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OPEN AND YOUTH BEEF CATTLE COMPETITION GUIDE

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ONLINE REGISTRATION DEADLINE
September 8, 2026

FIRST WEEKEND RECEIVING
Thursday, September 24, 2026
12:00 PM - 7:00 PM thru Gate 11

SECOND WEEKEND RECEIVING
Thursday, October 1, 2026
2:00 AM - 10:00 AM thru Gate 11

LOCATION
Barn G, F, and H

CENTRAL WASHINGTON STATE FAIR
September 25 - October 4, 2026

1301 S Fair Ave., Yakima, WA 98901
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2026 BEEF DEPARTMENT CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
SEP 6	**SEP 7**	**SEP 8**	**SEP 9**	**SEP 10**	**SEP 11**	**SEP 12**
		Online Registration Deadline				
SEP 13	**SEP 14**	**SEP 15**	**SEP 16**	**SEP 17**	**SEP 18**	**SEP 19**
SEP 20	**SEP 21**	**SEP 22**	**SEP 23**	**SEP 24**	**SEP 25**	**SEP 26**
				FIRST WEEKEND RECEIVING 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM thru Gate 11 Must be in place by 7 for vet inspection	10:00 am Black Angus; Followed by Shorthorn and Charolais FIRST DAY OF FAIR	10:00 am Red Angus; Followed by All Other Breeds 12:00 pm Youth Beef Show 2:00 pm Beef Supreme Drive
SEP 27	**SEP 28**	**SEP 29**	**SEP 30**	**OCT 1**	**OCT 2**	**OCT 3**
	1:00 pm Shorthorn	2:00 pm Red Angus	2:00 pm Black Angus	**SECOND WEEKEND RECEIVING** 2:00 AM - 10:00 AM thru Gate 11 Must be in place by 10 for vet inspection		10:00 am Black Angus 11:00 am Shorthorn 1:00 pm Dexter
OCT 4	**OCT 5**	**OCT 6**	**OCT 7**	**OCT 8**	**OCT 9**	**OCT 10**
10:00 am Red Angus 11:00 am All Other Breeds 1:30 pm Scotch Highland 3:00 pm Supreme Drive Animals may begin leaving at 6:30 pm LAST DAY OF FAIR			**PLEASE NOTE:** The dates and times above were correct at time of publication; however circumstances may arise that require changes. Please check with the Department Superintendent for any updated schedules.			

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OPEN CLASS JUDGING & ENTRY INFORMATION

FIRST WEEKEND JUDGING
September 25-27, 2026

MID WEEK JUDGING
September 28-30, 2026
For animals already entered into 1st or 2nd half

SECOND WEEKEND JUDGING
October 1-4, 2026

Contact Superintendent for more information.

ENTRY FEE
$15 per class/ Group classes: $8 each

LATE FEE
Animals registered after September 8, 2026 incur a $2 per class late fee. You must add this fee manually when you register online.

PREMIUMS
1st $70
2nd $62
3rd $54
4th $48
5th $42

There will be no premiums on championships

ENTRY LIMITS
Only one (1) entry per exhibitor in each group class.

BEEF DEPARTMENT RULES

Please also read the CWSF Rules and Regulations. All rules and regulations as stated apply to all exhibitors and entries.

- Bulls, one (1) year & older must be shown with a nose ring and two lead ropes. Bulls, one (1) to two (2) years must have a temporary nose ring when out of their barn stall.
- There must be at least eight (8) animals and two (2) exhibitors to qualify to be judged as one (1) breed. If not, the animals will be judged in "Other Breeds". If your breed is not listed and there are eight (8) or more animals, a separate category will be established.
- If your breed is listed, and you have less than eight (8) animals, that category will be eliminated, and the animals will be judged under Other Breeds.

- All entries must be registered in respective breed associations.
- Original registration papers must be available for examination; tattoos must be legible.
- Loading and unloading inside the barns is prohibited.
- Cattle are not to be walked out on to the track for loading. Cattle may only be loaded into trailers parked in the designated area behind the barns (east end) during the appropriate haul-out times.
- Cattle are also not allowed to tie up in the wash racks during haul-in. All cattle must be tied in the tie-out area. The wash rack is strictly to be used for washing only.
- Cattle must have a neck rope at all times of stalling in the barn and/or at tie outs.
- Second Weekend Releasing will follow the same Changeover procedures on October 6th.

