

AJCA ROUND-UP



2025 Alabama Junior Cattlemen's Association Round-Up Official Rules

July 24-27, 2025
Montgomery, AL



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Schedule of Events

19th Annual AJCA Round-Up

July 24-27, 2025

Garrett Coliseum

Wednesday, July 23

12 PM Grounds Open for Setup Garrett Coliseum

Thursday, July 24

8 AM-10 AM Early Check-In for Registered Heifers, Bulls, Contests Lewis Barn

Market Animals and Commercial Heifers must weigh during PM check-in.

Registered heifers and bulls do not need to be brought to check-in; however, papers must be presented.

3 PM AJCA Board of Directors Meeting Teague Arena

4 PM-6 PM Final Check-In/Weigh-In (All Cattle and Contests) Lewis Barn

Market Animals and Commercial Heifers must weigh during PM check-in.

Registered heifers and bulls do not need to be brought to check-in; however, papers must be presented.

6:15 PM Battle of the Beef Barn 2

7 PM Round-Up Tailgate Barn 2

Enjoy free dishes prepared by Battle of the Beef Contestants, as well as Bounce Houses

7:30 PM Cornhole Tournament North Picnic

8 PM ALL Cattle Must Be on Grounds Garrett Coliseum

Friday, July 25

8 AM Skill-A-Thon Contest Teague Arena

9:30 AM Judging Contest Teague Arena

Noon Come-and-Go AJCA Director Voting Begins Teague Arena

1 PM Salesmanship Contest Teague Arena

3:30 PM Come-and-Go AJCA Director Ballot Voting Ends Teague Arena

3:30 PM Annual Membership Meeting/At-Large Director Voting Teague Arena

4:00 PM Educational Session Teague Arena

6:30 PM Team Grooming Barn 2

7:30 PM AJCA Board of Directors Meeting Teague Arena

Saturday, July 26

8:00 AM Prospect and Progress Market Show, Bulls, Showmanship Teague Arena

Judge: Andrew Foster, Niles, MI

Novice showmanship will be offered at conclusion of showmanship.

Adult showmanship will be at the conclusion of Novice.

Awards Presentation will begin one hour after the conclusion of showmanship Teague Arena

Sunday, July 27

7:30 AM Devotional Service Teague Arena

8 AM Breeding Heifer Show Teague Arena

Judge: Andrew Foster, Niles, MI

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Notices to Participants & Attendees

1. Sportsmanship Rule – The AJCA Round-Up is intended to foster a positive, family-friendly atmosphere. All participants and attendees are expected to behave in a respectable manner during all events held at this year’s AJCA Round-Up. Any disruptive behavior or language during an event by a participant or other attendee will void eligibility for participation in the 2025 & 2026 AJCA Round-Up for the violator and his/her family or the family he/she is associated with.

2. EID Tags - According to the Alabama Animal Disease Traceability Rule (80-3-6-40), “Official ID is required for cattle, 18 months of age or older at change of ownership; all female dairy cattle; cattle and bison used in rodeo, show, exhibition or recreational events.” Alabama State Veterinarian Dr. Tony Frazier is contributing free “840 EID tags” for the cattle at the AJCA Round-Up. **To obtain your 840 tag, contact the State Veterinarian’s office at 334-240-7255 ext. 1. DO NOT WAIT TO TAG CATTLE AT THE SHOW.**

3. Camper/RV Parking– Those wanting to park an RV on Coliseum Grounds for the weekend are welcome. Water and sewage hook-ups are available. Please call the Garrett Coliseum office in advance (334-356-6866). **CATTLE ARE NOT PERMITTED IN CAMPER/RV PARKING AREA UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE.** Also, Utility Vehicles, ATVs and golf carts are allowed on the Garret Coliseum Complex property, with a licensed driver operating.

4. Funding Sources– The AJCA Round-Up is made possible largely through funding from the Alabama Cattlemen’s Foundation and the Alabama State Beef Checkoff. All sponsors will be listed and visible during the AJCA Round-Up; please thank these donors for their commitment to the youth of Alabama’s beef industry.

5. Shavings – There are limited shavings available to be used throughout the Round-Up. **ONLY WHEELBARROWS ARE ALLOWED TO HAUL SHAVINGS.** Stalls will be assigned in the horse barns. If you wish to stall in the livestock barns, you must designate that on your entry form. You must provide your own bedding at tie-outs.

