

2024 MAINE/CHI
NATIONAL JUNIOR HEIFER SHOW
OFFICIAL RULEBOOK
JUNE 22 - 27, SPRINGFIELD, MO.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

All persons making entries in or attending the National Junior Heifer Show shall agree to abide by all rules and regulations as outlined and will not hold the American Maine-Anjou Association or the American Chianina Association or the 2024 Maine-Anjou & Chianina Junior National organizers or volunteers responsible for accident, loss or injury to any person, animal or article. In order to assure safe and productive educational programs and activities, the following has been put in place. ALL YOUTH AND ADULTS SHOULD ABIDE BY THE INTENT OF THIS CLAUSE. Any unsportsmanlike conduct or misrepresentation on the part of an AJMAA/AJCA member will not be tolerated. All AJMAA/AJCA members and family/guardians are always expected to be cooperative and courteous. It is the responsibility of all AJMAA/AJCA members to provide proper and humane care and treatment to their animals during the event. Any AJMAA/AJCA member or family/guardian not complying with this rule is subject to disqualification or any other steps deemed appropriate.

FACILITY ADDRESS (HEALTH PAPER ADDRESS)

- Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, 3001 N Grant Ave., Springfield, MO 65803

DEADLINES

- ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE.
- Entry Deadline – WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024
- Late Entry Deadline - MAY 10, 2024 (Double Fees)
- No entries accepted after May 10.

OWNERSHIP

- OWNERSHIP DATE - Must be solely in the exhibitor's name by May 1, 2024.
- Substitutions will only be taken at the show at animal check-in. The substitution fee will be \$250 per entry. Substitution fee must be paid at time of substitution. The ownership deadline of May 1, 2024 will still apply to all substituted animals.

ELIGIBILITY

Participants must be current members in good standing with the American Junior Chianina Association (AJCA) and/or the American Junior Maine-Anjou Association (AJMAA) and cannot have reached their 22nd birthday prior to January 1 the year of the show.

AGE DIVISIONS -

Age divisions are determined on January 1 of the year of the show.

- Rookie 4-8 years of age
- Junior 9-12 years of age
- Intermediate - 13-16 years of age
- Senior - 17-22 years of age

You must have a birthday AFTER JANUARY 1, 2002 to be eligible for the 2024 show.

DUES & FEES

- AJMAA dues - \$50 Junior dues must be paid in full for entries to be processed.
- AJCA dues – \$50 first time; \$50 yearly renewal. Junior dues must be paid in full for entries to be processed.
- See Entry Form for specific entry fees.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence is done via e-mail. When submitting your entry, please use an e-mail that you check frequently. ***PLEASE NOTE: If you have previously unsubscribed to either the AMAA constant contact or ACA constant contact, you will need to opt back in. We cannot add your e-mail after you unsubscribe.***

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Exhibitors are subject to all rules and regulations of the AJMAA & AJCA. When an entry is made, exhibitors agree to abide by the rules and regulations established by the AJMAA & AJCA, as well as the rules of the show management. Entries found to be misrepresented and persons not abiding by the show rules will be disqualified. All decisions made by the Show & Youth Committees are final.
2. Protests - Protests must be submitted in writing at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of judging or at the conclusion of judging. Written protests must be accompanied by a \$500 fee and three (3) signatures of current AMAA/AJCA members (Of the breed protesting). Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation and depending on the basis of the protest a decision may be withheld until a complete investigation is made. If the protest is upheld the \$500 will be refunded.
3. All animals must be registered with the AMAA and/or ACA. The original registration certificate is required at check-in.
4. Tattoos will be checked, must be legible and correspond exactly with the original registration certificate.
 - a. *We will not check tattoos on animals if they have been previously AMAA, ACA, state association or other approved program verified such as Ohio Best. Other than Brucellosis Calfhood tattoos, there shall be no other permanent identification marks other than those noted on the certificate of registry.*
5. The attempted surgical or non-surgical alteration or conformation of an animal is strictly prohibited, except for dehorning. Cattle are to be shown in their natural conformation. If an exhibitor's animal is found to have been physically altered the following actions will be enforced:
 - a. The exhibitor will be banned from all AMAA/ACA shows for one (1) year from the offense.
 - b. The animal will be banned from exhibition for life.
 - c. If the exhibitor is guilty of the second offense they will be barred for life from AMAA/ACA activities.
6. The use of false tail heads, added hair or other materials to any part of the animal's body is prohibited.
7. The dying or artificial changing of the existing color and color pattern is prohibited.
8. No artificial filling (pumping).
9. All horned animals more than seven months of age must be dehorned.
10. No alteration of a Chiangus head is allowed.

11. Any and all cattle shall be made available to have blood drawn or hair pulled for parentage verification, detection of foreign substances or the presence of altering. If a recorded parent is excluded as a result of DNA typing, the owner can, at his expense, request the AMAA/ACA to determine actual parentage. Failure to determine parentage will result in disqualification of that animal from the AMAA/ACA herdbook.
12. Heifers exhibited at 20 months of age or older must be accompanied by a certificate of pregnancy. Heifers used in embryo transfer must be accompanied by a certificate of positive fertility issued by a licensed veterinarian.
13. The show superintendent will split classes as near to equal as possible.
14. Participants must exhibit their own show entries.
Exceptions:
 - An exhibitor has more than one animal in the same class, in which another junior national participant may help by showing one of the animals.
 - Injury or illness (medical note from a doctor).
 - The Youth Committee will review other circumstances.
15. Official t-shirts are required while exhibiting animals and will be handed out at check in.
 - a. A separate shirt will be given for the showmanship contest.
16. Exhibitors must wear show harnesses to display entry numbers.
17. Animal health commission rules and regulations of the host state will be enforced.
18. Cattle are released after they are shown.
19. Overhead fans are to be hung in the front half of stalls. No fan cages.