NOTE: Programs are not available for Beef Shows. Each individual Breed Association will be responsible for their own Program Booklets.

CHANGEOVER

Barn G will be closed on Sunday, September 27th @ 6:00 pm; Banner line will go up at 6:00pm. To assure guest safety no access will be allowed in the livestock area once the banner line has been installed. We are hopeful that we may clear the barn and livestock areas of fairgoers by 6:00pm, at which time exhibitors may finish hauling their tack and decorations.

Please do not start dismantling any displays or decorations until 5:30pm. Once this procedure is completed, we will have a general release with an estimated release time of 6:30pm.

Please keep in mind that this depends on getting the barn areas cleared of fairgoers in a timely fashion. You will be informed by your Superintendent of a definite release time once management (Livestock Show Superintendent) feels it is safe.

All released cattle must be out of the barns by 10:00 pm.

Long hauls will be given consideration for an earlier release if it is safe.

For second weekend receiving, animals arriving prior to 6:00 am will be held in a holding area, unless prior arrangements with Superintendent have been made.

Wednesday night arrivals can be arranged with Superintendent before fair. Wednesday night arrivals will be held in holding area overnight and will not be able to enter the grounds until Changeover is complete.

ONLINE ENTRY REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

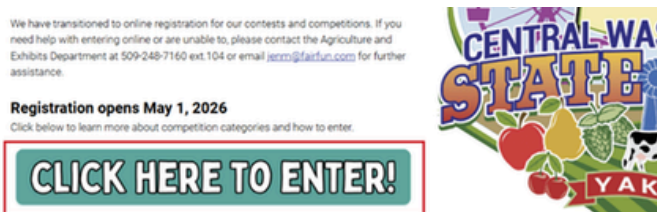
Read below, then register entry information online before bringing items to the Fair.

STEP 1

- Go to **FAIRFUN.COM**
- Hover over the "**Fair**" tab in the green navigation bar at the top of the page.
- From the drop-down menu, select "**Competitions & Contests**."

STEP 2

- Click the teal "**Click Here to Enter**" button. (Available May 1.)



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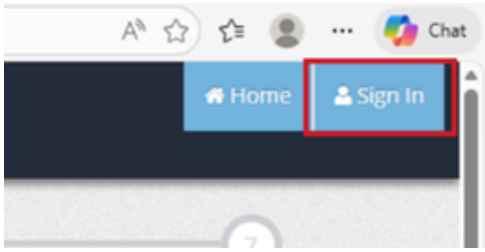
- In the top right corner, click the blue "**Sign In**" button to create your account.



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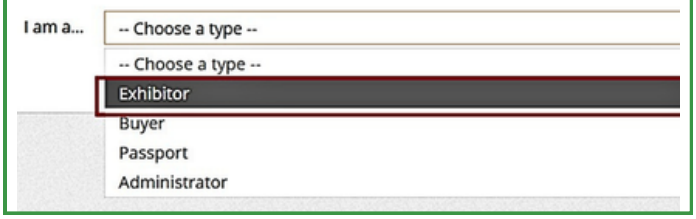
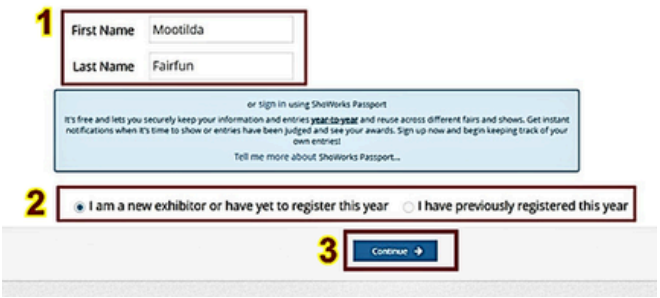
- From the dropdown menu, select "**Exhibitor**."



STEP 5

- Enter the exhibitor's first and last name.
  - If you are registering for a youth, use the exhibitor's name.
  - Select "I am a new exhibitor or have yet to register this year."
  - Click the blue "**Continue**" button.