6. Official Protest or Complaint - Official Protest/Complaint must be submitted on form (provided in Teague Arena Office) to the Show Superintendent by exhibitor and accompanied by a \$300.00 deposit, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Exhibitor will remain anonymous to the rule violator. The protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, giving good and sufficient reasons therefore, and must be delivered immediately upon the occasion for such protest. Any protest not officially filed within 24 hours of the alleged incident or four hours prior to show will not be considered. These cases will be ruled upon by the Rules Committee, who will have full power to act, and from whose decision there can be no appeal. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation.

7. Remind App – The Remind App will be used throughout the show and leading up to the show to keep all exhibitors updated on important information. Text @ajcaro to 81010 to be added to the reminder group.

8. Participants must be between the ages of nine (9) and twenty-one (21) by Saturday July 26, 2025 to be eligible.

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| ○ Novice – | 8 and under (novice showmanship class is available) |
| ○ Junior – | 9-12 year old day of show |
| ○ Intermediate – | 13-16 year old day of show |
| ○ Senior – | 17-21 year old day of show |

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AJCA Round-Up Photography Contest

Objective:

Contestants in the AJCA Round-Up Photography Contest will submit pictures to be evaluated by a panel of judges. This contest will display the artistic abilities of its participants and serve to display a positive image of Alabama's beef cattle industry. Contestants must be AJCA members.

Rules:

1. Contestants in the AJCA Round-Up Photography Contest will compete in one of three age divisions: Junior, Intermediate or Senior.
2. All entries should be submitted during check-in on Thursday unless otherwise approved by Show Superintendent.
3. Top five placing winners from each of the three age divisions will be recognized at the award ceremony.
4. This is an individual competition. No joint submissions.
5. If an entry is found to have been used in previous years or violates another rule of the contest, the contestant will be subject to disqualification.
6. Entries may not be returned.
7. Contestants may submit up to three photos but highest placing photo will only count for points in top overall division winners.
8. Subject matter for entries must include any of the following:
 - a. **Cattle**
 - b. **Cattle Handling**
 - c. **Landscapes**
 - d. **People on the Farm**
 - e. **Farm Scenes**
 - f. **Farm Equipment**

***Any submissions otherwise will not be judged.*
9. All photos must be shot in Alabama within the last year by the individual submitting them to the contest.
10. Entries must be submitted in hard-copy format; either 4x6, 5x7, or 8x10. Electronic entries will not be accepted.
11. Minor digital enhancement is permitted. Extreme digital enhancements will merit disqualification. Enhancements will be monitored by an experienced photographer/Photoshop professional.
12. No borders or frames may be added to images.
13. No watermarks, signatures or copyright notices may be added to images.
14. Color photos as well as black and white photos will be accepted though they will not be judged in separate categories.
15. Photos may be used in future publications by the Alabama Cattlemen's Association.
16. Top 5 winners of each age division are required to submit digital copies of their photo to be used in Alabama Cattlemen's Magazine or social media promotion.

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AJCA Round-Up Poster Contest

Objective:

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Rules:

1. Contestants in the AJCA Round-Up Poster Contest will compete in one of three age divisions: Junior, Intermediate or Senior.
2. All entries should be submitted during check-in on Thursday unless otherwise approved by Show Superintendent.
3. Top five placing winners from each of the three age divisions will be recognized at the award ceremony.
4. This is an individual competition. No joint submissions.
5. If an entry is found to have been used in previous years or violates another rule of the contest, the contestant will be subject to disqualification.
6. Entries may not be returned.
7. Subject matter for entries must be related to one of the following:
 - a. **Beef Cattle Production Sustainability**
 - b. **Beef Quality Assurance – Approved Cattle Handling and Herd Health Practices**
 - c. **Economic Impact of Alabama's Beef Cattle Industry**
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8. Entries must be submitted on paper sized no bigger than 22" x 28". Modest size variations will be accepted.

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AJCA Round-Up Ad-Design Contest

Objective:

Contestants in the AJCA Round-Up Ad Design Contest will submit one advertisement for a farm to be evaluated by a panel of judges. This contest will display the marketing abilities of its participants and serve to display a positive image of Alabama's beef cattle industry. Contestants must be AJCA members.

