

2010 Youth Competition Rules

Note: The rule which disqualified a junior member from competing in a Youth Conference event if that junior had previously won was rescinded by the AJSA Board of Directors in action taken May 23, 1992.

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN JUNIOR SHORTHORN ASSOCIATION.

All contests for individuals will have four age divisions: Prospector I (9 years and under), Prospector II (10 to 12 years), Intermediate (13 to 16 years) and Senior (17 years and up). *If any individual participates in a "team" contest with someone of a different age division, the team must participate in the oldest contestant's age division.*

All contestants must go through contest registration on Tuesday, June 22nd from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Team rosters may be changed after sign-up, until the day before the contest. **Members of a team may not change on the day of the contest.**

Art & Etc. Contest

- 1) Juniors with any special 'artistic' skill (painting, video, sculpture, artistic posters, music, etc.) may put their talents on display at Junior Nationals.
- 2) The contest will be judged by a group of amateurs instructed simply to do their best.
- 3) Entries must promote the Shorthorn breed in some way.
- 4) Exhibitors are allowed to enter as many as three entries in this contest; however, only one entry per exhibitor will be able to place in the top five.
- 5) A signed statement of originality, that will include a short description about the process and supplies used to create the entry, will accompany it upon check-in. Duplication of entries in subsequent years is not permitted.
 - a) Included on the statement of originality is an agreement to consign your project to the Funding the Future Sale if the item is selected. You may agree to consign, but you are not obligated to.
- 6) Judging criteria will consist of:

Quality of craftsmanship	10 pts
Attention to detail	5 pts
Originality/creativity	15 pts
Promotion of Shorthorns	5 pts
Difficulty of medium used	5 pts
Overall artistic appeal	10 pts

Beef Cook-Off Contest

- 1) Each state or state group may be represented by a maximum of two teams. A team shall consist of four persons, including one Prospector (12 and under) and participants of both sexes. A team may be composed of members of more than one state **ONLY** if they are unable to fulfill the above-mentioned requirements. Discrepancies to this rule will be subject of the discretion of the show officials. No points will be awarded towards the Outstanding State Group Award for teams made up of more than one state-
- 2) Cooks may begin preparations anytime they deem necessary on contest day to be ready for judging at the designated time. One table will be provided; teams must supply additional materials. Adults may help during this process.
- 3) Grills, cooking items, all props, etc., must be provided by the individual teams.
- 4) Product cooked must be some kind of beef product, but is not limited to hamburger.
- 5) No alcoholic beverages may be used in the recipe, presentation, or be presented to the judges.

- 6) Time limit: 3 minutes for presentation; 5 minutes for judges' questions. At the conclusion of the 3-minute presentation time limit a time keeper will indicate time is up. For every 30 seconds over the presentation time limit, 5 points will be deducted from the presentation score.
- 7) All presentations will be set up in one common area, with the judges going from table to table to complete the judging.
- 8) Skit or presentation promoting your cooked beef product and the beef industry will be done in front of the judging panel, and food will be tasted simultaneously.
- 9) Each team must submit a copy of their recipe. This copy will not be returned.
- 10) Questions may be asked by the judges.
- 11) Judging criteria will consist of:
 - (a) Presentation:
 1. Creativity: 15
 2. Teamwork: 15
 3. Knowledge of product and industry: 20
 - (b) Beef Product:
 1. Taste: 20
 2. Presentation of food: 20
 3. Originality: 10
- 12) A champion in the Recipe Division and the Showmanship Division will be awarded. Additionally, five placings will be awarded overall. State points will only be given for the overall top five placings.
- 13) Adult teams are welcome to join in for the purpose of fun.

Herdsmen Quiz Bowl

- 1) Each state or state group may be represented by a maximum of two teams competing for points. A team shall consist of four participants, including two Prospectors (12 and under), one intermediate, and one senior. A team may be composed of members of more than one state only if they are unable to fulfill the above-mentioned requirements. Discrepancies to this rule will be subject of the discretion of the show officials. No points will be awarded towards the Outstanding State Group Award for teams made up of more than one state.
- 2) The quiz bowl will consist of multiple choice and/or true/false questions relating to Shorthorn history and facts, and the beef/agricultural industry.
- 3) Some questions will be free for all to answer; others will be designated for only a prospector to answer, giving everyone a chance to buzz in.
- 4) Contestants may not bring notes, books, or reference materials into the quiz area.
- 5) Conferring with any other contestants, use of notes or any form of cheating will be grounds for disqualification.
- 6) Contestants will use buzzers to buzz-in to answer quiz questions.
- 7) Members of competing teams may not be in the quiz room while other teams are participating.
- 8) Heats will be broken and set based on number of teams entered in the contest in bracket elimination form.