STEP 6

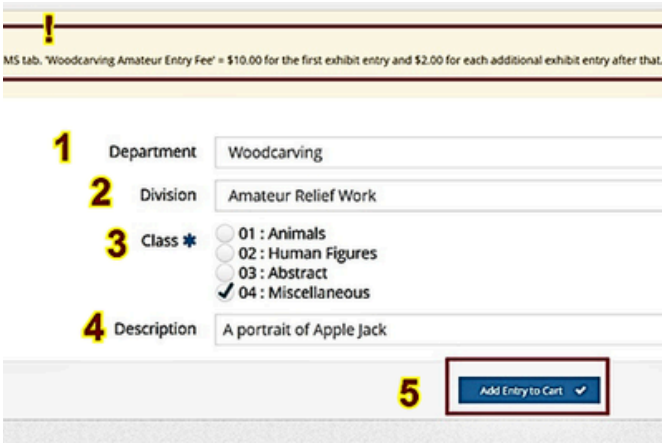
- Fill out all exhibitor information fields.
  - Choose a password you will remember (or write it down). Click "**Continue**."

STEP 7

- Review your exhibitor information.
  - Make sure your address is correct — this is where your premium check will be mailed. Click "**Continue**."

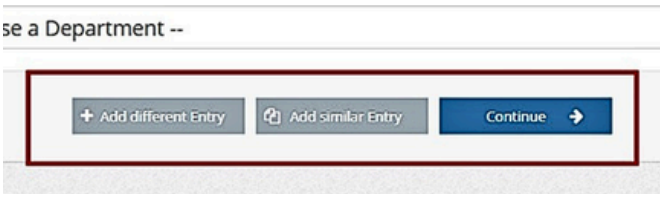
STEP 8

- Add your entries:
  - Select a department (example: Woodcarving).
  - Select a division (example: Amateur Relief Work).
  - Select a Class (example: Miscellaneous).
  - Fill in all additional information, such as title or description.
  - The light-yellow box will tell you which entry fees you will need to add later. Click "**Continue**."



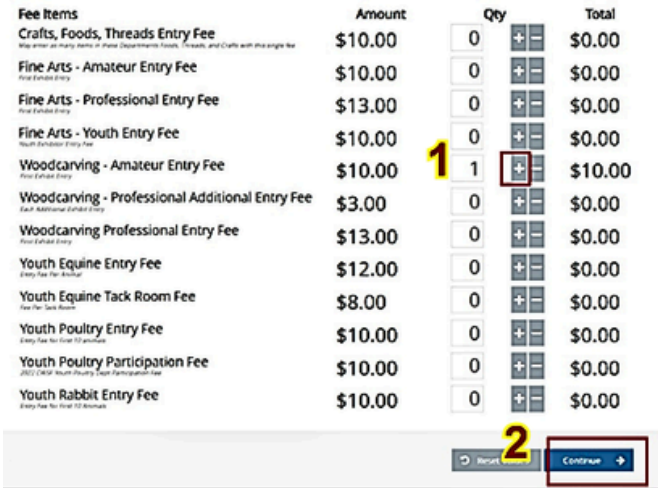
STEP 9

- If you have more entries:
  - Click "Add Similar Entry" for another item in the same department.
  - Click "Add Different Entry" for a new department.
  - Continue until all entries are added, then click "**Continue**."



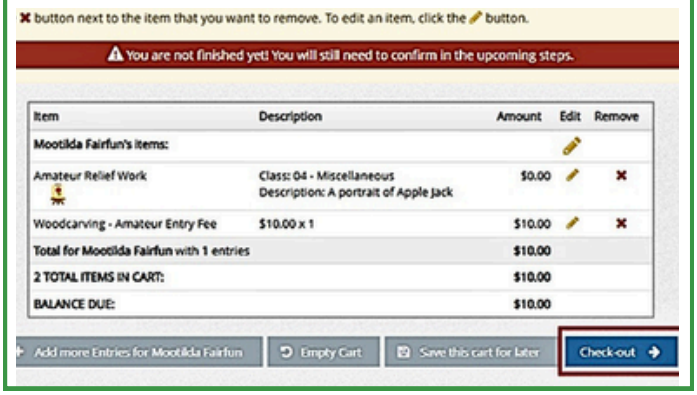
STEP 10

- Add your entry fees by clicking the "+" button next to each fee. Click "**Continue**."



