



**North American  
South Devon Junior  
Association  
'NASDJA'  
Junior Handbook**

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## **NASDJA Preamble**

The North American South Devon Junior Association, herein after referred to as NASDJA, is the official youth organization of the North American South Devon Association, hereafter known as NASDA. NASDJA and its members will be subject to all rules and bylaws of the North American South Devon Association unless otherwise specified herein.

### **Article I: Name and Purpose**

Section 1: The North American South Devon Junior Association is an official entity of and shall operate within the scope of bylaws, rules, policies and regulations of the North American South Devon Association.

Section 2: The objectives and purposes of the NASDJA, shall be as follows:

- (a) Improve and promote the South Devon breed.
- (b) To improve and promote the capabilities of youth, both individually and through group participation, in breeding, raising, exhibiting and promoting the South Devon breed.
- (c) To provide a mechanism where the junior members may work congruently with the North American South Devon Association.
- (d) To acquaint junior members, with the structure and functions of NASDJA and NASDA.
- (e) To promote leadership, by encouraging high moral character, sportsmanship and clean living.
- (f) To assist state associations with their youth programs and activities.
- (g) Inform and promote all activities undertaken by either NASDJA or NASDA.

### **Article 2: Membership and Voting**

Section 1: Membership; active members shall be persons twenty-one (21) years of age or under as of January 1, of the membership year.

Section 2: Voting; voting rights in the organization shall be vested exclusively with active paid members.

Section 3: Divisions; The association members will be classified into the following Divisions:

- A. Pee-Wee: 7 years of age and under as of January 1.
- B. Junior: 8-12 years of age as of January 1.
- C. Intermediate: 13-16 years of age as of January 1.
- D. Senior: 17-21 years of age as of January 1.

### **Article 3: Board of Directors, Officers**

#### A. Requirements

Section 1: The affairs of this association shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Four directors. A quorum shall consist of five (5) members in attendance at any Directors meeting.

Section 2: Only paid-up, active or founding members, 14-years of age or older and in good standing with the association, may be Directors. Each director shall be limited to three (3) consecutive two (2) year terms and shall be eligible for re-election after a one (1) year absence.

Section 3: The term for an NASDJA board member is two years. However, should a director have his 22nd birthday after the conference, he/she must retire at the following conference, regardless of years left in his/her term.

Section 4: Replacements for resigned or deceased Directors will be appointed by the Board of Directors to serve until the next fiscal election.

Section 5: Any director missing (2) consecutive Board Meetings shall be deemed to have submitted his/her resignation, which shall be acted upon by the Board and which may either be accepted or rejected by the Board. Board members must physically attend at least one (1) Board meeting each year.

#### B. Elections

The nomination of active members for a position on the Board of Directors of NASDJA will take place as follows:

##### Section 1:

All candidates **MUST** submit a written application that is available from the NASDA Activities Director. Junior board applications will be collected in the NASDA office by June 1. Candidates for election must be nominated from the floor at the NASDJA General Membership meeting. The member nominated will be required to present a nomination speech to outline his/her qualifications for office.

##### A:

In the case an open position had no applicants or a lesser amount than stated there will be

a general election at the General Membership meeting. Here members meeting the requirement have the opportunity to be elected. Those that sent in applications will be unanimously voted into said position if no one else applied for the position.

Section 2:

On alternating years, a President, Vice President, Secretary and four directors will be elected. The directors shall elect from their own number a President, Vice President and Secretary. Directors will be elected by ballot, by the general membership of the NASDJA at the designated general membership meeting. In order to serve as the President, Vice President or Secretary, juniors must have served a two-year term as a director. If any director, currently serving a two-year term who would like to run for a higher office, must submit a written application. Should they be elected to a higher office, a special election for a one-year term will be performed as an acting board member to fulfill the obligations of the vacant two-year term.

Section 3:

Elected Officers shall serve for a two (2) year term with a limit of three (3) consecutive two (2) year terms.

Section 4:

The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to:

A. Assist with the affairs of the organization, including but not limited to, the right to submit for review items to the North American South Devon Association Junior Committee, amendments and/or changes to the constitution and junior handbook of the organization. Any changes will be voted on by the national committee members. The junior association president will hold a seat on the national junior committee. Junior board members and ambassadors will assist with the National South Devon Show and regional South Devon events. Not limited to: ring service line-up, placings, photos and assisting younger junior members. Other tasks may be determined at the show by a NASDA representative.

#### **Article 4: Meetings**

Section 1:

Membership Meetings; The annual meeting of the active association members shall be held at such a time and place as may be fixed by the Executive Board of the organization, for the purpose of electing Trustees to the Board and conducting other business, as may be brought before the meeting.

Section 2:

Standard parliamentary procedure as defined by *Robert's Rules of Order* shall be followed at all meetings of the association membership.