STALLING

Chi and Maine exhibitors will all be stalled together by state. Each exhibitor will stall with their own state.

- **STALLING WITH ANOTHER STATE** - *If a scenario presents itself where you have to stall with another state a fee of \$100 (per exhibitor) is required.*
- STALL REQUESTS – Can be made within your state. Stall requests **MUST** be submitted on your entry form.
- The AJMAA & AJCA will assign stalls for each exhibitor within their state section.
- NO PORTA COOLS ALLOWED.
- NO FAN CAGES ALLOWED.

TIE OUTS

- Tie-outs will be set up by the facility. You will not tie to your trailer. Bedding is provided.
- Pens are allowed for COW/CALF PAIRS ONLY. **This does not mean if you enter a cow/calf pair you will get a pen. You MUST show the cow/calf pair. Pens are not provided, but you can bring panels. They will go in an area assigned by show staff.**
- **NEW - Generators are NOT allowed in the tie outs to avoid fire and overall safety issues.**
- **NEW - Tie outs are assigned by state. Exhibitors must tie-out with the state you stall with.**

GOLF CARTS/ATVS

- All golf carts/ATVs must purchase a permit through the entry site. Permits will be \$250 per vehicle.
- All vehicles need to be covered by their own insurance policy and a copy of the policy will need to be sent by email to the AMAA or ACA offices prior to the NJHS.

- All drivers of the vehicles need to be 16 years or older and have a valid driver's license.

CONTEST INFORMATION

All contests will be combined with exhibitors from both the AJMAA and AJCA. The only exception is showmanship.

1-10th place will be awarded in every contest.

- The following contests will be awarded at the awards ceremony – photography, videography, livestock judging, public speaking and salesmanship.
- The following contests will be awarded immediately following the contest - team fitting, quiz bowl and showmanship.

There will be no ties in contests.

NEW - Contestants will be assigned a unique contestant number after entries are closed. Contestants will receive this number on their exhibitor packet handed out at check-in. Contestants will need this contestant number to enter all contests.

DO YOU HAVE TO ENTER BOTH BREEDS TO BE PART OF THE CONTESTS?

- No. As long as you're a current member of either association and have submitted a cattle entry or the contest only fee you are signed up.
- You **DO NOT** have to pay the Contest Only Fee if you enter an animal.
- You **DO NOT** have to enter an animal in both breeds.

PHOTOGRAPHY

- Divisions competing are rookie, junior, intermediate and senior.
- Photos may be altered or image enhanced.
- Photos must be taken by the exhibitor submitting the photo.
- Cell phone photos are allowed.
- A photo of a Maine or Chi animal is required.

SUBMITTING YOUR PHOTOS

- Entry deadline June 3, 2024
- Photos will be submitted online through Formstack. Submit one (1) photo per exhibitor.
- The following information is required when submitting the form:
 - Exhibitor Name
 - Exhibitor State
 - Exhibitor Breeder Number (Maine or Chi breeder number)
 - Exhibitor Age as of January 1, 2024
- Submit photos at the following link:
- https://AMAAAJMAA.formstack.com/forms/junior_national_photo_submission_form

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Judging will concentrate on all aspects of photography.
- A panel of judges will review the entries.

- Winners will be announced at the awards banquet.
- Photos become the property of the *Maine-Anjou Voice* and *Chi Journal* and can be used for publication or promotional materials.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

- Divisions competing are rookie, junior, intermediate and senior.
- All exhibitors are automatically entered into the livestock judging contest.
- Judging score cards will be handed out by your state advisor or in the show office.
- The contest will consist of four cattle classes and two questions classes.
- This is an individual contest.
- No talking is allowed.
- No oral reasons will be given.
- Please bring your own pencil and clipboard.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

- Divisions competing are rookie, junior, intermediate and senior.
- Participants must sign up at check-in at the show.
- Speeches are to be the contestant's original compositions.
- Note cards are allowed.
- Speeches should be no more than **5 minutes long**, points will be deducted for going over time.
- NO VISUAL AIDS, but note cards are allowed.
- **NEW - Contestants must choose to do their speech over one of the specific topics for their age division below. Contestants have a choice of which topic to select and give their speech over.**

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Judge(s) will assess the speeches.
- The judge(s) may pose questions at the conclusion of each presentation.

SPEECH TOPICS (only choose to give your speech over 1 topic)

- Rookie topics:
 - The importance of agriculture in our daily lives.
 - Why Maines or Chis are your favorite breed?
- Junior topics:
 - Why agriculture is or is not the most important profession?
 - What is the best way to grow your breeding program?
- Intermediate topics:
 - What does the future of the cattle industry look like in 20 years?
 - Can we feed the world by 2050 without GMOs? Why or why not?
- Senior topics:
 - What is gene editing and how can it be beneficial to the Maine/Chi breeds?
 - How can family farms stay sustainable as the agriculture industry changes and progresses?

SALESMANSHIP

- Divisions competing are rookie, junior, intermediate and senior.
- **Participants must sign up at check-in at the show.**

- You will **NOT** bring your animal to the contest. Contestants attempt to “sell” an animal, genetic opportunity or group of animals of their choice to a group of judges/potential buyers.
- NO PowerPoint presentations allowed.
- No power is provided.
- Suggested information to include in your pitch:
 - Copy of registration certificate/Pedigree
 - Performance information
 - Phenotype
 - Breeding information
- The use of visual aids is allowed. (Get creative!)
- Sales discussion
- Marketing decisions dictated by environment or customer
- Photo of animal with footnotes, etc.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Judge(s) will listen to a sales presentation.
- Judge(s) may ask questions during the presentation.
- Contestants will have a 6-minute time limit to complete the sale. Up to 4 minutes of questions could be asked. A timekeeper will notify the contestant when time is up.
- Presentations will be judged on the organization of information and the overall presentation.