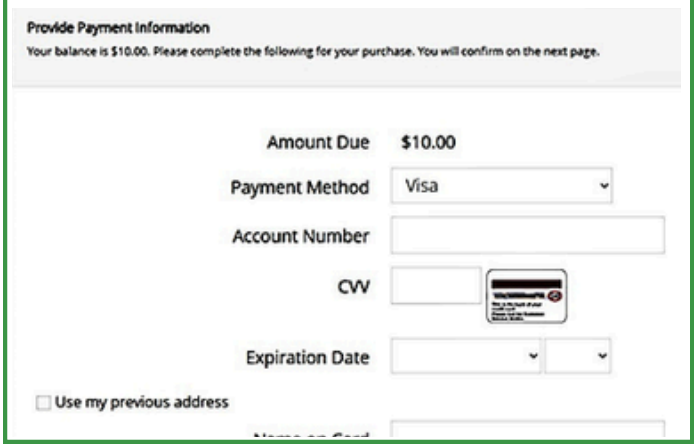
STEP 11

- Review your entries and fees.
  - Click the "X" to remove something.
  - Click the pencil icon to edit.
  - When everything looks correct, click "**Check Out**."



STEP 12

- Enter your payment information and click "**Continue**."
- Type "**Yes**" to agree to the terms and conditions in the Exhibitor's Guidebook, then click "Submit."



NEED HELP?

- Contact Sophia at 509.248.7160 x112 or sophias@fairfun.com

STANDARD BEEF BREEDS
DIVISION 1000-1029

First Weekend

Angus ..... Div. 1001
Charolais ..... Div. 1005
Gelbvieh ..... Div. 1009
Hereford ..... Div. 1012
Other Breeds* ..... Div. 1014
Red Angus ..... Div. 1018
Shorthorn ..... Div. 1022

Mid-Week

Angus ..... Div. 1002
Charolais ..... Div. 1006
Gelbvieh ..... Div. 1010
Other Breeds* ..... Div. 1015
Red Angus ..... Div. 1019
Shorthorn ..... Div. 1023

Second Weekend

American Aberdeen ..... Div. 1000
Angus ..... Div. 1003
Charolais ..... Div. 1007
Dexter ..... Div. 1008
Gelbvieh ..... Div. 1011
Hereford ..... Div. 1013
Other Breeds* ..... Div. 1016
Red Angus ..... Div. 1020
Shorthorn ..... Div. 1024
Percentage Simmental ..... Div. 1025
Purebred Simmental ..... Div. 1026
Scotch Highland ..... Div. 1030

*Other Breeds is for all the animal breeds that do not have at least eight (8) animals and 2 exhibitors in them. (Beefalo, Brahman, Limousin, M. Greys, Pinzgauer, Santa Gertrudis, etc.)

- All entries must be registered purebred, full blood, or percentage in respective breed associations.
- Entries in the group classes must also show in an individual class.
- Animals will enter the show ring in ascending order according to age, youngest to oldest.

Female Classes

1. Heifer Calves
   - June 1, 2026 and after
2. Late Jr. Heifer Calves
   - March 1 – May 31, 2026
3. Early Jr. Heifer Calves
   - January 1 – Feb. 28, 2026

Junior Calf Champion & Reserve - Rosette

4. Late Senior Heifer Calves
   - Nov. 1 – Dec. 31, 2025
5. Early Senior Heifer Calves
   - Sept. 1 – Oct. 31, 2025

Senior Calf Champion & Reserve - Rosette

6. Late Summer Yearling Heifer
   - July 1 – August 31, 2025
7. Early Summer Yearling Heifer
   - May 1 – June 30, 2025

Intermediate Champion & Reserve - Rosette

8. Late Junior Yearling Heifers
   - March 1 - April 30, 2025
9. Early Junior Yearling Heifers
   - January 1 - February 28, 2025

Junior Champion & Reserve - Rosette

10. Late Senior Yearling Heifers
    - November 1 - December 31, 2024
11. Early Senior Yearling Heifers
    - September 1 - October 31, 2024

Senior Champion & Reserve - Rosette

12. Cow & Calf
    - not eligible for Grand Champion class

Grand Champion Female & Reserve - Rosette

Bull Classes

13. Bull Calves
    - June 1, 2026 and after
14. Late Jr. Bull Calves
    - March 1 – May 31, 2026
15. Early Jr. Bull Calves
    - January 1 – Feb. 28, 2026