Rules:

1. Contestants in the AJCA Round-Up Ad-Design Contest will compete in one of three age divisions: Junior, Intermediate or Senior.
2. All entries should be submitted during check-in on Thursday unless otherwise approved by Show Superintendent.
3. Top five placing winners from each of the three age divisions will be recognized at the award ceremony.
4. This is an individual competition. No joint submissions.
5. If an entry is found to have been used in previous years or violates another rule of the contest, the contestant will be subject to disqualification.
6. Entries may not be returned.
7. Subject matter for entries must include any of the following:
 - a. **General Farm Ad**
 - b. **Ad Promoting a Sale**
 - c. **Ad Promoting a Heifer, Cow, Bull, Steer, Embryo/Semen, or Group**
***Any submissions otherwise will not be judged*
8. Ads can be designed using graphic design programs or using programs such as Microsoft Word®, but the use of such programs are not required.
9. Entries must be submitted on paper sized approximately 8.5" x 11". Modest size variations will be accepted.

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AJCA Round-Up Record Book Contest

Objective:

Contestants in the AJCA Round-Up Record Book Contest will present one organized record book of information documenting their involvement in Alabama's beef industry. These entries will work to show the dedication of a new generation of producers to the continuation of cattle production in the state. Contestants must be AJCA members.

Rules:

1. Contestants in the AJCA Round-Up Record Book Contest will compete in one of three age divisions: Junior, Intermediate or Senior.
2. All entries should be submitted during check-in on Thursday unless otherwise approved by Show Superintendent.
3. Top five placing winners from each of the three age divisions will be recognized at the award ceremony.
4. This is an individual competition. No joint submissions.
5. If an entry is found to have been used in previous years or violates another rule of the contest, the contestant will be subject to disqualification.
6. Entries may not be returned.
7. Contestants will present a folder/binder of information to be judged by a panel of judges. All information must fit inside the folder/binder. Maximum size for a folder/binder is 11 x 17 inches.
8. Documentation of involvement in 4-H and/or FFA such as judging team experience, steer/heifer projects, local or national events, etc. should be submitted.
9. Documentation of involvement in a family farming/ranching operation with activities such as herd health, genetic selection, environmental stewardship, pasture management, hay production, etc. should be submitted.
10. Documentation of involvement in a local, state, or national cattlemen's association or breed association such as attendance to meetings, seminars, promotion events, etc. should be submitted.
11. Pictures should be included to illustrate the contestant's involvement in the beef industry and activities that relate to the beef industry.

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AJCA Round-Up Essay Contest

Objective:

Contestants in the AJCA Round-Up Essay contest will submit one essay of no more than 750 words to a panel of judges. The essays will be scored on subject matter and grammatical content. This contest will encourage the development of written communication skills that will enable juniors to more successfully tell their own beef story. Contestants must be AJCA members.

Rules:

1. Contestants in the AJCA Round-Up Essay Contest will compete in one of three age divisions: Junior, Intermediate or Senior.
2. All entries should be submitted during check-in on Thursday unless otherwise approved by Show Superintendent.
3. Top five placing winners from each of the three age divisions will be recognized at the award ceremony.
4. This is an individual competition. No joint submissions.
5. If an entry is found to have been used in previous years or violates another rule of the contest, the contestant will be subject to disqualification.
6. Entries may not be returned.
7. Entries cannot be more than 750 words.
8. Topics for the essays are as follows:
 - a. **Junior (9-12): The Evolution of Beef Cattle Farming: How has beef cattle farming in America changed over the past century?**
 - b. **Intermediate (13-16): Grass-Fed vs. Grain-Fed Beef: What are the differences between grass-fed and grain-fed beef, and how do these methods impact the industry?**
 - c. **Senior (17-21): The Global Beef Supply Chain: How do international trade agreements and policies affect the American beef cattle industry?**

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AJCA Round-Up Salesmanship Contest

Objective:

The objective of the AJCA Round-Up Salesmanship Contest will be for an individual to present a persuasive presentation to a panel of three judges outlining the positive attributes of the animal, in effect, a mock sales presentation. Contestants must be AJCA members.

Rules:

1. Contestants in the AJCA Round-Up Salesmanship Contest will compete in one of three age divisions: Junior, Intermediate or Senior.
2. Top five placing winners from each of the three age divisions will be recognized at the award ceremony.
3. This is an individual competition. No joint sales pitches.
4. Juniors and Intermediates will bring one steer or heifer to stand with them as their subject animal.
5. **Seniors will select from Sale ADS given at check-in to sale one of the following a bull, cow/calf pair, semen, or embryo. (Sale Ads will be available to view on website prior to event)**
6. Cattle are not to be groomed when presented during the AJCA Round-Up Salesmanship Contest.
7. Cattle should be presented clean and dry.
8. Participants must bring a current AJCA Member to hold and exhibit the animal during the presentation.
9. This is a timed event. Juniors will have 5 minutes, Intermediate 7 minutes, and Senior 10 minutes to present their animal before the panel of judges. Times will be strictly enforced.
10. Please see office door in Teague Arena on Friday at 8:00 am to see what time you will be competing.