Photography Contest

- 1) Photography Entries may be made by any age division
 - a) The contest will select the best 'Shorthorn picture'. Candid shots, scenic pasture views - any picture featuring a Shorthorn will be accepted.
 - b) Photography should concentrate on all aspects of good composition and quality photography.
 - c) Judging criteria will consist of:

Quality of image:	15 pts
(focus, light, balance, etc.)	
Well-positioned center of interest	5 pts
Good angle/viewpoint	5 pts

Captures moment well	5 pts
Originality/creativity	5 pts
Emphasis on Shorthorns	5 pts
Overall appeal	10 pts

- d) All entries should be 8 x 10 color photos and **MUST** include mattes. (No glass or framing permitted)
- e) Digital entries are allowed, but all entries must be on photo quality paper.
 - i) If the entry was taken digitally, a digital file (cd) of the entry **must** be submitted. The cd must include the exhibitor name, state and age division.
- f) **No** digital enhancements to the photo are allowed. Cropping is ok.
- g) Captions are not allowed on the pictures.
 - i) Captions may be summarized on the Statement of Originality form
- h) Exhibitors are allowed to enter as many as two photos in this contest; however, only one entry per exhibitor will be able to place in the top five.
 - i) A statement of originality must accompany the entry upon check-in.
- j) All entries become the property of the American Shorthorn Association.
- k) Duplication of entries in subsequent years **is not** permitted.
- l) Camera timer settings may not be used; therefore, the junior submitting the entry may not appear in the photo.

2) **Digitally Enhanced Photo Contest** (Intermediate and Senior age divisions only)

- a) The contest will select the best 'Shorthorn picture'. Candid shots, scenic pasture views - any picture featuring a Shorthorn will be accepted.
- b) Photography should concentrate on all aspects of good composition and quality photography.
- c) Any form of digital enhancement is allowed (i.e. photoshop techniques, color alteration, captioning, etc.)
- d) Judging criteria will consist of:

Quality of image:	15 pts
(focus, light, balance, etc.)	
Use of enhancement effects	5 pts
Good angle/viewpoint	5 pts
Captures moment well	5 pts
Originality/creativity	5 pts
Emphasis on Shorthorns	5 pts
Overall appeal	10 pts
- e) All entries should be 8 x 10 photos and **MUST** include mattes. (No glass or framing permitted)
- f) All entries must be on photo quality paper. A digital file (cd) of the entry **must** be submitted. The cd must include the exhibitor name, state and age division.
- g) Exhibitors are allowed to enter as many as two photos in this contest; however, only one entry per exhibitor will be able to place in the top five.
- h) A statement of originality must accompany the entry upon check-in.
- i) All entries become the property of the American Shorthorn Association.
- j) Duplication of entries in subsequent years **is not** permitted.
- k) Camera timer settings may not be used; therefore, the junior submitting the entry may not appear in the photo.

Promotional Poster Contest

- 1) Entries in this contest should serve as a promotional tool for the given topic of each age division to promote the topic to the public.
- 2) Posters may be creative as well as informative. They may feature words, pictures, collages, objects, or any other appropriate item for promoting the contestant's topic.
- 3) Judging criteria will consist of:

Neatness of construction	5 pts
Clear message	5 pts

Clever verbiage	5 pts
Makes wise use of poster space	5 pts
Eye-catching appeal	5 pts
Originality/creativity	10 pts
Promotion of the appropriate topic	5 pts
Overall effectiveness	10 pts

- 4) All entries should be on regular poster board (22"x28") and be light enough for hanging.
- 5) Exhibitors are allowed to enter as many as three posters in this contest; however, only one entry per exhibitor will be able to place in the top five.
- 6) A statement of originality will accompany the entry upon check-in.
- 7) Duplication of entries in subsequent years **will not** be permitted.
- 8) Posters for each age division should promote the following topics:
 - a) **Prospector I** (9 years and under) – promote family farms
 - b) **Prospector II** (10 to 12 years) – promote the Shorthorn breed
 - c) **Intermediate** (13 to 16 years) – promote the AJSA and/or ASA
 - d) **Senior** (17 years and up) – educational on genetics, EPDs, or defects

