

National Junior Limousin Show and Congress/Regional Show

Rules and Regulations

Show Rules

1. Sponsor and Eligibility.

The North American Limousin Junior Association (NALJA) sponsors the regional and national junior shows, and they are open to all NALJA members. Members must be 5 as of January 1st, 2018. No one who was 22 years or older on Jan. 1, 2018, is eligible to show. NALJA members must be in good standing to enter the regional and national junior shows. That is, they must be current with their junior activity fees (NALJA dues), and their North American Limousin Foundation (NALF) accounts cannot be more than 120 days past due. Anyone who wishes to participate in a regional or national Limousin junior show must be a NALJA member when submitting entries.

2. Animal Qualifications.

A) Females: Females with 75 percent or greater Limousin blood and orange NALF registration papers born from Sept. 1, 2016, to January 31, 2018 will be eligible to compete in the Limousin female show. Females registered as Lim-Flex® having purple NALF registration papers are eligible for the Lim-Flex Female show.

B) Bulls: All bulls entered must be bred-and-owned by the junior exhibitor. Bulls with 75 percent or greater Limousin blood and orange NALF registration certificates born from Jan. 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018, will be eligible to compete in the bred and-owned Limousin bull show. Bulls registered as Lim-Flex having purple NALF registration born from Jan. 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018, will be eligible to compete in the bred-and-owned Lim-Flex bull show.

C) Cow/Calf Pairs: A cow born on or before Aug. 31, 2016, with a natural calf at side is eligible to show in the Cow/Calf Division. The cow's NALF percent Limousin will determine in which show the pair is eligible to compete. Cows with 75 percent or greater Limousin blood and orange registration papers will show in the Limousin cow/calf show. Cows registered as Lim-Flex (that is, having purple registration papers) will show in the Lim-Flex cow/calf show.

Calves on the side of cows must be born after November 1, 2017. Calves are eligible to show in the heifer show if they are born prior to January 31, 2018. Bulls must be bred and owned to be eligible to show as individuals.

D) Steers: All steers that qualify for registration with the North American Limousin Foundation as a percentage, purebred or Lim-Flex® will be eligible for the steer show. All percentages will show together and be split into the progress and prospect divisions based on weight. Exhibitors must present registration certificates at check-in. Show officials will check the steers' tattoos to ensure they are legible and match the registration papers. Exhibitors may not enter a bull in the bull show then castrate him for the steer show.

The term “animal” used throughout these rules refers to bulls, steers and females alike.

It is the exhibitors’ responsibility to ensure their animals qualify for the shows they enter. NALJA will not give refunds for unqualified animals entered in any show.

3. Entries.

Junior exhibitors must register their animals in their own names, with certificates showing an ownership date on or before May 15, 2018. Exhibitors must submit entries to the NALF office on official entry forms, bearing official postmarks of or completed online no later than May 15, 2018, to qualify for the \$80 per head entry fee. Entries postmarked or entered online after May 15, 2018, are subject to an entry fee of \$125 per head. Entry fees include the price of bedding. NALJA will accept late entries ONLY through the online entry system on or before June 1, 2018. NALJA will not accept any entries postmarked after that date.

NALJA will not refund any entry fees. Exhibitors must pay their junior activity fees (NALJA dues) before they may enter the national or regional Limousin junior shows. Any and all entries or changes must be made in writing before the late entry deadline for all entries and contests.

To ensure NALF can process all registrations and transfers in time for animals to enter the NJLS&C, juniors should submit registration and transfer requests to the NALF office no later than May 5, 2018. That is particularly important for transfers. A letter should accompany those applications for registration or transfer stating they are for the NJLS&C. NALF is not responsible for misinformation on any entries. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to complete the entry form correctly.

4. Possession.

Exhibitors must maintain full possession and personally care for and assist in preparation of their show entries from the ownership deadline (May 15, 2018) through the NJLS&C (7 p.m., Friday, July 20, 2018).

Any female transferred – within one year of the show in which the animal competes – from the junior exhibitor’s name to the breeder or owner who transferred the animal to the junior exhibitor before the show will relinquish any accumulated and further Medal of Excellence (MOE) points.

5. Entry Limit.

There is no limit on how many animals an exhibitor may enter and show.