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AJCA Round-Up Skill-A-Thon Contest

Objective:

The objective of the AJCA Skill-A-Thon Contest will be for an individual contestant to exhibit their knowledge of agriculture relating to the beef cattle industry. Contestants will take a written examination that will include general agricultural knowledge, AJCA & ACA knowledge, tool identification (tools commonly used in beef production), feedstuff identification and breed identification. Contestants must be AJCA members.

Rules:

1. Contestants in the AJCA Round-Up Skill-A-Thon Contest will compete in one of three age divisions: Junior, Intermediate or Senior.
2. Top five placing winners from each of the three age divisions will be recognized at the award ceremony.
3. This is an individual competition.
4. Written tests, pencils and all other materials necessary will be provided at the contest site.
5. Contestants will have exactly one hour to complete the test. Tests can be started late until the first examination is turned in. After the first examination is turned in, no more examinations may be started.
6. No parents will be allowed in the testing room. An adult will be assigned by Alabama Cattlemen's staff to assist students during testing, if necessary.

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AJCA Round-Up Cattle Judging Contest

Objective:

The objective of the AJCA Round-Up Cattle Judging Contest is to allow youth the ability to develop and exercise their skills in evaluating beef cattle. To further the educational benefits of the event, official placing will be discussed by the contest officials at the conclusion of the event. Contestants must be AJCA members and registered for Round-Up to receive Round-Up points and placings for AJCA Round-Up Cattle Judging Contest.

Rules:

1. Contestants in the AJCA Round-Up Judging Contest will compete in one of three age divisions: Junior, Intermediate or Senior.
2. Top five placing winners from each of the three age divisions will be recognized at the award ceremony.
3. The AJCA Round-Up Cattle Judging Contest will be an individual competition. No cooperation or teamwork will be allowed. Contestants may be removed from the contest by officials if cooperation is suspected.
4. There will be no other species besides cattle in contest.
5. Contestants will have 10 minutes to judge each class and turn in their placing card to contest officials. An official timekeeper will signal when cattle are to be moved and alert contestants that time has expired for evaluating a given class.
6. Junior, Intermediate, and Senior contestants will be given a set of questions. Intermediate and Senior contestants will be asked to give a set of oral reasons.
7. Top five placing individuals will be recognized from each of the three age divisions.
8. **When an exhibitor is called upon to furnish one or more animals for contestants to judge in the Livestock Judging Contests, he/she is expected to do so. Refusing an animal to be used in this manner, without Show Superintendent approval, will result in the forfeit of any prizes he/she may win and potentially results in being barred from further participation in Round-Up.**

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AJCA Round-Up Team Grooming Contest

Objective:

The objective of the AJCA Round-Up Team Grooming Contest is to allow youth the opportunity to demonstrate their proficiency in grooming a beef animal for show. As a team event, participants will also be required to demonstrate excellent teamwork skills. Contestants must be AJCA members.

Rules:

1. Each team will be comprised of three contestants; one from each of the three age categories: Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors.
2. An “open” division will be available for teams made up of 3 youth regardless of the age divisions the contestants are in.
3. Each team will bring one clean and dry steer or heifer to compete in the grooming contest.
4. Each team is limited to one grooming chute and one blower.
5. All equipment must be at the team’s workstation at the start of the contest. At no time during the contest will contestants be able to leave the workstation to retrieve equipment, and no equipment or supplies may be brought to the contestants after the contest has commenced.
6. This will be a timed contest. When instructed by contest officials to begin working, teams will have 60 minutes to prepare their animal for judging.
7. When the 60-minute preparation period is over, all teams must take their animal out of the grooming chute and cease all grooming functions. The animals will then be paraded before the judges.
8. Participants are encouraged to bring a generator and 75+ feet of extension cord.
9. Safety being a priority, contest officials have the obligation to remove a team from the contest if the safety of the animal or the participants is a concern.
10. The top team will be recognized from the traditional team division as well as the open team division.
11. Only participation from Grooming Contest points will be added to Top 10.