#### **Article 5: Place of Business**

Section 1:

The official place of business for this organization shall be the North American South Devon Association, Big Horn, Wyoming.

**Article 6: Livestock Shows**

Section 1:

The North American South Devon Association (NASDA) and the Junior Committee will plan, coordinate and approve Junior National locations and events.

A:

All financials will go through the NASDA

B:

The program should try to be self-funded without the use of NASDA registry funds.

Section 2:

Junior South Devon Exhibitors are encouraged to wear tucked-in, collared shirts while in the show ring at junior nationals, regional and state shows. Some shows do have a required dress code that must be worn in order to show, however at all other shows exhibitors should dress appropriately. Dark pants, a light-colored shirt and boots are suggested. T-shirts, shorts, athletic shoes, etc. are discouraged. Hats and caps should not be worn.

Section 3:

A. No animal shown may be transferred after the show or have a paper corrected after the show with a sale date prior to the show. Such a transfer or correction will cause the animal to be ineligible for competition for any (junior or open) association-sponsored show for one year.

B. Junior Nationals: Animals must be registered in the sole ownership of the junior exhibitor ten (10) days prior to the show, of the year of competition. No animal shown may be transferred after the show or have a paper corrected after the show with a sale date prior to the show. See Item A, Section 2. All bred-and-owned females and bulls must show the exhibitor, or if under 16 years of age, the exhibitor's family or ranch as owning the dam at the time of conception. The exhibitor or the exhibitor's family, or ranch name must be listed as the breeder on the registration paper. After the age of 16, the exhibitor must be listed as owning the entry's dam at time of conception.

Section 4:

Junior National, Regional and State Shows Purebred and Percentage (Poundmaker) cattle will show separately.

Purebred Division:

Only registered females with 75% or greater South Devon blood are eligible to show.

Pound Maker Division: Only registered females between 25% and 74.9% South Devon

blood are eligible to show.

Classes for Purebred and Pound Maker Divisions:

1. Junior Heifer Calf: After 3/1, of current year
2. Junior Heifer Calf: 2/1-2/28, of current year
3. Junior Heifer Calf: 1/1-1/31, of current year
4. Junior Champion Heifer Calf
5. Reserve Junior Champion Heifer Calf
6. Winter Heifer Calf: 11/1-12/31, of previous year
7. Senior Heifer Calf: 9/1-10/31, of previous year
8. Late Summer Yearling Female: 7/1-8/31 of previous year
9. Early Summer Yearling Female: 5/1-6/30 of previous year
10. Intermediate Champion Female
11. Reserve Intermediate Champion Female
12. Late Spring Yearling Female: 4/1-4/30, of previous year
13. Early Spring Yearling Female: 3/1-3/31, of previous year
14. Junior Yearling Female: 1/1-2/28, of previous year
15. Junior Champion Female
16. Reserve Junior Champion Female
17. Senior Yearling Female: between 9/1-12/31, two years previous
18. Senior Champion Female
19. Reserve Senior Champion Female
20. Cow/Calf Pairs: There is no age limitation on the cow. Calf must be under 250 days of age or younger and nursing.  
Purebred and Poundmaker Cow/Calf Pairs will show separately. The lowest percentage of the pair will determine the division the pair will be shown in. Purebred: 75% or greater. Percentage: 74.9% or less.
23. Champion Cow/Calf
24. Reserve Champion Cow/Calf
  
21. Grand Champion Female
22. Reserve Grand Champion Female

23. State Classes

1. Best Four Head

Bred and Owned Female Show: Females exhibited in the Bred and Owned class must show the exhibitor, or if under 16 years of age, the exhibitor's family or ranch as owning the dam at the time of conception. The exhibitor or the exhibitor's family, or ranch name must be listed as the breeder on the registration paper. After the age of 16, the exhibitor must be listed as owning the entry's dam at time of conception. Purebred and Poundmaker bred and owned females will show separately. The same classes will pertain to the Bred and owned division as previously listed.

Bred and Owned Bull Show:

Bulls exhibited in the Bred and Owned classes must show the exhibitor, or if under 16

years of age, the exhibitor's family as owning the dam at the time of conception. The exhibitor, or the exhibitor's family, or ranch name must be listed as the breeder on the registration paper. After the age of 16, the exhibitor must be listed as owning the entry's dam at the time of conception. Purebred and Poundmaker bred and owned bulls will show separately. Purebred Division: Only registered bulls with 87.5% or greater are eligible to show. Poundmaker Division: Only registered bulls between 25% and 84.9% South Devon blood are eligible to show. All bull calves born before January 1 of the current year must be shown with a nose lead. Bulls may only be shown in the Bred and Owned competition.