6. Classes/Divisions

Show officials will determine classes after check-in. They will make every effort to ensure no class contains more than 15 head or has an age spread of more than 60 days. All classes will line up according to age from youngest to oldest in the show arena.

Divisions in the owned Limousin and Lim-Flex female shows will be broken as follows.

Division I – November 1, 2017 –January 31, 2018

Division II – September 1 – October 31, 2017

Division III – May 1 – August 31, 2017
Division IV – March 1 – April 30, 2017
Division V – January 1 – February 28, 2017
Division VI – September 1 – December 31, 2016

Bred and Owned Female and Bred and Owned Bull shows will have three divisions that will be determined once animals are checked in. There are no divisions in the cow/calf show.

Steer classes and divisions will be split by weight. The steer show will include prospect and progress divisions. Prospect steers are those weighing less than 900 pounds at check-in, while steers weighing more than 900 pounds will be in the progress division. All Progress Steers will be automatically entered into the Virtual Carcass Contest; entrants may opt out of the contest. NALJA will release exhibitors showing only steers immediately following the steer show.

At the NJLS&C, there will be a class for the best pair of females owned and exhibited by one junior member. Both females must show in the regular show. In the NJLS&C “best state group” class, each state junior association will select three females (each exhibited by a different junior) to represent it; and that class will count toward sweepstakes points.

NJLS&C judges will be selecting the Top 5 Females in both the Owned Lim-Flex Female Show and the Owned Limousin Female Show. Judges will be selecting a Top 3 in Divisions during the Owned Shows with the 3rd place female serving as an alternate. The 3rd place female will be pulled into the Championship line up only if both the 1st and 2nd place females in the division have been selected for the Top 5.

NJLS&C judges will be selecting the Top 3 Females in both the Bred & Owned Lim-Flex Female Show and the Bred & Owned Limousin Female Show.

7. Bred-and-Owned.

To show in the bred-and-owned show, the animal’s tattoo must include the junior exhibitor’s herd prefix (i.e. the junior must be the animal’s first owner); and the animal’s dam must have been registered to the junior exhibitor at the time the dam was bred to produce the animal. Embryo-transfer (ET) calves are eligible for the bred-and-owned show; however, the donor female must have been registered to the junior exhibitor at the time she was flushed to produce the animal.

The family’s prefix in the animal’s tattoo or family ownership of the dam at breeding does not qualify for the bred-and-owned show. No animals from partnership or lease agreement cows qualify. NALJA automatically enters eligible animals from the owned-female show in the bred-and-owned show.

Juniors may sell no more than 50 percent ownership of a bred-and-owned bull and still be eligible to compete with him in the bred-and-owned bull show. The exhibitor must keep full possession of that bull until the regional and national shows conclude. All other bred-and-owned rules apply.

8. Fitting.

To maintain a high degree of confidence in Limousin junior shows, NALJA reserves the right to disqualify any animal for unethical fitting, which shall include the following:

- Any use of paints, colored show foam, graphite, colored powders or other substances that may be subject to disqualification. All animals are subject to a “white towel” test from check-in to release. NALJA reserves the right to collect hair samples from any animal at any show.
- The addition of any hair or hairlike substances, including false tail heads and false polls. (NALJA allows false tail switches.)
- The cutting, tearing or gluing of the hide or underneath the hide or removal of tissue in an attempt to alter the animal’s shape.
- The injection of any gas, solid or liquid under the hide to alter the animal’s conformation.
- Any attempts to disrupt or change the animal’s normal dental development.
- Any products, such as steroids or growth stimulants, administered internally or externally to alter the animal’s conformation.
- Any stomach pumping without authorization from a licensed veterinarian.
- 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 within 12 hours of the show’s completion.

9. Substitute Showmen.

All junior exhibitors are required to show their own animals. In the case of sickness or injury after arrival at the show, exhibitors (who must be present at the show) may select another junior exhibitor to show their animals. The NALF director of junior activities and the president of the NALJA Board of Directors must approve substitute showmen before they enter the showing.

Exhibitors with more than one animal in a class may have another NALJA member(s) show the additional animal(s) without approval.