Judging Criteria:

1. *Teamwork* (how well the team members work together)
2. *Participation* (how well all team members contribute to the process)
3. *Time Management* (how efficiently time is spent on each task)
4. *Cleanliness* (appearance of contestants and their work area)
5. *Subject Knowledge* (judges may ask contests questions during the contest)
6. *Final Product* (appearance of animal after the grooming process)
7. *Showmanship* (ability to present the animal after the grooming process)

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AJCA Battle of the Beef Contest

Objective:

The objective of the AJCA Round-Up Battle of the Beef Contest will be for a team of three contestants to prepare a ground beef dish for a panel of judges and fellow competitors. Teams will be judged on the appearance of their workstation, their adherence to food safety, beef production and preparation knowledge, and the final appeal of their dishes. Contestants must be AJCA members.

Rules:

1. Each team will be comprised of three contestants. This contest is an open competition, so any 3 competitors 21 years of age or younger make an eligible team.
2. Each team will be given 2 pounds of ground beef to use for the competition as well as containers to serve the judges and attendees. *All other materials including ingredients, condiments, dressings, plates, grills, utensils, table décor, etc. will be the responsibility of each team.*
3. Each team will be given a table and an allotted space to set up their work area.
4. Each team will present 3 identical sampling portions of their dish to a panel of judges.
5. Contest officials will test a dish from each station prior to the start of serving to ensure that it has an internal temperature of at least 160 degrees.
6. Only gas grills and electric grills will be allowed – NO charcoal grills will be allowed. Griddles, hotplates, etc. will be allowed. **Participants are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to bring a generator and 75+ feet of extension cord** if their team plans to use an electric griddle.
7. This is a timed event. Teams will have 45 minutes from the time they are given their raw meat until they are required to submit their entries for judging.
8. Teams will be assigned staggered start times in an effort to give each team an opportunity to present the judges with a fresh, ground beef dish. This may mean separate panels of judges will be evaluating the teams on their stations, knowledge and dishes.
9. **ONLY PARTICIPATION POINTS FROM THE BATTLE OF THE BEEF CONTEST WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE CALCULATIONS OF THE “TOP 10 AWARDS”**

Judging Criteria:

Teams entered in the AJCA Round-Up Battle of the Beef Contest will be judged on their performance in several areas. Some of the criteria the judges will evaluate include:

1. *Teamwork* (how well the team members work together)
2. *Creativity* (ingredients used in the preparation process)
3. *Time Management* (how efficiently time is spent)
4. *Visual Appearance* (appearance of contestants and their work area)
5. *Subject Knowledge* (judges may ask questions during the contest)
6. *Final Product* (appearance and taste of the dish)

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AJCA Round-Up *Golden Pitchfork Contest*

Objective:

The objective of the AJCA Golden Pitchfork Contest will be for a junior cattlemen's county chapter to work together to display their involvements in the beef industry. Constants will be provided an 8 ft table in the Lewis Barn to display their county's involvements throughout the year.

Rules:

1. Each county can use pictures and props that fit on or under the 8 ft table.
2. The display cannot be longer than 8 ft or taller than 6 ft from top of table.
3. NO electricity can be used for this display. If power is required, then decorations must be battery operated.
4. The county must set up on Thursday. The tables will be judged on Friday between 8am – 6pm.
5. The award will be accompanied by a \$250 cash prize for that county's junior cattlemen's chapter.
6. At least one exhibitor must register for event per county to be able to compete.
7. Each county will only get one table if registered for contest.

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AJCA Round-Up Cattle Show General Rules

Judge: Andrew Foster, Niles, MI

1. Grounds:

- a. **ALL Cattle MUST be on grounds by Thursday July 24 at 8:00 PM, unless given prior approval from show superintendent.** Cattle that are **not registered** in the AJCA Round-Up Cattle Show will not be allowed in the cattle barns.
- b. All owners or persons in charge of property, or livestock, shall care for, guard, protect, and preserve same, as the AJCA does not undertake to do so, and it shall not be held responsible for any loss, shrinkage, or damage to said property or livestock or the owners or exhibitors thereof. **All exhibitors are responsible for security** of their own animal/project(s) at all times. The exhibitor is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their animal/project(s). The AJCA is not responsible for the acts of a third party.
- c. **ATV, UTV, and another other motorized vehicles** such as golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, etc. are not permitted in the exhibition barns or around Teague Arena, especially during judging and must be operated by a licensed driver ages 15+.

