# MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE

**North American Limousin Foundation**
**Standard Rules & Regulations**
**for the Exhibition of Limousin and Lim-Flex® Cattle**

Level I

2017

1. Animals must be registered with the North American Limousin Foundation (NALF).

2. **All cattle shown including calves at the side of the dam must be:**

   **A. 75% Limousin (NALF percentage, not actual) or greater as indicated on orange NALF registration certificates**

   **OR**

   **B. Purple-papered Lim-Flex cattle as indicated by NALF registration certificates.**

**Percentage, fullblood, purebred and Lim-Flex cattle shall compete in the same classes and championships.**

3. If a show does not abide by the NALF MOE show rules exhibitors will not be awarded points for that show.

4. Animals must be properly tattooed and will be inspected at the show. Tattoos must be legible and match the registration certificates. If an animal's tattoo is not legible or cannot be read upon initial processing, it will be ineligible to show and not be allowed to return with a new or corrected tattoo.

5. To maintain a high degree of confidence in Limousin shows NALF reserves the right to disqualify any animal that has been fitted in an unethical manner. Unethical fitting shall include the following:

   a) Any use of paints, colored show foam, graphite, colored powders or other substances; animals may be subject to a white-towel test;

   b) The addition of any hair or hair like substances, including false tail heads and false polls (false tail switches are allowed);

   c) The cutting, tearing or gluing of the hide or underneath the hide or removal of tissue in an attempt to alter the shape of the animal or the injection of any gas, solid or liquid under the hide to alter the normal conformation;

   d) Any products, solutions or liquids administered internally or externally to alter the conformation of the animal is prohibited. That includes the use of steroids, growth stimulants and the act of artificially filling animals internally, which would include stomach pumping, drench tubes or any other method.

**EXCEPTION**: In the case of severely sick or dehydrated animals, the exhibitor may have fluids or electrolytes administered by the licensed official show veterinarian with the approval of the show superintendent or a NALF representative. That exception is not applicable on show day or weigh-in/check-in day.

6. Bulls older than one (1) year must show with a nose lead. The Limousin show superintendent and the show management reserve the right to disqualify animals deemed unmanageable.

7. Protests against exhibitors, individual animals or fitting violations must be submitted in writing, signed by five (5) active members of the NALF and presented to the show superintendent within12 hours of the show's completion.

8. NALF reserves the right to mouth animals for dental development.

9. NALF reserves the right to collect hair samples from any animal.

10. Animals shown must be solid red or black above the flanks, excluding birth marks.

11. Class size shall be to the discretion of the show superintendent and may not contain more than 20 head. The given classes may be split or combined only within their given division.

12. Calves exhibited alongside dams in the cow-calf division are eligible to show as individuals.

13. Following the selection of Grand and Reserve Champion Cow/Calf Pair there will be the selection of Supreme Female to be chosen from the Champion Female and Champion Cow/Calf Pair. Supreme Female will not receive additional MOE points.

## OTHER REQUIREMENTS

**The following performance-data-submission requirements must be met by Dec. 1 to receive Medal of Excellence points.**

a. Birth weight (bulls and heifers)
b. Weaning weight (bulls and heifers)
c. Yearling weight (bulls and heifers)
d. Yearling scrotal circumference
e. Pregnancy test (females older than 600 days at season's end)
f. Breeding Soundness Exam and semen test (bulls older than 400 days)

**NOTE:**

Failure to have performance data on file at NALF will result in disqualification from the MOE program and no points will be awarded. It is the responsibility of the breeder/owner/exhibitor to submit that information without special requests from NALF.

**Credibility Requirement:**

To maintain a high degree of integrity and credibility in all Limousin shows, all owners and exhibitors are expected to adhere to all NALF rules and regulations regarding the exhibition of Limousin cattle and to adhere to rules and regulations of particular shows, fairs and exhibitions.

**MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE**
**POINT DISTRIBUTION**

**Number of entries shown MOE points awarded**

1st in class 20 points
2nd in class 18 points
3rd in class 16 points
4th in class 14 points
5th in class 12 points
6th in class 10 points
7th in class 9 points
8th in class 8 points
9th in class 7 points
10th in class 6 points

Division Champion 20 points
Division Reserve 17 points

Grand Champion 20 points
Reserve Grand 17 points

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**LEVEL I SHOW CLASSES**

## *National Western Stock Show/Ft. Worth Stock Show*

*Order: Females, Cow/Calf Pairs, Bulls*

Division I
March 1, 2016- July 31, 2016
Division II
January 1 – February 28, 2016
Division III
September 1 – December 31, 2015
Division IV
May 1 – August 31, 2015
Division V
January 1 – April 30, 2015
Division VI
September 1 – December 31, 2014

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Female

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair

Supreme Champion Female
*To be chosen between the Champion Female and Champion Cow/Calf Pair*

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Bull

## *Southeast Summer Classic*

*Order: Females, Cow/Calf Pairs, Bulls*

Division I
November 1, 2016- January 31, 2017
Division II
September 1 – October 31, 2016
Division III
May 1 –August 31, 2016
Division IV
March 1 – April 30, 2016
Division V
January 1 – February 29, 2016
Division VI
September 1 – December 31, 2015

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Female

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair

Supreme Champion Female
*To be chosen between the Champion Female and Champion Cow/Calf Pair*

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Bull

## *All-American Limousin Futurity*

*Order: Females, Cow/Calf Pairs, Bulls*

Division I
November 1, 2016 – January 31, 2017
Division II
September 1 – October 31, 2016
Division III
May 1 –August 31, 2016
Division IV
March 1 – April 30, 2016
Division V
January 1 – February 29, 2016
Division VI
September 1 – December 31, 2015

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Female

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair

Supreme Champion Female
*To be chosen between the Champion Female and Champion Cow/Calf Pair*

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Bull

## *North American International Livestock Exposition/ American Royal*

*Order: Females, Cow/Calf Pairs, Bulls*

Division I
March 1, 2017- May 31, 2017
Division II
January 1 – February 29, 2017
Division III
September 1 – December 31, 2016
Division IV
May 1 – August 31, 2016
Division V
January 1 – April 30, 2016
Division VI
September 1 – December 31, 2015

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Female

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair

Supreme Champion Female
*To be chosen between the Champion Female and Champion Cow/Calf Pair*

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Bull

***PREMIER BREEDER***
***PREMIER EXHIBITOR***