TEAM FITTING

- Divisions competing are junior, intermediate and senior.
- **Teams must sign up at check-in at the show.** Team Fitting teams must provide the names, contestant numbers and ages (as of Jan. 1 of the current year) of the three contestants during check-in and the oldest participant determines in which division they compete.
- Teams must consist of three people.
- The animal, fitting equipment, supplies and power source are the teams’ responsibility. Power is not provided, please remember a generator.
- Chutes will be acquired by show staff ahead of the contest.
- **NEW - Lights (on the chute or separate) are not allowed.**
- Chute assignment is designated by show staff. Equipment must be contained in this area. (Example - Team 1 will be in chute 1, team 2 will be in chute 2.) **States/teams may not save chutes.**
- **NEW - Extension cords are encouraged to be labeled so we can return equipment to the proper owner at the conclusion of the contest.**
- Animals must be finished in 30 minutes.
- A team-designated member presents the animal for final judging and must wear harness & number.
- A panel of judges will access the teams.
- No outside assistance is allowed during the competition.
- State sweepstakes points will be awarded to the top 2 teams in each age division. First place - 15 points/contestant; Second place - 10 points/contestant. (Ex. If your team placed first and has a contestant from Iowa, Georgia & South Dakota, each state receives 15 points.)

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Team cooperation – Method – Final product – Top 10 will be announced at the contest

TEAM FITTING - Rookies ONLY

- Teams must consist of three people.
- **Teams must sign up at check-in at the show.** Team Fitting teams must provide the names, contestant numbers and ages (as of Jan. 1 of the current year) of the three contestants during check-in and the oldest participant determines in which division they compete.
- The animal, fitting equipment, supplies and power source are the teams' responsibility. Power is not provided, please remember a generator.
- Rookies MAY NOT use clippers or scissors during the competition.
- Chute assignment is designated by show staff. Equipment must be contained in this area.
- **NEW - Lights (on the chute or separate) are not allowed.**
- Animals must be finished in 15 minutes.
- A team-designated member presents the animal for final judging and must wear harness & number.
- A panel of judges will access the teams.
- No outside assistance is allowed during the competition.
- State sweepstakes points will be awarded to the top 2 teams in each age division. First place - 15 points/contestant; Second place - 10 points/contestant. (Ex. If your team placed first and has a contestant from Iowa, Georgia & South Dakota, each state receives 15 points.)

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Team cooperation – Method – Final product – Top 10 will be announced at the contest

QUIZ BOWL

- Divisions competing are rookie, junior, intermediate and senior.
- Contestants must sign up their complete team **AT** check-in and are required to have a team name.
- Quiz Bowl teams must provide the names, contestant numbers and ages (as of Jan. 1 of the current year) of the four contestants during check-in and the oldest participant determines in which division they compete.
- Quiz Bowl teams must have four individuals.
- **There will be no spectators allowed during the quiz bowl competition.**
- **Once a team has competed, if they do not advance to the next round they are not allowed back in the holding area. Teams that have advanced will go to a designated area.**
- The main objective is to encourage team participation while individuals learn more about the beef industry.
- If a team cannot be formed with four members from the same age division, contestants have the option of recruiting a member from another age group. However, teams with members from different age groups must compete in the oldest member's age division.
- **All point tallies and placings are final upon the completion of the round. Any discrepancies must be addressed before any of the contestants leave the round. The moderator(s) in each room will have final judgment on point totals and rules.**
- **NEW - Quiz Bowl Results will be announced and awards given at the end of the competition.**

- State sweepstakes points will be awarded to the top 2 teams in each age division. First place - 15 points/contestant; Second place - 10 points/contestant. (Ex. If your team placed first and has a contestant from Iowa, Georgia & South Dakota, each state receives 15 points.)

JUDGING CRITERIA

- At the beginning of each round, the moderator will ask four questions Family Feud style, and each member of the team will need to answer one question. For example, the first question can be answered ONLY by the first person on either team. The next question must be answered ONLY by the second person on either team and so on.
- Teams will receive one point per correct answer.
- After the family feud round, contestants will be asked another round of questions **that can be answered by anyone on the teams.** Before answering a question, a contestant must push a button which will trigger a light and horn. The moderator will acknowledge the first person pressing the button. Only the called upon contestant may answer the question.
- After the moderator asks each question, teams will have 10 seconds to press the button to answer the question. After being called upon, the contestant will then have 10 seconds in which to respond. In the case of someone answering a question before being called upon, that team will lose one point.
- Each correct answer will result in one point for that team.
- If an incorrect answer is given, the other team will be given a chance to answer the question.
- Winners will be announced at the contest.

SHOWMANSHIP - NOTE AJMAA & AJCA RULES DIFFER

- Each breed will hold a separate showmanship contest and each contestant will receive 3 points regardless of where they place. If you choose to compete in both Maine & Chi Showmanship you will still only receive the 3 points that will go toward the overall sweepstakes.
- Awards will be presented to the top 1-10 in each breeds contest at the conclusion of the contest.

