thirty minutes have passed, contestants will be notified of the time remaining on ten-minute intervals.
4. Once the first quiz has been turned in, no other contestants will be allowed to begin the quiz.
5. Contestants may not bring notes, books or reference materials into the testing area. All materials will be provided, including quiz questions, answer sheets, and writing utensils. Highlighters are permitted but will not be provided.
6. Conferring with other contestants in the testing area, use of notes, or any other form of cheating will be grounds for disqualification. In the event a contestant is disqualified, the contest will not count towards his/her education requirement for participation in the Cattle Show and/or Showmanship.
7. Ties will first be broken according to scores on five additional, clearly marked tiebreaker questions. If a tie still remains, it will be broken by order of finish.
8. Once a contestant turns in his/her answer sheet, he/she will not be allowed to have it returned. Each contestant may keep his/her copy of the quiz.

XVI. Sales Talk

1. Sales Talk uses a live setting complete with animal, photo or video and potential buyers. This contest is a mock sales situation. Its purpose is to evaluate the effectiveness of the presentation and the contestant's ability to merchandise cattle.
2. Requirements, allowances and limitations will apply to the materials a contestant uses for Sales Talk.
 - a. Required: A registration paper matching the animal or genetics being sold.
 - b. One of the following is required: A live animal entry, a photo of a SimGenetics animal, a video of a SimGenetics animal.
 - i. Photo may not be larger than 8" x 10".
 - ii. Video may not be more than one minute in length, must display footage of only the animal being sold, and may not include audio. No other information on the device may be presented during Sales Talk.
 - iii. A contestant must provide his/her own device for video presentations.
 - c. Updated BOLT EPDs from Herdbook Services for the animal being sold may be included.
 - d. A planned mating printout from Herdbook Services may be included and is required for contestants who wish to sell embryos.
 - e. A contestant's score will be reduced by 50% if additional materials are presented to the Sales Talk judges. This includes, but is not limited to: Business cards, sale catalogs, additional photos or registration papers, and any item displaying a farm or ranch logo.
3. A contestant must sell his/her own animal or genetic package, or a photo or video of an animal or genetic package they own.
4. A cow/calf pair cannot be sold as a pair. A contestant may use either the cow or the calf. The other half of the pair cannot be anywhere near the contest area.
5. If using a live animal, another 2020 National Classic exhibitor must hold the animal during Sales Talk. The animal is not allowed to be fit.
6. No animal or genetic package can be used in the same age division of the contest more than once.
7. Each contestant will be required to provide the judges with a registration certificate (or planned mating printout, if selling embryos) for the animal or genetics being sold. The judges will use these materials to evaluate the accuracy of pedigree and performance information provided by the contestant and to ask questions. The certificate will be returned to the contestant at the conclusion of his/her Sales Talk.
8. Contestants will be judged on Animal Knowledge (25%), Organization/Style (25%), Poise and Delivery (25%) and Overall Effectiveness (25%). The Sales Talk score sheet is available at juniorsimmental.org.
9. Sales Talk judges will be randomly rotated to ensure more uniform scoring.
10. Ties will be broken first by Overall Effective scores, then Animal Knowledge, then Organization/Style, then Poise and Delivery. If a tie still remains, a winner will be selected by coin flip.
11. There will be a designated holding area for cattle and contestants one round prior to their designated Sales Talk time. Only cattle being used for the contest will be allowed in the holding area.
12. If a contestant misses his/her scheduled time, he/she is allowed to be added to the end of the contest schedule and the contest will still count towards the educational requirement. A review by the AJSA Board of Trustees will determine whether the contestant is eligible to place in the contest.
13. Sales Talk will be a maximum of seven minutes in length. A two-minute warning will be given in each round.
14. Judges' comment sheets will be required and available to participants following the conclusion of the awards ceremony. Scores will be removed.