Junior Calf Champion & Reserve - Rosette

16. Late Senior Bull Calves
    - Nov. 1 – Dec. 31, 2025
17. Early Senior Bull Calves
    - Sept. 1 – Oct. 31, 2025

Senior Calf Champion & Reserve - Rosette

18. Late Summer Yearling Bull
    - July 1 – August 31, 2025
19. Early Summer Yearling Bull
    - May 1 – June 30, 2025

Intermediate Champion & Reserve - Rosette

20. Late Junior Yearling Bulls
    - March 1 - April 30, 2025
21. Early Junior Yearling Bulls
    - January 1 - February 28, 2025

Junior Champion & Reserve - Rosette

22. Senior Yearling Bulls
    - September 1 - December 31, 2024
23. Summer Senior Yearling Bulls
    - May 1 - August 31, 2024
24. Two-year-old Bulls
    - January - April 30, 2024

Senior Champion & Reserve - Rosette

Grand Champion Bull & Reserve - Rosette

Group Classes

25. Pair of Heifers – must be owned by one exhibitor or family and have been shown in individual classes.

26. Pair of Bulls - must be owned by one exhibitor or family and have been shown in individual classes.

27. Pair of Calves – two (2) calves, both sexes must be represented and must have been shown in one of the following classes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 12, 13, 14, or 15. Must be owned by one (1) exhibitor.

28. Produce of Dam – two (2) animals, either sex from one (1) dam, to be shown in individual classes to be eligible, may be owned by more than one exhibitor.

29. Junior Get of Sire – three (3) animals by one (1) sire, both sexes represented and shown from the following classes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 12, 13, 14, or 15. May be owned by more than one (1) exhibitor.

30. Get of Sire – four (4) animals by one (1) sire, shown in above classes, both sexes represented. May be owned by more than one (1) exhibitor.

31. Best 5 Head – five (5) animals either or both sexes represented. May be owned or co-owned by exhibitor or family.

SCOTCH HIGHLAND
DIVISION 1030

AHCA Rules for ROE Sanctioned Shows

- Owners must be members in good standing of the American Highland Cattle Association or the Canadian Highland Cattle Society.
- All animals must be owned by the owner and breeding stock registered with the American Highland Cattle Association or the Canadian Highland Cattle Society.
- All shows will conform with both the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics and show rules (see www.highlandcattleusa.org).
- Registration papers must be presented to show officials of AHCA representatives upon request.
- Tattoos must be legible and correspond to registration papers.
- Use of hormones or steroids in animals exhibited is prohibited.
- Fullblood breeding cattle may not be dehorned.
- A heifer is defined for sanctioned shows as a female that has not had a calf. A bull is defined for sanctioned shows as an intact male.
- A calf in the cow/calf class must be the cow's natural calf, still nursing and a maximum of 250 days old. Both the cow and calf must be registered fullblood Highland cattle.
- All bulls 12 months or older must be shown with a nose ring or nose lead. NOTE: We recommend that bulls be experienced with nose ring or nose lead prior to showing the animal.

Female Classes

1. Heifer calves born
   - June 1, 2026 or later
2. Heifer calves born
   - May 1 – 31, 2026

Heifer Calf Champion & Reserve - Rosette

3. Heifer calves born
   - April 1 – 30, 2026
4. Heifer calves born
   - March 1 – 31, 2026
5. Heifer calves born
   - January 1 – February 29, 2026

Jr. Heifer Calf Champion & Reserve - Rosette

6. Heifer Calves born
   - September 1 – December 31, 2025

Sr. Heifer Calf Champion & Reserve - Rosette

7. Heifers born
   - July 1 – August 31, 2025
8. Heifers born
   - May 1 – June 30, 2025

Inter. Yrlg. Heifer Champion & Reserve - Rosette

9. *H*eifers born
   - March 1 – April 30, 2025
10. Heifers born
    - January 1 – February 28, 2025

Jr. Yrlg. Heifer Champion & Reserve - Rosette

11. Heifers born
    - January 1 – December 31, 2024

Senior Heifer Champion & Reserve - Rosette

Grand Champion Female & Reserve -Rosette

12. Cow/Calf:
    - Cow must be born 12/01/2023 or prior. Calf must be cow's natural calf and be a maximum 250 days old or born 01/01/2026 or after.
    - Not eligible for Grand Champion.

