

Alabama Junior Cattlemen's Association Bylaws

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Preamble

The Alabama Junior Cattlemen's Association, herein after referred to as the AJCA, is the official youth organization of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association. The bylaws of the AJCA, as ratified by the membership of the AJCA and approved by the Executive Committee of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association are to serve as a framework within which the affairs of the AJCA shall be conducted.

Article I – Objectives

1. To prepare new members for membership in the Alabama Cattlemen's Association and the Alabama Cattlewomen's Association through activities that promote the advancement of beef and the beef cattle industry in Alabama.
2. To educate AJCA members on beef and the beef cattle industry in Alabama.
3. To assist the Alabama Cattlemen's Association and the Alabama Cattlewomen's Association in the promotion of beef and the beef cattle industry in Alabama.
4. To promote and improve scholarship and leadership among members of the AJCA.

Article II – Membership

1. Active members shall include any youth in the state of Alabama whom hold an interest in the beef cattle industry or any of its components including the production, feeding, and marketing of cattle and beef.
2. Active members shall be persons twenty-one years of age or under as of January 1 of the membership year who have paid their membership dues.
3. Membership dues shall be determined by the AJCA Board of Directors. Dues are payable annually to establish and maintain AJCA membership through age twenty-one.

Article III – Voting

1. Each active member of the AJCA is entitled to one vote in all at-large elections and other at-large procedures of the AJCA.
2. No voting by proxy shall be allowed, nor shall any active member vote in more than one capacity or represent more than one member.
3. Votes by active members, except those cast by directors in special elections or those agreed to by open acclamation of a majority of the AJCA membership, shall be cast by ballot.
4. Each district shall independently vote by ballot to elect directors to serve on the Board of Directors during the AJCA annual meeting.
5. All present active members at the annual meeting will vote by ballot to elect the two at-large directors.
6. The voting districts shall be determined by the AJCA Board of Directors.

Article IV – Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of two directors from each district as well as two at-large directors and an ex-officio officer. The ex-officio office shall be filled by the President of the Board from the previous year. In the event that vacancies are present due to lack of candidates from a given district, those vacancies should be filled by an At-Large Director for one year.
2. Directors shall be at least fifteen years of age at the time of election.
3. Directors shall each serve a 2 year term and may not serve more than 4 years unless an additional year is served as the ex-officio officer.

Article V – Officers

1. Officers shall be elected from the Board of Directors by the eleven members of the Board of Directors.
2. The officers shall include President, Vice-President, Secretary, and a Treasurer.
3. The President shall preside over all meetings of the AJCA and the Board of Directors and will be held accountable to the AJCA membership, the Board of Directors, and the ACA Executive Committee.
4. The Vice-President shall assume the President's responsibilities in the event that the President is absent from an AJCA meeting or a meeting of the AJCA Board of Directors.
5. The Secretary shall record and keep minutes at each AJCA meeting and Board of Directors meeting. Such record shall be subject to review and scrutiny by the Board of Directors and the ACA Executive Committee.
6. The Treasurer shall give a report of the financial state of the AJCA at AJCA meetings and meetings of the AJCA Board of Directors.

Article VI – Procedure

1. The deliberation of all meetings of the AJCA and the Board of Directors shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order.

Article VII – Affiliation

1. The AJCA shall be affiliated with and sponsored by the Alabama Cattlemen's Association with offices at 201 South Bainbridge Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104. The official address of the AJCA shall be the same as that of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association.

Article VIII – Advisory Board

1. The Executive Committee of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association as well as designated Alabama Cattlemen's Association staff members shall serve as the advisory board to the AJCA.

Article IX – Amendments

1. Proposed amendments to the bylaws of the AJCA and changes in participant eligibility in AJCA sponsored events shall be submitted in writing no later than April 1 to the AJCA President, ACA Director of Industry Relations and Youth Programs, and ACA Executive Vice President. Notice of proposals shall be sent to the AJCA Board of Directors within seven days of receipt. Proposals must be reviewed and approved by majority vote by the AJCA Board of Directors. Upon approval by the AJCA Board of Directors, proposals must be sent to AJCA county advisors and members thirty days prior to voting. The AJCA President shall present approved proposals to the voting delegates at the AJCA annual meeting. A majority vote of the voting delegates present at the annual meeting is required for adoption.