10. Check-In.

All cattle entered in the NJLS&C must be in the stalls by 8 a.m., Sunday, July 15, 2018. **Show officials will check tattoos and health papers at that time in the designated check-in area. They will disqualify animals with illegible or incorrect tattoos.** Once an animal has been through check-in and disqualified due to an illegible or a wrong tattoo, that animal may not go through check-in again with a new or fresh tattoo. Show officials will weigh steers and bulls and measure scrotal circumferences at check-in. Have your animal’s papers stamped with a “tattoo verified” stamp at your regional show to speed up in the check-in process.

11. Stalling.

Show officials will assign stalls to exhibitors at the NJLS&C according to their current addresses on file at NALF. Animals entered solely in the All-American Futurity must stall with the open cattle. Failure to stall in assigned spaces from 8 a.m. July 15, 2018 through 2 p.m. Friday, July 20, 2018, will result in a forfeiture of all premiums and show awards and elimination from the state herdsman competition.

Exhibitors must obtain permission for early releases or stalling deviations by submitting written requests and providing proof of need to the NALF office prior to the late entry deadline.

NALJA only allows the stall cards provided at the show in the junior aisles. NALJA prohibits farm signs and aisle fans.

12. Entry Numbers.

All exhibitors must clearly display their entry numbers while they are in the makeup area and showing.

13. Disposition.

To ensure safety, animals with unruly dispositions will not show. The judge or show officials may dismiss exhibitors with unruly animals from the show. NALJA will enforce the rule that after three incidents where the exhibitor loses control of an animal, it will automatically be excused from the ring.

14. Health Requirements.

Health certificates must comply with local rules and regulations for cattle. No animals with hereditary unsoundness may show.

15. Misrepresentation.

Any person found misrepresenting the NALJA rules and regulations will forfeit all premiums and show awards and maybe subject to disqualification.

16. Substitute Animals.

NALJA does not allow substitutions for any animals

17. Agreement of Responsibility and Liability.

Participants must maintain full control, custody, care and feeding of the animals and personal property that they bring on or about the premises of the national and regional junior Limousin shows. Participants clearly understand and agree that NALJA – along with NALF and its officials, officers, directors, employees and agents – shall not be responsible for any damage, loss or injury to any person or property that is caused directly or indirectly for any reason at those shows. The exhibitors, owners, their agents and representatives agree to indemnify NALJA and NALF and hold the organizations harmless for all damages, injuries, losses, expenses or liabilities they might incur at those shows, including any that may result from NALJA or NALF enforcing its rules and regulations. By entering the national or regional junior Limousin shows, the participants and their parents or guardians agree to the terms described in this section and agree to comply with all the rules and regulations governing those shows.

Sweepstakes Rules

Individual Sweepstakes Points

A) Exhibiting Animals

1. 100 points per animal shown (300 points maximum)
2. Exhibitors showing animals in the owned female, cow/calf pair, bred and owned female, bull, and/or steer shows will receive points for placing in the class according to the following schedule:

1st: 30 points 4th: 15 points

2nd: 25 points 5th: 10 points

3rd: 20 points

3. 100 bonus points will go to all cattle exhibitors who meet the May 15 early-entry deadline with no errors, have all registrations and transfers completed, and have pre-registered for all of the satellite events

in which they plan to participate. North American Limousin Junior Association (NALJA) members who are not exhibiting cattle but are participating in satellite events also can earn the bonus points if they pre-register by May 15.

B) Showmanship

1. Exhibitors who participate in showmanship will receive 100 points.
2. The champion in each age division will receive 75 additional points; all others in the top ten for their division will receive 50 additional points.

C) Satellite Events

NALJA members must compete in the same age division across all contests, **except showmanship**, where past champions must move up. Ages will be the individual's age as of Jan. 1, 2018. Members must enter all individual satellite events by June 1, 2018. Late entry for satellite events (Photo, Magazine Ad, Public Speaking, Showmanship) will be accepted until the end of check in Sunday, July 15, 2018 for a fee of \$100 per exhibitor (not per event). Members will not be able to late enter in to the judging contest, if members do not sign up for the judging contest by June 1 members will have the opportunity to judge in the Adult division. Once check-in is complete members will not be able to enter in to the events.