Grand Champion Cow/Calf - Rosette

13. Aged Cow
    - any cow over five (5) that has calved
    - Not eligible for Grand Champion.

SCOTCH HIGHLAND
DIVISION 1030

Bull Classes

14. Bull calves born
    - May 1, 2026 or after
15. Bull calves born
    - March 1 – April 30, 2026
16. Bull calves born
    - January 1 – February 29, 2026

Junior Bull Calf Champion & Reserve - Rosette

17. Bulls born
    - September 1 – December 31, 2025

Senior Bull Calf Champion & Reserve - Rosette

18. Bulls born
    - May 1 – August 31, 2025

Inter. Bull Champion & Reserve - Rosette

19. Bulls born
    - January 1 – April 30, 2025

Junior Yrlg. Bull Champion & Reserve - Rosette

20. Bulls born
    - January 1 – December 31, 2024

Senior Bull Champion & Reserve - Rosette

Grand Champion Bull & Reserve- Rosette

ACHA Steer Classes

21. Purebred Prospect Steers born
    - May 1 – July 31, 2026
22. Purebred Prospect Steers born
    - January 1 – April 30, 2026

Grand Champion Purebred Prospect Steer & Reserve - Rosette

23. Crossbred Prospect Steers (50% or more) born
    - May 1 – July 31, 2026
24. Crossbred Prospect Steers (50% or more) born
    - January 1 – April 30, 2026

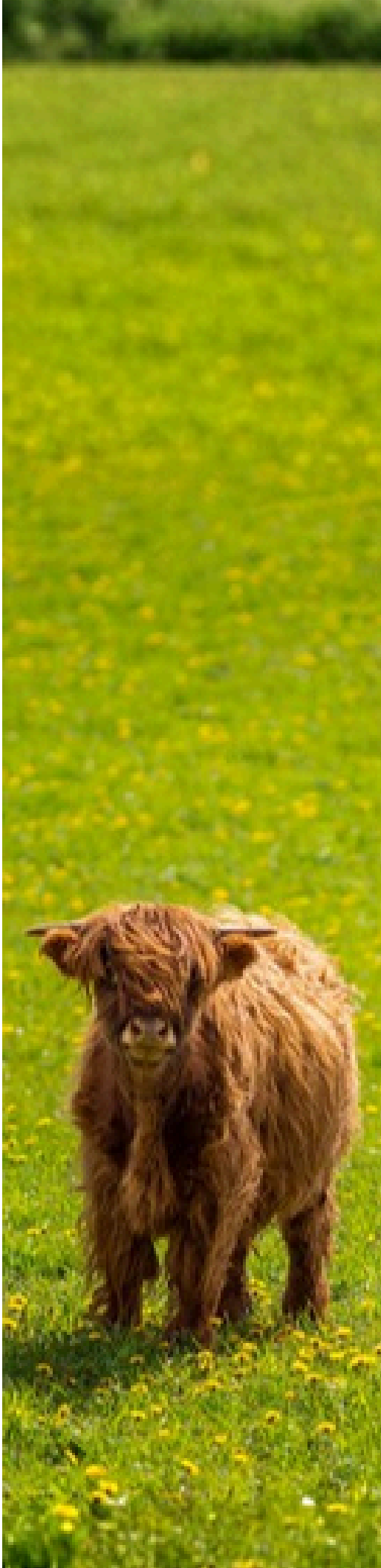
Grand Champion Crossbred Prospect Steer & Reserve - Rosette

25. Purebred Market Steers born
    - August 1, 2016 – August 1, 2026

Grand Champion Purebred Market Steer & Reserve - Rosette

26. Crossbred Market Steers (50% or more) born
    - August 1, 2016 – August 1, 2026

Grand Champion Crossbred Market Steer & Reserve - Rosette



Scotch Highland - Group Classes

27. Pair of Bulls owned by exhibitor, from above classes.
28. Pair of Females owned by exhibitor from above classes.
29. Produce of Dam, 2 animals, either sex, from one Dam, from above classes.
30. Get of Sire, 3 animals' same sire, both sexes represented.
31. Best 4 head, owned or co-owned by exhibitor from above classes.

YOUTH BEEF JUDGING & ENTRY INFORMATION

FIRST WEEKEND JUDGING
September 25-27, 2026
Judge to be decided
Danish System, unless otherwise noted

ENTRY DEADLINE
September 8, 2026

PROCESSING FEE
$13 per class/ Group classes: $6 each

PREMIUMS
1st $25
2nd $20
3rd $16

There will be no premiums on championships

BREEDS
All breeds will be shown together.