AJMAA SHOWMANSHIP - MAINE ANJOU ORDER – Sr, Rookie, Jr. Int.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Divisions competing are rookie, junior, intermediate and senior.
- Contestants must be a current dues paid member of the AJMAA.
- Overall presentation of animal (skill as a showman).
- Exhibitors must show in an exhibitor harness.
- No outside assistance allowed during competition.
- **Contestants who have both a Maine and Chi entered are encouraged to show their Maine animal in Maine Showmanship.**
- If no animal has been entered, the Youth committee will assign one.
- No bulls allowed in showmanship.
- First through 10th place will be announced at the conclusion of each age division.
- **Maine-Anjou showmanship is a non-fit competition.**

AJCA SHOWMANSHIP – CHIANINA ORDER - Int., Jr., Rookie, Sr.

- Divisions competing are rookie, junior, intermediate and senior.

- Contestants must be a current dues paid member of the AJCA.
- Contestants **must** show their own Chianina/Chiangus animal in showmanship and the animal must be checked in at the show.
- CONTEST ONLY juniors with NO cattle entered in the NJHS in *either* breed will be allowed to participate in Chi showmanship with a Chianina/Chiangus animal assigned to them by the Youth Advisory Committee, as long as they are a current paid member and have paid the contest only entry fee.
- Tattoos may be verified after each heat.
- No bulls allowed unless that is the only Chianina/Chiangus animal an exhibitor has entered.
- 1st - 10th place will be announced at the conclusion of each age division.
- This is a no-fit competition.

VIDEOGRAPHY

- Divisions competing are rookie, junior, intermediate and senior.
- Contestants will submit a 1 – 3 minute video over the specific theme.
- 2024 Theme – **Show us a day in the life of a Maine-Anjou or Chianina breeder.**
- All videos must be submitted by the original owner or creator of the submission. Entrants must hold all rights to the submission, including copyright. Video must be prepared by the junior member and not be professionally created/coordinated in any fashion.
- The video must represent the beef cattle industry, incorporate the specified theme and reference AMAA, AJMAA, ACA or AJCA in a positive way.

SUBMITTING YOUR VIDEOS

- Entry deadline June 3, 2024
- Videos will be submitted through Formstack. Submit one (1) video per exhibitor.
- Submit photos at this link:
https://AMAAAJMAA.formstack.com/forms/junior_national_video_submission_form
- The following information is required when submitting the form:
 - Exhibitor Name
 - Exhibitor State
 - Exhibitor Breeder Number (Maine or Chi breeder number)
 - Exhibitor Age as of January 1, 2024

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Judging will concentrate on overall message, professionalism, commitment to theme and entertainment.
- A panel of judges will review the entries.
- Winners will be announced at the awards banquet.

Videos become the property of the American Maine-Anjou and Chianina Associations and can be used for publication or promotional materials.

The submission must not contain material that violates or infringes the rights of others, including, but not limited, to privacy, publicity, and/or intellectual property rights (including copyright, trademark or patent rights) or constitute copyright or trademark infringement, unless proper documentation is provided. The submission must not contain tortuous, defamatory, slanderous, or libelous materials or contain inappropriate, indecent, obscene, hateful or discriminatory materials, as determined at the sole discretion of AJMAA/AJCA. By entering the contest, contestants grant AJMAA/AJCA a perpetual,

royalty-free license to use their video, in any media, for commercial and non-commercial purposes. Contestants grant AJMAA/AJCA permission to edit, modify, format, or adapt the video. The video may be made available to the public, so contestants should not include personal information about themselves or anyone else.

PARADE OF FLAGS

- This is the state introduction and flag display ceremony during opening ceremonies.
- A representative from each state should bring their flag and participate.

STATE HERDSMANSHIP

- To encourage state unity and togetherness.
- States will be judged on Sunday - Wednesday
- The first place state will be announced at the banquet
- This state competition will be judged on:
 - Organization of tack - 10 points
 - Stall card quality - 10 points
 - Upkeep of stalls and bedding - 15 points
 - Cooperation and teamwork - 25 points
 - Care and appearance of cattle - 15 points
 - State Display - 25 points

STATE DISPLAY

- To encourage state unity and togetherness.
- Each state will receive a designated area to put up a display.
- Get creative! You can use this space as a home base for your state. A place to advertise royalty or junior board members or maybe make a fishing hole of your own? Sky's the limit!
- The winning state display will receive 25 points towards the state sweepstakes total.

INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES

- Awards will be presented to the top three point-earning rookie, junior, intermediate and senior participants.
- Points awarded in the following competitions are applied toward individual sweepstakes totals:
 - Team Fitting
 - Salesmanship
 - Public Speaking
 - Photography
 - Showmanship - (3 points only)
 - Quiz Bowl
 - Livestock Judging
 - Videography
- Point distribution scale:
 - First Place - 12
 - Second Place - 10

- Third Place - 8
- Fourth Place - 6
- Fifth Place – 4
- Participation - 2

STATE SWEEPSTAKES

- Encouraging statewide participation.
- Points awarded in the following competitions are applied toward state sweepstakes totals:
 - Livestock Judging
 - Public Speaking
 - Quiz Bowl
 - Parade of Flags
 - Photography
 - Videography
 - Salesmanship
 - Team Fitting
 - Herdsmanship
 - State Display

POINT DISTRIBUTION SCALE

Individual contests (livestock judging, photography, videography, public speaking, salesmanship)

- The top 3 placing individuals in each age division of each contest will earn state sweepstakes points for their state.
 - First Place - 15 points
 - Second Place - 10 Points
 - Third Place - 5 Points
- Example - John Doe, KY, places 1st in Rookie Livestock Judging. Kentucky will receive 15 points. Jane Doe, MO, places 3rd in Photography. Missouri will receive 5 points.