Novice: 5-9 years of age

Junior: 10-13 years of age

Intermediate: 14–16 years of age

Senior: 17 and up

D) Sales Talk, Photography, Judging and Magazine Advertisement Contests

1. Each contestant will receive 100 points for participation in each event.
2. Points will be awarded in each age division according to the following schedule

1st: 100 points 4th: 50 points

2nd: 80 points 5th: 40 points

3rd: 60 points

3. At the conclusion of the National Junior Limousin Show and Congress (NJLS&C), sweepstakes participants may request their scores and copies of their score sheets for each event in which they participated. Participants may request only their own scores. NALJA will not release other participants' scores.

4. NALJA will use the following criteria to break any ties within the top 10 sweepstakes finalists: (a) who participated in more satellite events; (b) who exhibited more animals; and (c) who placed higher in their satellite events.

State Sweepstakes Points

Base points will go to each state by dividing the total number of points awarded to exhibitors from a state by the number of exhibitors from the state.

A) Herdsmanship

1. 100 points will go to each division winner.

2. Two divisions, small states and large states, will be determined at the show by the number of cattle exhibited per state. There will be an equal number of small and large states.

B) Best State Group of Females, Limousin Beef Cook-Off, Quiz Bowl, Team Fitting and State Posters

1. Each participating state will receive 100 points towards the State Sweepstakes.
2. Additional points will go to the following placings:

1st: 100 points

2nd: 75 points

C) Sales Talk, Judging, Photography and Magazine Advertisement Contests

1. Each participating state will receive 100 participation points per contest.
2. Points will go to the highest-placing team or contestant from each state in each age division according to the following schedule:

1st: 100 points **4th: 50 points**

2nd: 80 points **5th: 40 points**

3rd: 60 points

D) Combined State Teams

NALJA will pro-rate participation and placing points for combined state teams. Regardless of age divisions, the maximum participation points possible are 100 points per state per event.

Satellite Event Rules

Judging Contest

A) Time: Wednesday, July 18 at 4 p.m.

B) Divisions: Novice, Junior, Intermediate and Senior as described under Individual Sweepstakes Points. There also will be an Adult division.

C) Registration: All contestants must pre-register by June 1 using the standard entry form. If not pre-registered, exhibitors entering late will judge in the Adult division.

D) Rules:

1. A team shall consist of the top three scores from each state in any age division (excluding Adult) making up the team. No individual may be on more than one team.
2. There will be four cattle classes (2 classes for novice division); contestants will have 8 minutes to evaluate each class. 2 classes will have question 5 questions each (50 points possible) to be used as a tie breaker. Classes may have performance data and a scenario. There will be no written or oral reasons on any class.
3. While the contest is in progress, there will be no talking among contestants. **Contestants may not talk to anyone else except the group leader. Violation will result in disqualification.**

Magazine-Advertisement Contest

A) Time: Competitors must deliver their entries to the appropriate table by the end of check-in on Sunday, July 15. All contestants must pre-register by June 1 using the standard entry form. If not pre-registered, late entry will be accepted at check in for a fee of \$100 (fee is per exhibitor not per event). NALJA members not attending the show may compete by completing the entry form,

and must submit their entries to the NALF office no later than June 1. NALJA will display the advertisements throughout the NJLS&C.

B) Divisions: Novice, Junior, Intermediate and Senior as described under Individual Sweepstakes Points.

C) Rules:

1. Each contestant is to design a magazine advertisement that meets the topic specified for the current year's contest. The advertisement can be no larger than 8.5 by 11 inches. Exhibitors must print their name, address and satellite-event age division on the back of their entry.
2. Novice entries must be handmade and not computer generated. Junior entries may be handmade or computer generated. Intermediate and senior entries must be computer generated. Contestants should laminate their advertisements or cover them with clear contact paper.
3. One entry per contestant.
4. Topics for the contest follow:

The 2018 topic for the magazine-advertisement contest for the Novice and Junior divisions is "2018 NJLS&C."

The 2018 topic for the magazine-advertisement contest for the Intermediate division is "Promote any single animal."

The 2018 topic for the magazine-advertisement contest for the Senior division is "Promote any ranch, program or sale."

Photo Competition

A) Time: Competitors must deliver their entries to the appropriate table by the end of check-in on Sunday, July 15. All contestants must pre-register by June 1 using the standard entry form. If not pre-registered, late entry will be accepted at check in for a fee of \$100 (fee is per exhibitor not per event).