RELEASE
Sunday, September 27, 2026
All released cattle must be out of the barns by 10:00 pm.

Please review page 4 for changeover instructions.

YOUTH BEEF CATTLE DEPARTMENT RULES

Please also read the CWSF Rules and Regulations of the Fair & Livestock Entry Requirements, with the following requirements:

- Youth Exhibitors may be stalled with their parents who are showing Open Class.
- Animals must be owned by youth or family ranch.
- Loading and unloading inside the barns is prohibited.
- Cattle are not to be walked out on to the track for loading. Cattle may only be loaded into trailers parked in the designated area behind the barns (east end) during the appropriate haul-out times.
- Cattle are also not allowed to tie up in the wash racks during haul-in. All cattle must be tied in the tie-out area.
- The wash rack is strictly to be used for washing only.

YOUTH BEEF CATTLE
DIVISION 1200

Classes

1. Heifer Calves
   - June 1, 2026 and after
2. Late Jr. Heifer Calves
   - March 1 – May 31, 2026
3. Early Jr. Heifer Calves
   - Jan. 1 – Feb. 28, 2026

Junior Calf Champion & Reserve - Rosette

4. Late Sr. Heifer Calves
   a. Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, 2025
5. Early Sr. Heifer Calves
   a. Sept. 1 – Oct. 31, 2025

Sr. Calf Champion & Reserve - Rosette

6. Late Summer Yearling Heifer
   a. July 1 – Aug. 31, 2025
7. Early Summer Yearling Heifer
   a. May 1 - June 30, 2025

Intermediate Champion & Reserve - Rosette

8. Late Jr. Yearling Heifers
   - Mar. 1 – Apr. 30, 2025
9. Early Jr. Yearling Heifers
   - Jan. 1 – Feb. 28, 2025

Jr. Champion & Reserve - Rosette

10. Late Sr. Yearling Heifer
    - Nov. 1 – Dec. 31, 2024
11. Early Sr. Yearling Heifer
    - Sept. 1 – Oct. 31, 2024

Sr. Champion & Reserve - Rosette

12. Cow & Calf
    - not eligible for Grand Champion Classes

Grand Champion Female & Reserve - Rosette

13. Bull Calves
    - June 1, 2026 and after
14. Late Jr. Bull Calves
    - Mar. 1 – May 31, 2026
15. Early Jr. Bull Calves
    - Jan. 1 – Feb. 29, 2026

Jr. Calf Champion & Reserve - Rosette

16. Late Sr. Bull Calves
    - Nov. 1 – Dec. 31, 2025
17. Early Sr. Bull Calves
    - Sept. 1 – Oct. 31, 2025

Sr. Calf Champion & Reserve - Rosette

18. Late Summer Yearling Bulls
    - July 1 – Aug. 31, 2025

Grand Champion & Reserve Bull - Rosette

19. Best two Females any age
20. Prospect Steer
    - Steers must weigh 900 lbs. or less.
    - Registration papers not required, provided the animal show proper breed characteristics.

FITTING & SHOWING DIRECTOR'S AWARD

Division 1201 blue ribbon winners will be eligible for this special award.

Using the American system, the judge will select the Best of Class winner for fitting and showmanship.

Award: $10.00 and Plaque

YOUTH BEEF FITTING & SHOWING DIVISION 1201

Requirements

- Contestants must fit and show their animals without their parent's assistance.
- Superintendents will be responsible for the Fitting and Showing Contest in their respective area.
- Fitting and Showing is not mandatory.
- Enter age you were on January 1 of 2026.

Entry Fee: $10

Premiums

1st Place - $25.00
2nd Place - $20.00
3rd Place - $15.00

Class

1. Pre Junior: ages 5-8
2. Junior: ages 9-11
3. Intermediate: ages 12-14
4. Senior: ages 15-18*

Note: Senior can be 19 years old if birthday is after January 1 of present year, or 20-21 years. old with a current FFA or Association membership card

YOUTH BEEF PEE WEE SHOWMANSHIP DIVISION 1202

Requirements

- For children under 5 years old and younger that do not qualify to compete in the fitting and showing classes.
- May show with parent's assistance.
- No entry fee. Sign-up with Superintendent when you arrive at fair.
- Ribbons awarded to all participants.

Class

1. Under 5 years old