Team Contests (Team Fitting and Quiz Bowl)

- The individuals on the top 2 placing teams in each age division of each contest will earn state sweepstakes points for their state.
 - First Place - 15 Points
 - Second Place - 10 Points
- Example - John Doe, KY, John Smith, TX, John Allen, TX, place 2nd in Rookie Team Fitting. Kentucky will receive 10 points and Texas will receive 20 points.

Other Contests -

- Parade of Flags - Five points/state
- State Display - First: 25 points
- Herdsmanship - First: 25; Second: 20; Third: 15; Fourth: 10; Fifth: 5 (points/team, top 3 teams/state only)

LITTLES ACTIVITY - (Afternoon Activities only - Not Contests)

We love our littles! With no minimum age and many young exhibitors we have decided to offer activities a few afternoons geared specifically for the Littles. For three afternoons we invite our Littles to come and enjoy activities like cookie decorating, cutout coloring and more! Each activity will last approximately 30-45 minutes and all items they will need will be provided.

SO, HOW DO YOU SIGN YOUR LITTLE UP FOR THESE ACTIVITIES?

- Create an entry form for your Little in Showworks and select Littles Activity on the online entry form. ****Please do not add them to a siblings entry form.**
- If your Little is also exhibiting an animal, simply add the Littles Activity to their entry form.
- Littles activities are open to youth ages 8 & younger.
- The cost to participate is \$20 for materials. (This will include a t-shirt & bag)
- You must sign up for the Littles Activities by May 10. **No late sign ups** after the final entry deadline.
- This is an additional entry fee from your show/contest entry.

SCHOLARSHIPS, APPLICATIONS & ADDITIONAL AWARDS

MAINE-ANJOU ALL AROUND SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

(PRESENTED AT JUNIOR NATIONAL)

\$1,000 - CHAMPION - \$500 - RESERVE CHAMPION

Sponsored by Alicia Rigdon

- Must be in the Senior Division.
- Can be eligible to win the scholarship more than once.
- Based on participation in both contests and the show.
- Must show and own an animal.
- Must participate in at least 3 contests.
- Showing/owning bred and owned animals will be eligible for double placement points.
- Points are given for all animals shown.
- Points are also given for other participation in Jr. Board activities and Queen Contest
- A tie will be broken by total participation including: number of contests, number of animals shown and number of additional activities

Show placement

Grand Champion in any Owned show - 20

Grand Champion in any B&O show - 40

Division Winner in any Owned show - 10

Division Winner in any B&O show - 20

Res. Grand Champ in any Owned show - 16

Res. Grand Champion in any B&O show - 32

Res. Division Winner in any Owned show - 8

Res. Division Winner in any B&O show - 16

Class Placement Breakdown

1st Place - 5 points

2nd Place - 4 points

3rd Place - 3 points

4th Place - 2 points

5th Place - 1 point

Other Activities

Serving as a Board of Director - 20

Serving as Queen - 15

Running for Board of Director - 15

Running for Queen - 10

- Scholarship winner's will be announced prior to the selection of the Grand Champion Maine-Anjou female.
- YOU DO NOT APPLY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP.

VINCENT BLAKLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - (PRESENTED AT JUNIOR NATIONAL)

\$500 - CHAMPION

The Vincent Blakley Memorial Scholarship was established in 2020 to honor the late Vincent Blakley. A distinguished beef cattleman, “Vinny” was a mentor to countless youth along the show road and in the Maine-Anjou community. This scholarship was established in his honor and is available to all Maine-Anjou seniors who display the Maine-Anjou family values through herdsmanship and an independent spirit. *This scholarship winner will be chosen by the Vincent Blakley Memorial Scholarship committee at this summer’s National Junior Heifer Show.*

CODY MCCULLOUGH CLIP, FIT & SHOW LIKE A PRO MEMORIAL AWARD - (PRESENTED AT JUNIOR NATIONAL)

This award is in memory of American Junior Maine-Anjou Association member, Cody McCullough, Allerton Iowa. Cody loved the junior national, spending time with family friends and Maine-Anjou cattle, but more importantly he loved working with his animals and getting them prepared to the highest level.

A true talent, Cody worked hard at home and reaped those rewards at the show. In his young show career, he enjoyed competing in team fitting and showmanship and mentoring younger junior members and took great pride in exhibiting bred-and-owned cattle in national shows across the country. This memorial is given to deserving youth who embody the same characteristics that Cody had. A love for fitting and clipping, but also exhibiting and showing.

Specifications -

- Senior Division - 13 and over.
- Junior Division - 12 and under.
- Must compete in team fitting and showmanship.
- Can be eligible to win the scholarship more than once.
- Based on participation in both contests and the show.
- Must show their own animal.
- Winner’s will be announced at the awards ceremony.
- You do not have to apply for this award.

AJMAA HERDSMAN OF THE YEAR - (PRESENTED AT JUNIOR NATIONAL)

Awarding over \$190,000 to Maine-Anjou Youth. Join the Herdsman at the annual Herdsman gathering for more details!