2. Animal/Exhibitor Entry Information:

- a. There will be a **\$35 per head entry fee** for all animals registered in the AJCA Round-Up Cattle Show. Payment must accompany entries online. The deadline for entries and entry fees for the AJCA Round-Up Cattle Show is July 9, 2025.
- b. There will be **no cancelations or substitutions** after the registration deadline.
- c. Entries received after the entry deadline or without the **appropriate entry fee** will not be entered into the AJCA Round-Up.
- d. Entries in the AJCA Round-Up will not be automatically entered in any other shows.
- e. All cattle must be registered in the exhibitor's name. Original **registration papers** must be provided at check-in unless given prior approval from show superintendent.
- f. **Certificates of veterinary inspection** are not required for animals since there are no out-of-state cattle entered.
- g. Once check-in is completed animals **cannot change breed division**.

3. Round-Up Cattle Classes:

Review the breeding/market show rules for more details

- a. Cattle classes will be **broken at the discretion of the show committee**. Every effort will be made to keep the classes as competitive as possible.
- b. To be eligible for the **Performance Documented classes**, along with completed entry forms, exhibitors **MUST** provide validated performance documentation from the Alabama BCIA Commercial Record Keeping Program. Cattle **MUST** be from an Alabama reared contemporary group of **more than** three (3) animals. Adjusted weaning weight, weaning weight ratio and number of contemporaries will be the information provided to the Judge. Performance Documented is exempt from minimal entry requirement.

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4. Judging:

- a. Exhibitors are fully responsible for knowing the times at which their projects will be judged. **Any project not presented promptly for competition may be ruled ineligible**, to which complaints will not be considered. No complaint or protest claiming that the judge overlooked a project will be considered.
- b. If any exhibitor, in any way, whether in person or by agent **interferes with the judge(s) during adjudication**, or shows any disrespect to them or the show, is subject to be penalized. The Rules Committee may demand a proper apology, may exclude him/her from competition, ban from future competition, and/or withhold any prizes that may have been awarded.
- c. **Official Protest or Complaints** - Official Protests/Complaints must be submitted on form (provided in Teague Arena Office) to the Show Superintendent by exhibitor and accompanied by a \$300.00 deposit, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Exhibitor will remain anonymous to the rule violator. The protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, giving good and sufficient reasons therefore, and must be delivered immediately upon the occasion for such protest. Any protest not officially filed within 24 hours of the alleged incident or four hours prior to show will not be considered. These cases will be ruled upon by the Rules Committee, who will have full power to act, and from whose decision there can be no appeal. **Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation.**
- d. **The decision of the judges shall be the final in all cases.**

5. Exhibitor:

- a. All entries, including showmanship, shall be shown with a unique **exhibitor number**. Exhibitor numbers will be distributed at check in.
- b. Exhibitors must remain in charge of their project(s) and care for them for the duration of the show at all times. **The exhibitor is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their animal/project(s).** The Rules Committee reserves the right to decide what constitutes acceptable treatment of animal projects. Unacceptable treatment of animal projects will not be tolerated.
- c. All participants and attendees are expected to **behave in a respectable manner** during all events held at this year's AJCA Round-Up. Any disruptive behavior or language during an event by a participant or other attendee will void eligibility for participation in the 2026 & 2027 AJCA Round-Up for the violator and his/her family or the family he/she is associated with.
- d. Only **exhibitors entered in Round-Up are eligible to assist** exhibitors having more than one animal in the same class.

6. Fitting/Grooming:

- a. **Animals must be shown in their natural conformation and structure** without alteration or modification, except for the grooming and treatment of the hair and trimming of the hooves.
- b. Exhibitors must be mindful of the equipment brought onto grounds. **All electrical equipment must conform to applicable safety regulations.** Show Management reserves the right to determine what equipment may be permitted in barns and on grounds.

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7. **Interpretation and Violation of Rules:**

- a. Exhibitors are requested to **report any rule violation to Show Management** immediately so that appropriate action may be taken.
- b. Show Management and the Rules Committee reserve the final and absolute right to interpret these rules, and to settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of or connected with, or incident to, the AJCA Round-Up; and to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine.
- c. Any exhibitor who **violates any of the rules** will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty the Rules Committee may order.
- d. **Special Rules are published where necessary.** If there is a conflict between the Special Rules and the General Rules, the Show Management and the Rules Committee will make a ruling as to such conflict, which shall be binding and final.