NALJA members not attending the show may submit their entries to the North American Limousin Foundation (NALF) office no later than June 1.

B) Divisions: Novice, Junior, Intermediate and Senior as described under Individual Sweepstakes Points.

C) Categories: Photo submissions will be divided and judged in two categories: cattle and non-cattle

D) NALJA Participant Rules

1. ONE ENTRY PER CONTESTANT.
2. Photos may be black and white or color. They must be 8 by 10 inches. All entries must be mounted on foam board, no matting or framing allowed. The exhibitor's name, address and satellite-event age division must be on the back of the entry. Photos cannot be altered or digitally enhanced in any way.
No text is allowed on the photo or photo mat.
3. Photos become the property of NALJA. By entering, participants agree that NALJA and NALF may use the photos in publications and promotions.
4. The photo contest will count toward sweepstakes points and standings. NALJA will award prizes.

E) Adult Division Rules

1. Photos may be black and white or color. They must be at least 8 by 10 inches but no larger than 8 by 12 inches. All entries must be mounted on foam board, no matting or framing allowed. The exhibitor's name, address, category and "adult division" must be on the back of the entry. **No text is allowed on the photo or photo mat.**
2. Photos cannot be altered or digitally enhanced in any way.

3. Photos become the property of NALJA. By entering, participants agree that NALJA and NALF may use the photos in publications and promotions.

Public Speaking

A) Time: Thursday, July 19 at 10 a.m.

B) Divisions: Novice, Junior, Intermediate and Senior as described under Individual Sweepstakes Points.

C) Registration: All contestants must pre-register by June 1 using the standard entry form. If not pre-registered, late entry will be accepted at check in for a fee of \$100 (fee is per exhibitor not per event).

D) Rules:

1. At the time of the contest, each contestant must turn in three cards with the contestant's name, and topic of the speech.
2. Speeches must pertain to the beef industry. Visual aids are limited to physical charts, etc. No slides, overheads or any other electrical aids will be allowed.
3. Contestants will be evaluated on content, presentation, creativity and answers to questions.
4. Time Limits are as follows:
 - Novice and Junior - not to exceed 5 minutes
 - Intermediate - 5 to 7 minutes
 - Senior - 7 to 10 minutes

Showmanship Contest

A) Time: Monday, July 16, 8 a.m.

B) Registration: All contestants must pre-register by June 1 using the standard entry form. If not pre-registered, late entry will be accepted at check in for a fee of \$100 (fee is per exhibitor not per event).

C) Divisions: Novice, Junior, Intermediate and Senior as described under Individual Sweepstakes Points. Classes will be split after check-in and will be posted on Tues.

D) Rules

1. All contestants must pre-register by June 1 using the standard entry form. If not pre-registered, late entry will be accepted at check in for a fee of \$100 (fee is per exhibitor not per event).
2. Exhibitors must show their own animals who are entered in the show.
3. First round heats will be sorted by age and posted on Sunday afternoon. Secondary heats may be used at the judge's discretion. Ten finalists will compete for champion showman in each division.
4. No animals should be fitted. The ring will NOT be split for showmanship. Seniors will show first followed by intermediate, junior and novice. The top ten senior finalists will return 30 minutes after the conclusion of the novice, junior and intermediate divisions. Seniors will have 30 minutes to fit their own animals, which will be wet down before the contest. After fitting the animals, the contestants will show them.
5. Individuals who have won a division are no longer eligible to compete in that division. Past novice, junior and intermediate showmanship winners must advance to an older division.
6. Exhibitors must wear the official show shirt and official showmanship number during the contest.
7. Any substitution of deviation will be at the discretion of the NALJA board and its advisors.

Virtual Carcass Contest

A) Time: Tuesday, July 17, 30 minutes after the selection of the Champion Lim-Flex Female. All steers will be brought back to a central chute to be ultra-sounded.

B) Divisions: All Progress steers will compete in the same division

C) Rules:

1. All steers shown in the Progress Steer division are eligible to participate and they will be automatically

entered. Each exhibitor has the option to opt out of the contest.