MAINE-ANJOU JUNIOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE BY MAY 1, 2024

- A full description of qualifications, eligibility & responsibilities are available on the Maine-Anjou website: <https://maine-anjou.org/junior/juniornational.php>

MAINE-ANJOU QUEEN

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE BY MAY 1, 2024

- A full description of qualifications, eligibility & responsibilities are available on the Maine-Anjou website: <https://maine-anjou.org/junior/juniornational.php>

MAINE-ANJOU PRINCESS

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE BY MAY 1, 2024

- A full description of qualifications, eligibility & responsibilities are available on the Maine-Anjou website: <https://maine-anjou.org/junior/juniornational.php>

CHIANINA ALL-AROUND CHAMPION

- Contestants must be active AJCA members
- The All-Around Top Ten will be strictly points based. There is no minimum or maximum number of contests an exhibitor may participate in.
- To qualify for the All-Around Champion top award, the junior must exhibit a Chianina animal (bull, heifer or steer).
- Contestants with more than one animal exhibited in the shows will only have points from their high-point entry used in calculating their All-Around points.
- Contest points will be based on how the participant placed in their age division.
- Contest (except quiz bowl & team fitting) and class points for All-Around Champion will be calculated as follows: 1st - 10 point; 2nd - 9 points; 3rd - 8 points; 4th - 7 points; 5th - 6 points; 6th - 5 points; 7th - 4 points; 8th - 3 points; 9th - 2 points; 10th and beyond - 1 point.
- Quiz Bowl & Team Fitting participant points will be calculated as follows with the number of points given to each member of the team: 1st - 5 points; 2nd - 4 points; all remaining teams/participants - 1 participation point.
- Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony.

AJCA HERDSMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

- To be eligible you must be an active AJCA member and exhibit a heifer at the National Junior Show.
- Exhibitors are judged on sportsmanship, presentation of their heifer(s) and stall area, participation in events and their overall ability to maintain their own cattle.

Herdsmen eligibility requirements:

- Be present at the show the entire duration
- This must be at least the junior's 3rd Junior National Show
- Must be in the senior age division

**AMERICAN CHIANINA ASSOCIATION LADIES AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY APRIL 15, 2024**

- <https://bit.ly/ACLAScholarship23>

**CHIANINA JUNIOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS
APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE BY MAY 1, 2024**

- A full description of qualifications, eligibility & responsibilities are available on the ACA website.
- <https://bit.ly/24JrBoardApp>

**CHIANINA QUEEN & PRINCESS
APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE BY JUNE 1, 2024**

More information will be shared on the ACA website.

MAINE-ANJOU SHOW INFORMATION

Wednesday, June 26th - SHOW BEGINS AT 8 A.M.

- 1ST - Fullbloods
- 2ND - Maine-Anjou Bulls
- 3RD - Prospect Steers
- 4TH - MaineTainer Bulls
- 5TH - Progress Steers,
- 6TH - Bred & Owned Maine-Anjou Females
- 7TH - Bred & Owned MaineTainer Females
- 8TH - Bred & Owned Maine Angus Females
- 9TH - Owned Maine Angus Females

Thursday, June 27th - SHOW BEGINS AT 8 A.M.

- 1ST - Owned Maine-Anjou Females
- 2ND - Owned MaineTainer Females

ALL SHOW SCHEDULES AND TIMES ARE TENTATIVE AND CAN BE CHANGED

MAINE-ANJOU SHOW CLASSIFICATIONS

BRED AND OWNED (BULLS, STEERS & FEMALES):

- **Bred and owned entries (Bulls, Steers, and Females) cannot be out of COMMERCIAL, FOUNDATION or NON-REGISTERED dams.**
- If the dam of a bred & owned entry is from another breed they must have a registration showing ownership on file at the AMAA and that pedigree will need to be added to the AMAA database.
- Exhibitor must be listed as breeder and owner on the original registration certificate on bred and owned entries.
- Dams of MaineTainer females and steers do not have to be registered Maine-Anjou or MaineTainer as long as the dam is registered in another breed's registry and on file at the AMAA.
- If you plan to show in both the bred & owned and owned heifer shows you must enter in both shows. We do not assume that because the animal is bred & owned that you want to be in both shows.
- **Bred & Owned Steers must enter in the owned steer show since they're held simultaneously.**

COW/CALF PAIRS:

- The cow's percentage determines where the pair will show.
- Cows MUST be a registered Maine-Anjou, MaineTainer or Maine Angus.
- The cow must be owned by the exhibitor at the time the calf is born.
- **Both the cow and the calf must be registered SOLELY in the junior exhibitor's name. Calves (steers, bulls or heifers) must be registered with the AMAA by the day of the show.**
- Cows exhibited with calves at side must be lactating.
- Calves must not be more than 240 days of age at the time of the show.
- Calves may also be shown as individual entries, but will have to have a separate entry and pay that entry fee.
- Cows may be evaluated and screened out of the show on the basis of udder quality.
- Only natural pairs are eligible.
- Cow calf pairs must pay two bedding fees. (One for the cow, one for the calf)

STEERS

- Must be at least 1/4 blood Maine-Anjou and registered solely in the junior's name.
- Steers are shown by weight. (Prospect - 900 and below. Progress - 901 and above)
- Classes are determined after weigh-in.
- Bred & Owned steers will show within the owned steer classes.
- Bred & Owned steers must enter in the Bred & Owned AND Owned show to be eligible for both awards.

BRED AND OWNED MAINTAINER / MAINE ANGUS BULLS

- 1/4 - 5/8 MaineTainer / Maine Angus Bulls (Green paper)
- Bulls must be born on or after Jan. 1, 2023.
- All bulls must have a nose ring or temporary lead in their nose.
- Exhibitor must be listed as breeder and owner on the original registration certificate on bred and owned entries.
- If the dam of a bred & owned animal is from another breed they must have a registration certificate showing ownership and that pedigree will need to be added to the AMAA database.
- If entering a Bred & Owned MaineTainer bull, you will select Bred & Owned MaineTainer Bull.
- Bulls must be TH/PHA free by parents or be free by test. Carriers CANNOT be registered or shown.**