Showmanship Contest

- 1) Any junior may enter on payment of a \$10/\$20 entry fee on Junior National entry form. Showmanship contestants do not have to be an exhibitor in the National Junior Show but must use an animal that is entered in the show.
- 2) Animals must not be fitted for the contest. Judges may switch cattle, ask questions, or use any other method they wish to arrive at their selections.
- 3) Any exhibitor who loses control of his/her entry three times in a single appearance in the show ring (calf gets away) will be required to remove the animal from the ring. For the sake of safety of all exhibitors and spectators, this rule will be at the discretion at the AJSA staff and directors.
- 4) Exhibitor numbers will not be issued for showmanship classes. Therefore, show harnesses are not allowed.
- 5) The Champion Senior Showman will be selected at the completion of the Senior division. The 2nd through 5th place winners will be announced at the Awards Banquet. All other age divisions will be randomly placed 1st-5th and announced and awards given at the banquet.

Speech Contest

- 1) **Prepared Speaking - Senior Division** (17 years and up) and **Intermediate Division** (13 to 16 years)
 - a) No limit to the number of entrants per state, but seniors may participate in only one speech contest.
 - b) Topic: **The HSUS has effectively outlawed the 2011 National Junior Shorthorn Show. You are a pro-agriculture lobbyist. Discuss the most important topics or talking points that would get the show reinstated.** Time limit: 4-6 minutes. For Speech time limit, there will be a 30-second grace period on either side of the time limit. After the 30-second grace period, 1 point will be taken off the speaker's score for every additional 30 seconds under/over. For example: speech lasts 7 minutes and 20 seconds, deduction of 2 points. Maximum time limit deduction will be 5 points.
 - c) Dress: Semi-formal
 - d) Judges will ask questions of the speakers; limited to 2-3 minutes.
 - e) Doors will be barred during each speech
 - f) No props will be allowed during the speech – only note cards may be used to aid while giving the speech
 - g) The competition will be judged on:

(a) Content and accuracy:	20 points
(b) Organization of material:	15 points
(c) Presentation:	
(i) Voice:	15 points
(ii) Language:	15 points

- (iii) Poise and Eye Contact: 10 points
- (d) Time: 5 points
- (e) Questions:
 - (i) Quality of answers and poise 15 points
 - (ii) Ability to answer question asked 5 points

2) **Prospector Division I** (9 years and under) and **Prospector Division II** (10 to 12 years)

- a) No limit to the number of entrants per state
- b) Topic: **Anything about Shorthorns or the cattle industry**
- c) Time limit: 2-3 minutes. For Speech time limit, there will be a 30-second grace period on either side of the time limit. After the 30-second grace period, 1 point will be taken off the speaker's score for every additional 30 seconds under/over. For example: speech lasts 4 minutes and 20 seconds, deduction of 2 points. Maximum time limit deduction will be 5 points.
- d) Dress: School clothes
- e) Judges may ask questions of the speakers; no points will be allotted for questions.
- f) Doors will be barred during each speech
- g) No props will be allowed during the speech – only note cards may be used to aid while giving the speech
- h) Judged using above criteria minus points for questions; thus, there will be an 80-point rubric.

3) **Extemporaneous Speech Contest** (Senior Division - 17 years and up)

- a) No limit to the number of entrants per state.
- b) Topic: Contestants will be allowed to pick 3 topics from a “hat” and choose which one of the topics they would like to use.
- c) Preparation Time limit: 20 minutes. Speech Time limit: 4-6 minutes. For the Speech time limit, there will be a 30-second grace period on either side of the time limit. After the 30-second grace period, 1 point will be taken off the speaker's score for every additional 30 seconds under/over. For example: speech lasts 7 minutes and 20 seconds, deduction of 2 points. Maximum time limit deduction will be 5 points.
- d) Contestants must provide their own resource materials. No electronics or cellular phones may be used.
- e) Dress: Semi-formal
- f) Judges will ask questions of the speakers; limited to 2-3 minutes.
- g) Doors will be barred during each speech
- h) No props will be allowed during the speech – only note cards may be used to aid while giving the speech
- i) Judged using above criteria listed for Senior/Intermediate Prepared Speech contest.