AJCA Round-Up Showmanship Contest

Rules:

1. Exhibitors must be AJCA members.
2. Cattle used in the AJCA Round-Up Showmanship Contest must also be entered in the AJCA Round-Up Cattle Show. Exhibitors may only use animals entered in their name for the AJCA Round-Up Cattle Show in the AJCA Round-Up Showmanship Contest.
3. Showmanship classes will be split as evenly as possible from each of the three age categories: Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors. Top 5 Junior, Intermediate, and Senior showmen will be named. Winners will be announced in ring.
4. No bulls or cow-calf pairs will be allowed in the AJCA Round-Up Showmanship Contest. If a heifer does have a calf at her side, the calf may not enter the ring during showmanship.
5. **SHOWMEN MUST REGISTER FOR SHOWMANSHIP** – Please be aware that you must preregister for all contests, including showmanship. Please make sure you are registered for all contests you want to participate in at check-in.

AJCA Novice Showmanship Division

Objective:

To provide Round-Up attendees, 8 years old and younger, learning experience that will expose them to the Alabama Junior Cattlemen's Association and give them an opportunity to have fun while being recognized as the future of our organization. Novice showmen must show an animal that is registered in this year's Round-Up. **Novice Showmanship will begin at the conclusion of Senior Championship Drive.**

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AJCA Adult Showmanship

Objective:

AJCA Adult Showmanship is to raise money for AJCA while giving past times a chance to dust off their boots and show their skills.

Adult Showmanship will begin at the conclusion of Novice Class on Saturday.

Rules:

1. Each AJCA Director will nominate someone to participate in the Adult Showmanship Contest.
2. If an adult would like to participate and an AJCA Director did not nominate them they can pay a \$30.00 entry fee to compete.
3. Each participant will have a jar that sits at the merchandise table in the Teague Arena for people to place their bets on who will win the Adult Showmanship. All proceeds will go towards AJCA.
4. Cattle used in the AJCA Round-Up Adult Showmanship Contest must also be entered in the AJCA Round-Up Cattle Show.
5. The showman must be 22 years of age or older.

AJCA Prospect Market Cattle Show Rules

1. **PROSPECT MARKET ANIMALS must weigh 1,000lbs or less.**
2. Prospect market cattle will be shown by weight. Weight will be determined by a committee of show officials operating the scales at check-in. Cattle will only be allowed to weigh once.
3. Prospect market cattle will enter the ring from lightest to heaviest.
4. Prospect market cattle must be less than one year of age on the day of the show.
5. Prospect market heifers will show as a separate class.
 - Cattle entered in the prospect market heifer division are not eligible to compete in the breeding heifer show.
6. Class winners in each class of the Prospect Market Show will be brought into the ring to determine the Top 5 Prospect Market Animals. Cattle placing 2nd-5th in each class will be on stand-by for the Top 5 Overall Prospect.

AJCA Progress Market Cattle Show Rules

1. **PROGRESS MARKET ANIMALS must weigh 1,001lbs or more.**
2. Progress market cattle will be shown by weight. Weight will be determined by a committee of show officials operating the scales at check-in. Cattle will only be allowed to weigh once.
3. Progress market classes will be shown lightest to heaviest. Progress market cattle will enter the ring from lightest to heaviest.
4. Progress market heifers will show and compete as a separate class. Cattle entered in the progress market heifer division are not eligible to compete in the breeding heifer show.

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- Class winners in each class in the progress market cattle show will be brought into the ring to determine Grand and Reserve Progress Market Animal. Second place in each class will be on stand-by for Reserve Progress Market Animal.

Please note: premiums for the progress market show will not be as high of value as the prospect show.

AJCA Round-Up Breeding Heifer Show Rules

- Breeding heifer divisions will show by breed and must be registered by a bona fide breed association. Heifers will be classified by breed according to their respective breed association's 2025 Junior National rules.
- Three (3) animals of the represented breed must be entered to constitute a breed division in the heifer show. Registered heifers that do not have at least three (3) head will show as All Other Breeds (AOB).
- Heifer classes will be shown by age and consist of heifers born on or after July 1, 2023 and before February 28, 2025.
- Any unregistered breeding heifer that is not eligible for a breed division will show in the commercial division.
 - The commercial division will show by weight which will be determined at check-in
- Breeding heifers are only eligible for one breed division and cannot show as a prospect market heifer.
- Class winners in each breed division of the breeding heifer show will be brought into the ring to determine Grand Champion and Reserve Champion breeding heifer for their respective division.
- Champion and Reserve Champion from each breed in the breeding heifer show will re-enter the ring at the conclusion of the heifer show to determine a Top 5 of the entire heifer show.