**DUE TO SCHEDULING LIMITATIONS, A PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST
WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE 2020 AJSA NATIONAL CLASSIC.**

Additional Competitions

XVII. Photography Contest

1. Only photos taken by AJSA members are eligible.
2. Photos must be taken between August 1, 2019 and the contest deadline (June 1, 2020).
3. Photos must be 8"x10" and mounted on 10"x13" black foam core board. Contestants must attach a completed entry form, available at www.juniorsimmental.org, to the back of each photo.
4. A maximum of four entries per contestant is allowed.
5. For judging purposes, photos will be broken into four categories: Simmental Cattle, People, Landscape and General Agriculture.
6. Winners and honorable mention photo contestants must provide the original, unaltered, digital copy of the photograph to the ASA Director of Youth Activities.
7. Photography Contest entries must be postmarked by June 1, 2020 to the ASA office located at One Genetics Way, Bozeman, Montana, 59718.
8. All entries will be displayed at the 2020 National Classic.
9. Contestants do not need to be present at the National Classic to win.

XVIII. Herdsman of the Year

1. The AJSA 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 commands the respect of both juniors and adults in the Simmental industry and upholds the honor and dignity of a present and future cattleman or cattlemaster. 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 ASA and AJSA members are encouraged to nominate junior members they deem suitable and deserving of this award. Nominees must be active AJSA members, at least 16 years of age, and in attendance at the National Classic.
3. The AJSA Herdsman of the Year selection committee will be comprised of a minimum of three individuals from the ASA Board and ASA Staff in attendance at the National Classic. Individuals on the selection committee must have no family ties with those nominated for the award.
4. Nomination forms will be available on the AJSA Facebook page prior to National Classic and will also be provided at the National Classic. Completed nominations must be submitted to the ASA Director of Youth Activities no more than 24 hours after the completion of check-in.
5. The AJSA Herdsman of the Year will be recognized at the National Classic awards ceremony.

DUE TO SCHEDULING LIMITATIONS, THE STATE DISPLAY CONTEST AND INTERVIEW COMPETITION WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE 2020 AJSA NATIONAL CLASSIC.

Conduct and Liability

XIX. Conduct, Hearing Committee and Discipline

1. Disciplinary Action
 - a. Conduct:
 - i. All junior members of the ASA in attendance at the 2020 National Classic are expected to conduct themselves in a manner becoming of 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 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, or overly aggressive behavior will be banned from AJSA events for one year.
 - iv. Witnessing of any violation or misconduct must be submitted in writing, with proof, to the ASA Executive Vice President for review and any action to be taken. If as a result of the Executive Vice President's investigation, with written concurrence of any two members of the ASA Executive Committee, he shall file with the ASA Executive Committee charges in writing against the member based upon the information and investigation, following ASA's Rule and Bylaws Section 2.F: Charges Against Members.
 - b. Hearing:
 - i. If an investigation deems a hearing is necessary, the process will follow ASA's Rules and Bylaws Section 2.G: Hearings.
2. Liability Provision
 - a. All contestants must supply the ASA Staff with a signed release statement from parents or legal guardian before being allowed to participate. This release statement will be provided on the website to download, complete and email to ajsa@simmgene.com prior to participation in the 2020 National Classic.

XX. COVID-19/Pandemic Restrictions and Rules

1. The 2020 AJSA National Classic will be conducted in compliance with all federal, state, local, and facility health and Covid-19 laws, regulations, restrictions, guidance directives, or ASA requirements ("Covid-19 Restrictions"). Every contestant and attendee will be required to comply with all Covid-19 Restrictions or be disqualified from the event and removed from the grounds.
2. Every contestant and attendee may be required to execute additional release agreements and waivers related to Covid-19 prior to being allowed to participate in or attend the 2020 AJSA National Classic ("Release and Waiver Requirements").
3. The failure of any contestant or attendee to fully comply with all Covid-19 Restrictions and/or Release and Waiver Requirements shall be grounds for disqualification and removal from the grounds.
4. Given the fluid nature of the Covid-19 outbreak and that the possibility of additional restrictions may be necessary prior to or during the 2020 AJSA National Classic, ASA and AJSA reserve the right to impose any additional restrictions or requirements as may be deemed necessary, including cancellation of the 2020 AJSA National Classic, at any point in time.