2. Steers will be ultra-sounded and placed based on their calculated carcass value (\$/cwt) with total carcass value used to break ties. Grid is based off of the week's prior USDA market report.

Cow Camp

A) Time: Preliminaries - Monday, July 16, 2 p.m. Juniors, 4 p.m. Seniors

Finals - Thursday, July 19, 4 p.m.

B) Divisions: Junior (13 and under), Senior (14 and over)

C) Registration: A team consists of three or four individuals. Teams are registered by their state advisors at 12:00 pm Sunday, July 15.

D. Rules:

1. Only participation points will be awarded to participating teams
2. Juniors will have a chance to test their ability in a number of production areas. This may include The History of Limousin in North America – available from the NALF office for \$29.50, Beef Resource Handbook, Limousin World, www.nalf.org; current beef industry events, all participants should also be prepared to tie a rope halter and be prepared to answer production questions.
3. Stations will be set up with a time limit for each station. Each team will perform certain tasks at a station and be scored accordingly.
4. The top two teams in each division after the preliminary round will advance to the finals on Thursday, July 19, at 4 p.m.

Team Fitting

A) Time: Thursday, July 19 at 2 p.m.

B) Registration: Teams are registered by their state advisors at 12:00 pm Sunday, July 15.

D. Rules:

1. All contestants must be members of both NALJA and the state association they are representing
2. Teams will consist of four members with a least one member from each of the junior, intermediate and senior divisions as described in the Individual Sweepstakes Points. If a state has 21 or more junior members (based on the count of juniors checked in), NALJA will allow it two teams. NALJA will allow states with fewer than 21 juniors one team. If a state does not have enough members to make a team, it may form a team with another state's members if that state does not have a team in the contest already.
3. NALJA will allow substitutions among teams members as follows.
 - a) A junior team member may substitute for an intermediate or senior team member
 - b) An intermediate team member may substitute for a senior team member.
 - c) seniors may not substitute for another age division
4. A two or three person panel will judge the team fitting contest.
5. Each team must provide the following.
 - a) Its own animal for fitting. A heifer, bull, steer or cow may be used.
 - b) All supplies needed, including a chute, blower, clippers, adhesive, etc.
6. A contest official will spray each animal with water before the contest begins.
7. Each team will get 30 minutes to fit its animal. If the number of entries warrants it, there may be two heats so the judges have enough time to evaluate all of the teams thoroughly and fairly. In the case, they will select one overall winner from both heats.
8. When time has expired, one team member will parade the animal before the judges.
9. After the judging, the judges will make comments and announce the winner.

State Display Board

- A) Time:** Each state must deliver its entry to the check-in table by the end of check-in on Sunday, July 15. States without members attending the show may submit their entries to the NALF office no later than June 1. NALJA will display the boards throughout the NJLS&C.
- B) Divisions:** All states will compete in the same division.
- C) Rules:**
1. The tri-fold display must be 36 inches tall, have a 24 inch center and 12 inch flaps on each side.
 2. Each display should promote or highlight the state's junior association and programs. The display should fit the theme of the current NJLS&C, "Christmas in July" All materials must be attached to the board. The use of computer generated graphics will be allowed. The states name and contact representative must be printed on the back of the display.
 3. One entry per state.
 4. Displays become the property of NALJA. By entering, states agree that NALJA and NALF may use the display for any publication or promotion.
 5. The state display contest will count toward state sweepstakes points.

State Herdsmanship

- A) Time:** The herdsmananship judging begins Monday, July 16, at 8 a.m. and continues through noon Friday, July 20.
- B) Divisions:** After check-in, NALJA will assign the states to one of two categories (large or small) based on the number of cattle each state checks in.
- C) Rules:**
1. States will be judged throughout the aforementioned period.
 2. Judging for state herdsmananship will be based on the following criteria:
 - a) General neatness and tidiness each exhibitor's area within each state's area.
 - b) How well the state maintains its alley.
 - c) How well all exhibitors from a state maintain their cattle.
 - d) Creativity of aisle theme and décor.
 3. Any state that has a decoration display beyond standard cattle equipment occupying stall or aisle space will be disqualified.
 4. Any state that violates the official show rules or barn rules will be disqualified.
 5. Points will go to each division winner and will count toward the final point total for the state sweepstakes award.