AJCA Round-Up Bull Show Rules

- Bull divisions will show by breed and must be registered by a bona fide breed association. Non-registered bulls cannot be shown. Bulls will be classified by breed according to their respective breed association's 2025 Junior National rules.
- Three (3) animals of the represented breed must be entered to constitute a breed division in the bull show. Registered bulls that do not have at least three (3) head will show as All Other Breeds (AOB).
- Bull classes will be shown by age and consist of bulls born on or after January 1, 2024 and before February 29, 2025.
- Bulls must be Bred and Owned by the exhibitor. This means the exhibitor must be the owner of the bull's dam at the time of conception, and the exhibitor must be listed as owner on the registration papers. Bulls may be owned jointly with an adult/farm, provided that the junior exhibitor is the original owner and is officially recorded as a current owner of that bull.

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5. **ALL BULLS MUST BE SHOWN WITH A NOSE RING OR NOSE RESTRAINT WITH LEAD ATTACHED.**
6. Breeding bulls are only eligible for one breed division.
7. Class winners in each breed division of the breeding bull show will be brought into the ring to determine Grand Champion and Reserve Champion breeding bull for their respective division.
8. Champion and Reserve Champion from each breed in the breeding bull show will re-enter the ring at the conclusion of the bull show to determine a Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion breeding bull.

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AJCA Bred and Owned Heifer Show Rules

1. The Bred and Owned Champions will be selected after the highest registered breed champion is selected from each heifer breed division. The highest placing Bred & Owned cattle from each class will compete for Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion Bred & Owned animal.
2. If a Bred and Owned animal is selected as Breed Champion or Reserve, they will automatically win Breed Champion Bred and Owned.
3. **No Bred and Owned will be selected from Commercial Division.**
4. **No Market Show Bred and Owned classes will be provided.**
5. **Exhibitors must be the owner of the dam at the time of conception.**
6. **Exhibitors must be listed as sole breeder on registration papers.**
7. Exhibitors must designate that heifers are Bred and Owned when completing registration.
8. Exhibitors will have one hour after the show order is posted to notify show superintendent and present papers if the animal is not listed as Bred & Owned on show order and the exhibitor wishes to show in Bred & Owned.
9. There will be a Bred & Owned Top 5.

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Top 10 Overall Awards

Objective: Encourage all Round-up participants to compete in as many contests as possible.

1. Once the Top 10 Overall Awards presentation has begun all point placings are final.
2. AJCA members will receive 10 participation points for each contest they enter below:
 - a. **Photography**
 - b. **Poster**
 - c. **Ad-Design**
 - d. **Record Book**
 - e. **Essay**
 - f. **Cattle Judging**
 - g. **Team Grooming**
 - h. **Salesmanship**
 - i. **Battle of The Beef**
 - j. **Showmanship**
 - k. **Prospect/Progress Steer Show**
 - l. **Heifer Show**
 - m. **Bred and Owned Show**
 - n. **Bull Show**
 - o. **Skill-A-Thon**
3. Each contest above in **RED** font will only have participation points included in the Top 10 overall awards.
4. For each contest above in **BLACK** font, additional points for placing will be as follows:
 - a. 1st place – 10 points
 - b. 2nd place – 8 points
 - c. 3rd place – 6 points
 - d. 4th place – 4 points
 - e. 5th place – 2 points

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Helpful Resources

Contest Research Websites:

Please visit the below links to research contests topics.

Beef Cattle Research: <https://www.beefresearch.org>

Down to Earth – Sustainability: <https://www.downtoearthal.com>

Alabama Beef Cattle Facts: <https://www.bamabeef.org/p/about/alabama-beef-cattle-facts>

Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Association: <https://albcia.com>

National Beef It's What's For Dinner: <https://www.beefitswhatsfordinner.com/raising-beef>

ACES Economic Impact Articles: <https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/beef/economic-impact-of-a-new-300-head-cow-calf-operation-in-alabama/>

Beef Quality Assurance: <https://www.bqa.org>

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