BRED AND OWNED MAINE-ANJOU BULLS

- Must be 75% or greater Maine-Anjou. (Brown paper)
- Bulls must be born on or after Jan. 1, 2023.
- All bulls must have a nose ring or temporary lead in their nose.
- Exhibitor must be listed as breeder and owner on the original registration certificate on bred and owned entries.
- If the dam of a bred & owned animal is from another breed they must have a registration certificate showing ownership and that pedigree will need to be added to the AMAA database.
- If entering a Bred & Owned Maine-Anjou bull, you will select Bred & Owned Maine-Anjou Bull.
- Bulls must be TH/PHA free by parents or be free by test. Carriers CANNOT be registered or shown.**

OWNED FULLBLOOD FEMALES

ADDED MONEY PROVIDED

100% Maine-Anjou

BRED & OWNED MAINTAINER FEMALES

- 1/4 - 5/8 Maine-Anjou (Green paper)
- Bred and owned entries cannot be out of COMMERCIAL, FOUNDATION or NON-REGISTERED dams.
- Exhibitor must be listed as breeder and owner on the original registration certificate on bred and owned entries.

- We do not assume that just because an animal is bred & owned that you also want to show it in the owned show. YOU MUST ENTER IN BOTH SHOWS.

BRED & OWNED HIGH-PERCENTAGE FEMALES

- 75% - Purebred (Brown paper)
- Bred and owned entries cannot be out of COMMERCIAL, FOUNDATION or NON-REGISTERED dams.
- Exhibitor must be listed as breeder and owner on the original registration certificate on bred and owned entries.
- We do not assume that just because an animal is bred & owned that you also want to show it in the owned show. YOU MUST ENTER IN BOTH SHOWS.

BRED & OWNED MAINE ANGUS FEMALES

- 3/8 - 5/8 Maine Angus (Blue paper)
- Maine Angus refers to cattle with the following characteristics:
 - The animal will have between 3/8 Maine-Anjou to 5/8 Maine-Anjou blood and have between 3/8 registered Angus to 5/8 registered Angus and/or registered Red Angus blood.
 - A registered Maine Angus female must be proven free of PHA and TH, whether identified by pedigree or test.

COLOR RULE: All qualifying individuals will be predominantly solid black or red in color. White markings are only allowed on the underline and switch of the tail.

- All Maine Angus must be approved for color pattern. If your Maine Angus does not have an approved Maine Angus stamp on its paper, it will need to be brought to a designated area to check tattoo and color pattern.
- We do not assume that just because an animal is bred & owned that you also want to show it in the owned show. YOU MUST ENTER IN BOTH SHOWS.

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BRED & OWNED AND OWNED FEMALES

CLASS & DIVISION BREAKS

(MAINE-ANJOU, MAINETAINER, MAINE ANGUS)

All 2024 Born Calves (Split after check-in)

Junior Calf Champion/Reserve Junior Calf Champion

Winter Heifer Calves (November/December 2023)

Senior Heifer Calves (September/October 2023)

Senior Calf Champion/Reserve Senior Calf Champion

Late Summer Yearling Heifers (July/August 2023)

Early Summer Yearling Heifers (May/June 2023)

Summer Champion/Reserve Summer Champion

Late Spring Yearling Heifers (April 2023)

Late Spring Yearling Champion/Reserve Spring Yearling Champion

Early Spring Yearling Heifers (March 2023)

Early Spring Yearling Champion/Reserve Spring Yearling Champion

Junior Yearling Heifers (January/February 2023)

Junior Yearling Champion/Reserve Junior Yearling Champion

Late Senior Yearling Heifers (November/December 2022)

Early Senior Yearling Heifers (September/October 2022)

Summer Senior Yearling Heifers (May-August 2022)

Senior Yearling Champion/Reserve Senior Yearling Champion

Cow-Calf

Champion Cow-Calf Pair/Reserve Champion Cow-Calf Pair

Grand Champion Female

Reserve Grand Champion Female

3rd Overall Female

4th Overall Female

5th Overall Female

STEER (OWNED AND BRED & OWNED)

CLASS WINNER AWARD

GRAND & RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION AWARD

BULLS (BRED & OWNED ONLY)

BRED & OWNED BULLS (MAINE-ANJOU & MAINETAINER)

CLASS WINNER AWARD

GRAND & RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION OVERALL AWARD

FULLBLOODS

CLASS WINNER AWARD

GRAND & RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION OVERALL AWARD

MAINE-ANJOU ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

MAINE-ANJOU STATE BASKET SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER

MAINE-ANJOU ONLY

- We encourage all states to participate!!
- Any state wanting to participate will bring an item or basket with the theme of their choice.
- These items will be part of the annual silent auction.
- Half of the proceeds for each item will be donated back to the state association it belongs to; the other half of the proceeds will be given towards the 2025 National Junior Maine-Anjou Show in Louisville, KY.

CHIANINA SHOW INFORMATION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26 - SHOW BEGINS AT 8 A.M.

Show Order: Prospect Steers, Progress Steers, Bred & Owned Bulls, Bred & Owned Chianina Females, Bred & Owned Chi-Composite Females, Bred & Owned Chiangus Females, Owned Chiangus Females

THURSDAY, JUNE 27 - SHOW BEGINS AT 8 A.M.

Owned Chianina Females followed by Owned Chi-Composite Females

Supreme Breeding Animal - at conclusion of Owned Chi-Composite Female show

CHIANINA SHOW CLASSIFICATIONS

% *RULE FOR CHI CATTLE* – Breeding cattle must have a minimum of 6.25% Chianina blood to participate in ACA nationally sponsored shows such as the NJHS. This rule does **NOT** apply to Steers or Chi-Composite heifer shows.