State Booth Displays

- 1) Each state is encouraged to develop a 10/10 booth display to promote Shorthorns and their state junior association following the theme of the current year: **“Cattle On Campus”**
 - a) **Cattle on Campus – booth space should be represented of selected state college theme**
- 2) Adult help should be limited to 1 adult per 3 youth
- 3) Booths will be displayed in a designated area
- 4) Tables will be supplied
- 5) Booth should be designed, built, and set up by juniors
- 6) Judging will be based on the following criteria
 - a) Content 40 points total
 - (i) Jr. Members/Activities 10 pts
 - (ii) Use of Theme 15 pts
 - (iii) Promotion of Shorthorns 15 pts
 - b) Organization 20 points total
 - (i) Neatness 10 pts
 - (ii) Creativity 10 pts

State Herdsmanship Contest

- 1) This state competition will be judged on:
 - i) Organization of tack 10 points
 - ii) Stall card quality 10 points
 - iii) Upkeep of stalls and bedding 15 points
 - iv) Cooperation and teamwork 25 points
 - v) Care and appearance of cattle 15 points
- 2) Awards will be given in three divisions based on number of submitted on entry forms:
 - a) 12 head and under
 - b) 13 head through 35
 - c) 36 and up

State Slideshow Competition

- 1) Slideshow Guidelines:

Category	# slides (maximum)
i) Previous Junior Nationals	6
ii) Other shows	8
iii) Junior photos and clippings	4
iv) Officers, Advisors, Lassies	2
v) Free pages (use as you wish)	10
Max. total slides (excluding cover)	30

 - o **Must be created using Microsoft Power Point (so all slideshows can be developed into one presentation for the AJSA)**
 - o Music and animation allowed
 - o Slideshow must be brought on a cd/dvd or submitted to ASA ahead of Junior Nationals
- 2) This competition will be judged on:
 - (a) Theme concept and continuity 15 points
 - (b) Organization of materials 10 points
 - (c) Creativeness 10 points
 - (d) Quality of photos and clippings 10 points
 - (e) Activities:
 - i. Show ring 15 points
 - ii. Edu./Promo. Activities* 30 points
 - iii. Other events 10 points

*Activities may include excerpts from speeches, programs from field days, pictures of supermarket demos., etc.

Team Fitting Contest

- 1) A team age divisions:
 - a) Prospector (12 years and under) * 1 supervising adult allowed in arena
 - b) Intermediate (13 to 16 years)
 - c) Senior (17 years and up)A team shall consist of three persons, of any sex and from any state combination. Points will be awarded towards individual high point awards, no points will be awarded towards the Outstanding State Group Award.
- 2) A team member must wear a show harness with an exhibitor number issued by show officials.
- 3) Contestants must bring any and all materials needed to the fitting area – generators may be permitted depending on facility power sources.
- 4) Contestants may not use inappropriate fitting methods. Unethical fitting situations include, but are not limited to: a) Any altering of the natural color of the animal by the use of dyes, paints, hair coloring

- conditions, colored show foam, graphite, colored powders or other substances; b) The addition of any hair or hair like substances (including twine), false tailheads, and false polls (false tail switches are allowed);
- 5) Time limit: 20 minutes
- 6) After fitting time, each entry will be held in line by one of the fitters to be viewed by the judges.
- 7) Judges will base placing on both fitting techniques and final results.

Team Salesmanship Contest

- 1) **Senior Division** (17 years and over)
 - a) The team shall consist of two juniors
 - b) The teams for Senior Salesmanship will be given the choice of selecting one of three Shorthorn bulls.
 - c) Each team will be given EPD's, a copy of registration papers, and pictures of the bulls and a scenario in which to sell the bull into.
 - d) They will be given 20 minutes to organize their sales presentation before making their delivery on the selected bull to the panel of judges.
 - e) Allotted presentation time: 6-8 minutes. Questions limited to three minutes.
 - f) Judging criteria the same as for Intermediate and Prospector divisions
- 2) **Intermediate Division** (13 to 16 years)
 - a) The team shall consist of two juniors, at least one with a calf at the Junior National. The team will bring an animal to the competition area and will present, promote and generally 'sell' the entry to the judging panel. Cattle should not be fitted beyond being clean, clipped and blown out.
 - b) Competition will consist of two parts
 - i) Each junior will speak two minutes about the calf with the comments directed to the panel acting as potential customers. Presentation time is limited to a total of six minutes.
 - ii) Juniors will be questioned by the panel as potential buyers. Questions limited to three minutes.
 - c) A team may use as many sales tools as they deem necessary - teams must provide their own sales tools.
 - d) Microphones may or may not be used (depending on the environment)
 - e) Competition will be judged on:

(a) Integrity	20 points
(b) Command of facts and figures	20 points
(c) Poise and skill in presentations	15 points
(d) Teamwork	15 points
(e) General appearance	10 points
(f) Professionalism	10 points
(g) Overall effect	10 points
- 3) **Prospector Contest:** Division I (9 years and under) Division II (10 to 12 years)
 - a) The same rules will apply as for the Intermediate Division with two exceptions:
 - i) The oral presentation will be total of two minutes with each team member speaking equal portions.
 - ii) Microphones will not be used.

