

American Junior Simbrah Round Up Rules and Regulations

General Rules

Eligibility of Contestants

1. Contestants in the American Junior Simbrah Round Up must be paid members of the American Simmental Association.
2. To be eligible to compete members must be 8 years of age and in or going into the 3rd grade and may compete until the summer of the year they graduate from High School.

Age Divisions: Junior - 3rd - 5th Grade

Intermediate - 6th - 8th Grade

Senior - 9th - 12th Grade

3. This event is not sanctioned by the Texas Club Calf Association.

Eligibility of Cattle

1. Cattle being shown in the American Junior Simbrah Round Up must be registered in the name of the Jr. Exhibitor by June 1, 2010.
2. Cattle may **not** be registered in a partnership or ranch name and be eligible to compete in the American Junior Simbrah Round Up.
3. Purebred Heifers and Purebred Bull (3/8 x 5/8) are eligible to compete. Heifers and bulls can not be older than January 1, 2008.
4. Percentage Heifers and Percentage Bulls must be at least 50% Simbrah with not more than 50% of another registered breed.
5. Aged Cows are eligible to compete. Calves may not be over 210 days of age. Cows must be in milk.
6. Heifers born before December 1, 2008 must be bred with pregnancy verification on Health Certificate by a Licensed Veterinarian or verification that the animal in question has been in Embryo Transfer.
7. All cattle being shown at the American Junior Simbrah Round Up must have a legible tattoo or brand that conforms to ASA record to be eligible.
8. All animals entered in the American Junior Simbrah Round Up must have a health inspection certificate issued by a licensed Veterinarian. The Health Certificate will comply with current Texas Animal Health Commission Regulations.
9. Original certificates of registration must be presented at time of check in. No photocopies will be accepted unless the heifer is a scramble calf. In this case, the official show stamp must be on the photo copy.
10. Cattle bred and owned by the exhibitor will automatically be entered in the Bred and Owned Class. This includes Purebred Heifers and Bulls and Percentage Heifers and Bulls.
11. This is a Blow and Go Show.
12. Classes will be broken on 60 day age breaks with the option to break larger classes.

Registration and Entry Fees

1. Entry fee are as follows: 1st head - \$50. Each additional animal - \$20 per head. With this Entry fee, each exhibitor will receive 2 T-Shirts to be worn in Showmanship and the heifer and bull shows.
2. Entries should be mailed to: Rodney Finch, 6428 CR 180 Anderson Texas 77830 on or by June 11, 2010.

Contest Rules

1. The following events will be offered at the American Junior Simbrah Round Up.

Cattleman's Quiz, Oral Reasons, Public Speaking, Sales Talk, Judging Contest, Skillathon, and Showmanship

2. To be eligible for overall awards and compete in the cattle show, exhibitors must compete in 4 of the 7 above listed contests.
3. In the event of Ties in the Overall Competition, ties will be broken first with Cattleman's Quiz Score. 2nd by Public Speaking Score. 3rd by Sales Talk Score.

Judging Contest

1. A committee shall select and place all classes and listen to all reasons. The contest can consist of classes: yearling bulls, cow-calf pairs, steers, heifers, and Performance classes where performance data only will be used no live cattle. One or more placing classes will be designated as oral reasons classes. The Performance Data class will **not** be a oral reasons class.
2. Placings classes will be worth 50 points per class and reasons classes will be worth 50 points.
3. No member or parent or advisor shall be allowed in the judging contest area to inspect the livestock prior to the contest.
4. While the contest is in progress, there shall be no conferring between contestants or between parents and/or advisors and contestants. Any violation of this rule will result in disqualification of the contestant.
5. Contestants will be allowed 12 minutes to place each class. There will be a two minute time warning to signal contestants to hand their cards into their group leader or complete the class.
6. Cattle may be judged in pens or on halter. Close inspection may not be allowed unless directed by the committee. This will be based on safety.
7. Contestants must remain with their assigned group throughout the entire contest unless otherwise directed by their group leader.
8. Contestants must provide their own note taking material for oral reasons classes.
9. In the case of Ties, ties will be broken using reasons scores or Performance Data class. If scores still remain, the committee will designate a class to break the tie.
10. The official put on classes by the committee are final.

Cattleman's Quiz

1. The quiz will consist of multiple choice and true/false questions.
2. One and one half hours will be allowed for contestants to complete the quiz.
3. Contestants may not bring notes, books, or reference materials into the testing area. All materials will be provided, including a Sire Summary, quiz questions, answer sheet, and pencils.
4. Conferring with other contestants, use of notes or any other form of cheating will be grounds for disqualification of a contestant.
5. Ties will be broken according to clearly marked tie-breaker questions. If a tie still remains, five pre-selected unmarked questions from the test will be used to decide on the final contestant placing.
6. Primary resources for questions on the Herdsman portion of the quiz will be the Skills for Life Series, the Register, Herdsman Manual and material available on the ASA website - www.simmental.org

Public Speaking

1. Contestants will speak on a topic selected at random drawing. Subject areas will include but not limited to, the History and Development of Simmental/Simbrah Cattle, Principles of Breeding, Selling, Customer Service and Managing/Marketing of Beef Cattle.
2. Contestants will report to a preparation room 35 minutes prior to their scheduled time to draw their topic. Contestants will draw topics and select one on which to speak. Actual preparation time will be limited to 30 minutes.
3. Contestants will receive a specially prepared information packet on the selected topic and two 3x5 note cards. No other reference materials will be allowed.
4. Speeches will be three to seven minutes in length. Time elapsed will be posted during the speech so that contestants are aware of timing. Speakers who finish before three minutes have elapsed, or who run past seven minutes will be penalized 1 point for each second over/under.
Following the speech, time will be allowed for questions from the judges.
5. Contestants will be judged on: subject knowledge (20 percent), organization (10 percent), Presentation (40 percent), response to questions (20 percent), and general effectiveness (10 percent).

Sales Talk

The Sales Talk uses live setting complete with animal or photo (no larger than 8x10) and potential buyers. The purpose of this contest is to evaluate the effectiveness of the presentation and the contestant's ability to merchandise cattle.

1. Contestants may use any entry or photo (no larger than 8x10) of a SimGenetics animal as the subject of the Sales Talk. Contestants may use a heifer/cow other than their own. The contestant may hold or tie the heifer/cow/bull, or have another junior member hold the animal during the talk.
2. Immediately preceding the talk, contestants will be required to provide the judges

with a registration certificate for the animal being “sold”. The judges will use the registration certificate to evaluate the accuracy of pedigree and performance information provided by the contestant and to also ask questions. The certificate will be returned to the contestant at the conclusion of the talk.

3. Contestants will be judged on their knowledge of the animal they are selling (25 percent), ability to relay important information about the heifer/cow/bull (organization and style - 25 Percent, poise and delivery - 25 percent), and their overall effectiveness in convincing the judge to buy the animal (25 percent).

4. A contestant’s score will be reduced by 10% if additional materials are presented to the judge other than those listed above.

5. Sales Talk will be 5-7 minutes in length. Time elapsed will be indicated during the contest so that contestants are aware of the time constraints.

Showmanship

1. Exhibitors must show their own cattle in the Showmanship competition. The animal being shown must also be entered in the cattle show. If exhibitor does not have an animal entered they may borrow an animal that is entered by another exhibitor.

2. Exhibitors must wear the T-Shirt given at check-in for Showmanship Competition.

3. There will be a Showmanship clinic conducted by the Official Showmanship Judge prior to the official contest. There will be 3 divisions of showmanship. They will follow the age divisions set forth in the general rules.