OWNED FEMALE SHOW

- CHIANGUS - All registered Chiangus and Red Chiangus (1CA, 2CA & PCA) females with 6.25% Chianina or more are eligible.
- CHIANINA - All registered Chianina & Chiford females with 6.25% or more Chianina are eligible
- CHI COMPOSITE – All registered females that fall under 6.25% Chianina blood are eligible.
- ITALIAN FULLBLOOD & HIGH PERCENTAGE - All registered females 50% Chianina blood and higher (including fullblood). If 10 heifers are shown, a grand and reserve champion will be selected in this show.
- COW/CALF PAIRS- All Shows
 - Calves exhibited in the cow/calf division are not allowed to show in individual classes. All cows and calves must be registered with the ACA. The maximum age for calves is 260 days. No maximum age limit on the cows. The registration category of the cow determines the division in which the pair shows. Calves shown at the cow's side must be the cow's natural calf. The exhibitor may be asked to allow the calf to nurse the cow.
- Cow/Calf Pairs MUST pay 2 bedding fees (one for the cow and one for the calf).

BRED & OWNED FEMALE and BULL SHOW

- CHIANGUS - All registered Chiangus and Red Chiangus (1CA, 2CA & PCA) females.
- CHIANINA - All registered Chianina & Chiford females.
- CHI COMPOSITE – All registered females that fall under 6.25% Chianina blood.
- BULLS - All bulls, regardless of registration category, show together in one show. Age requirements for bulls: calved after Jan. 1, 2023.
- Please note on heifers: We do not assume that just because an animal is bred & owned that you also want to show it in the owned show or vice versa. **YOU MUST ENTER IN BOTH SHOWS.**
- Entries that list the junior member as breeder and first owner, or are owned in a sibling membership are eligible for bred & owned.
- If the animal is owned in a sibling membership, the following must apply:
 - Each sibling must have an active individual membership.
 - At the time of entry for the NJHS, it will be designated which junior will be exhibiting the animal for bred & owned via entry forms submitted.

- The animal must be exhibited by the same junior for the entire show season (May-April) in order to qualify for bred & owned.
- Animals may not be co-owned with a farm or adult member.
- Calves born to bred females that are transferred from one sibling to the joint sibling membership will still qualify as bred and owned to any of the siblings in the joint membership.
- If the animal is exhibited in both the bred & owned and owned shows, the same junior member MUST enter and show the calf in both shows.
- Dams must be registered with the ACA.
- Embryo calves do NOT qualify unless the exhibitor owned the donor cow.
- Foundation and commercial dams do NOT qualify unless the exhibitor can show proof of ownership of the dam prior to breeding.

STEER SHOW

- All steers must be registered with the ACA in the junior exhibitor's name by the entry deadline of May 1, 2024. Additionally, all steers must be weaned.
- Show officials will check the steer's tattoos to ensure they are legible and match the registration papers.
- There will be two divisions:
 - Prospect Steers – 900 lbs & lighter
 - Progress Steers - 901 lbs and heavier
- Steers MUST adhere to and abide by the same fitting and grooming regulations as breeding cattle.

CLASS BREAKS WILL BE DETERMINED AFTER CHECK-IN. THERE WILL BE NO DIVISIONS.

GRAND & RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION WILL BE AWARDED.

Bred & Owned Champions will also be selected and will show simultaneously with owned steers but you must sign up for Bred & Owned & Owned entry in order to receive awards in both shows.

STATE GROUP OF THREE STEERS

- Entries consist of three steers from the same state and shown by their respective owners. No limit to the number of entries per state. No premiums paid.

SUPREME CHIANINA BREEDING ANIMAL - NEW FOR 2024!

- The Grand Champion breeding animal from each show (Owned and Bred & Owned) is eligible to compete for the Supreme Chianina Breeding Animal title at the show. This show will take place following the conclusion of the last female show on Thursday, June 27, 2024.
- Steers are not eligible.
- The Supreme Champion Breeding Animal will be awarded with a traveling trophy and the exhibitor will receive a special award to keep.
- The show will be judged by the two NJHS judges.

CHIANINA DIVISION BREAKS & SHOW AWARDS

FEMALES (OWNED AND BRED & OWNED)

(CHIANGUS, CHIANINA & CHI-COMPOSITE)

Late Junior Calf (April/May 2024)

Late Junior Calf Champion/Reserve Late Junior Calf Champion

Early Junior Calves (January - March 2024)

Early Junior Calf Champion/Reserve Early Junior Calf Champion

Senior Calf (September - December 2023)

Senior Calf Champion/Reserve Senior Calf

Summer Yearling (May - August 2023)

Summer Yearling Champion/Reserve Summer Yearling Champion

Late Spring Yearling Heifers (April 2023)

Late Spring Yearling Champion/Reserve Spring Yearling Champion

Early Spring Yearling Heifers (March 2023)

Early Spring Yearling Champion/Reserve Spring Yearling Champion

Junior Yearling Heifers (January/February 2023)

Junior Yearling Champion/Reserve Junior Yearling Champion

Senior Yearling Heifers (September-December 2022)

Summer Senior Yearling Heifers (May-August 2022)

Senior Yearling Champion/Reserve Senior Yearling Champion

Cow-Calf (older than May 2022)

Champion Cow-Calf Pair/Reserve Champion Cow-Calf Pair

Grand Champion Female

Reserve Grand Champion Female

3rd Overall Female

4th Overall Female

5th Overall Female

STEER (OWNED AND BRED & OWNED)

CLASS WINNER AWARD

GRAND & RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION AWARD

BULLS (BRED & OWNED ONLY)

CLASS WINNER AWARD

GRAND & RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION OVERALL AWARD