Livestock Judging Contest

(Optional contest organized by the host state)

- 1) Age divisions:
 - a) Prospector I (9 years and under)
 - b) Prospector II (10 to 12 years)
 - c) Intermediate (13 to 16 years)
 - d) Senior (17 years and up)
- 2) The host state may put the contest together however they are able to, but suggested to include 2 commercial classes, 2 heifer classes and 2 steer classes.
- 3) Host state must plan, organize, and carry out the contest.

- 4) If the host state chooses to have a judging contest, individual points will be included in the overall point tally in each age division.

High Point Award

1) Prospector Divisions I and II

a) Point System:

- (1) Art & Etc.: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
 - (2) Photography: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
 - (3) Promotional Poster: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
 - (4) Showmanship: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
 - (5) Speech: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
 - (6) Team Fitting: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
 - (7) Team Salesmanship: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
 - (8) Livestock Judging: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
 - (9) Participation: 2 additional points per contest, 5 points for exhibiting cattle, 3 points for completion of Mentor-Apprentice, 1 point per conference session
- Ties will be broken based on the number of higher placing contests

2) Intermediate and Senior Divisions

a) Point System

- (1) Art & Etc.: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
 - (2) Photography: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
 - (3) Digitally Enhanced Photo: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
 - (4) Promotional Poster: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
 - (5) Showmanship: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
 - (6) Speech Contest: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
 - (7) *Senior Extemporaneous: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
 - (8) Team Fitting: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
 - (9) Team Salesmanship: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
 - (10) Livestock Judging: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
 - (11) Participation: 2 additional points per contest, 5 points for exhibiting cattle, 3 points for completion of Mentor-Apprentice, 1 point per conference session
- Ties will be broken based on the number of higher placing contests

Point System for Outstanding Junior Association Competition

- 1) Art & Etc.: 1st - 8 pts; 2nd - 6 pts; 3rd - 4 pts; 4th - 2 pts; 5th - 1 pt
- 2) Beef Cook-Off: 1st - 8 pts; 2nd - 6 pts; 3rd - 4 pts; 4th - 2 pts; 5th - 1 pt
- 3) Herdsman Quiz Bowl: 1st - 8 pts; 2nd - 6 pts; 3rd - 4 pts; 4th - 2 pts; 5th - 1 pt
- 4) Photography: 1st - 8 pts; 2nd - 6 pts; 3rd - 4 pts; 4th - 2 pts; 5th - 1 pt
- 5) Digitally Enhanced Photography: 1st - 8 pts; 2nd - 6 pts; 3rd - 4 pts; 4th - 2 pts; 5th - 1 pt
- 6) Promotional Poster: 1st - 8 pts; 2nd - 6 pts; 3rd - 4 pts; 4th - 2 pts; 5th - 1 pt
- 7) Showmanship: 1st - 8 pts; 2nd - 6 pts; 3rd - 4 pts; 4th - 2 pts; 5th - 1 pt
- 8) Speech: 1st - 8 pts; 2nd - 6 pts; 3rd - 4 pts; 4th - 2 pts; 5th - 1 pt
- 9) Senior Extemporaneous: 1st - 8 pts; 2nd - 6 pts; 3rd - 4 pts; 4th - 2 pts; 5th - 1 pt
- 10) State Booth: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
- 11) State Herdsmanship: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
- 12) State Slideshow: 1st - 10 pts; 2nd - 8 pts; 3rd - 6 pts; 4th - 4 pts; 5th - 2 pts
- 13) Team Fitting: 1st - 8 pts; 2nd - 6 pts; 3rd - 4 pts; 4th - 2 pts; 5th - 1 pt
- 14) Team Salesmanship: 1st - 8 pts; 2nd - 6 pts; 3rd - 4 pts; 4th - 2 pts; 5th - 1 pt

15) Livestock Judging: 1st - 8 pts; 2nd - 6 pts; 3rd - 4 pts; 4th – 2 pts; 5th – 1 pt

16) Participation points - 2 additional points per contest per state, 1 point per conference session in which ALL state delegates are present

Ties will be broken based on the number of higher placing contests