**Bull Show Classes:**

26. Junior Bull Calf: after 3/1 of current year
27. Junior Bull Calf: 1/1-2/28, of current year
28. Junior Champion Bull Calf
29. Reserve Junior Champion Bull Calf
30. Winter Bull Calf: 11/1-12/31, of previous year
31. Senior Bull Calf: 9/1-10/31, of previous year
32. Late Summer Yearling Bull: 7/1-8/31, of previous year
33. Spring Yearling Bull: 1/1-6/30, of previous year
33. Intermediate Champion Bull
34. Reserve Intermediate Champion Bull
35. Grand Champion Bull
36. Reserve Grand Champion Bull

**Article 7: National South Devon Ambassador Program**

**Section 1:**

Purpose; The National South Devon Ambassador Contest is to select an outstanding junior member to represent the South Devon Association in various public appearances.

**Section 2:**

Rules; The National South Devon Ambassador selection will be held during the annual Junior National.

A. Contestants entry forms must be submitted by June 11, to the standing committee of the National South Devon Junior Ambassador program.

B. Senior Candidates must be between the ages of sixteen (16) and nineteen (19) years of age by the day of the contest.

C. Junior Candidates will be between the ages of eleven (10) to fifteen (15).

D. Candidates will be required to talk on one of the following:

1. Promoting the South Devon breed.
2. Promoting more beef consumption.



3. Any subject related to the beef industry.

E. The contestants will meet with the Standing Committee and will be asked questions concerning:

1. Agriculture knowledge
2. Background
3. Expectations
4. South Devon knowledge

F. The Members that receive the title of National South Devon Ambassador, will serve a term of two (2) years and will never exceed three (3) consecutive terms in each division.

G: Ambassadors will be required to attend the National South Devon Show, the Junior National and one regional event during each year of service. Excused absences will be given when the ambassador writes a detailed letter to the junior board and NASDA junior committee explaining why they could not attend the events. It will be up to the discretion of the junior board and junior committee to excuse the absence or not.

H. When an ambassador attends a national show, it is expected of them to be present ringside whenever they are not showing. Here they are expected to hand out awards and assist where needed. Ambassadors will be required to be present in backdrop photos.

I. Failure to follow the stated guidelines in Section 2, Article G & H, will result in a warning to begin dismissal procedures by a member of the NASDA Junior Committee:

1. First offense will result in a verbal warning.
2. Second offense will result in a verbal and written warning.
3. Third offense will result in dismissal.

## **Article 8: Amendments**

Section 1:

The Constitution of NASDJA may be amended by the North American South Devon Association Junior Committee.

Section 2:

Proposed amendments to the constitution may be brought to the committee by the NASDJA Junior Board of Directors.

## **Article 9: NASDJA 'JUNIOR NATIONAL'**

*(Competitions may vary from year-to-year. The host state and NASDA junior committee can add competitions and activities as approved.)*

## **Sponsorship & Eligibility**

1. This show is sponsored by the North American South Devon Junior Association (NASDJA) and the North American South Devon Association (NASDA). The show is

open to all NASDJA members. Members who turned 22-years-old before January 1, of the year of competition are not eligible.

2. Animals must be registered in the sole ownership of the junior exhibitor 10 days prior to the show, of the year of competition to be eligible to show.
3. Current original registration certificates or copies for each animal must be presented at the time of check-in. Tattoos found to be missing, illegible, or in any way incorrect with official NASDA records will be disqualified.
4. Entries must meet host state health regulations and present interstate health papers at time of check-in.
5. Entry fees are \$40 per head. Entries must be postmarked on or before the date specified by the host committee and/or the junior committee, of the year of competition. The deadline for late entries will also be specified and an increased fee of \$50 per head will apply. Entry fee is \$40, for juniors who do not exhibit cattle, but will be participating in other competitions and activities.
6. Cattle check-in time will be scheduled by the host committee.
7. Stalls will be assigned to exhibitors according to state. No Fan Cages and No Aisle Fans: An aisle fan is defined as an individual, movable fan placed in the aisle or behind a fitting chute.
8. To maintain a high degree of confidence in the show, the NASDJA reserves the right to disqualify any animals that have been fit or treated in an unethical manner. Unethical fitting includes any injection of gas, solid or liquid under the skin to alter the normal conformation of the animal. This includes any cutting or tearing of the hide, or underneath the hide, or removal of any tissue in an attempt to alter the shape of the animal. Any attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development, dying or coloring of the hair coat that alters the natural coloration or artificial tail or tail head polls will disqualify the animal. Any attempt to change the degree of firmness of any animal is considered unethical. Artificial means that the filling of cattle internally is prohibited.
9. Bedding in the barn and tie-outs will be designated by the host committee.
10. Exhibitors must be present to exhibit their own animals entered in the show; emergencies will be decided on by the NASDJA Board of Directors.
11. All members of the NASDJA in attendance at the Junior Nationals are expected to conduct themselves in a manner becoming an NASDJA member and abide by the on-site directives of the host state. Violations of these standards include, but are not limited to: misrepresentation of animals, vandalism, theft, fighting, unsportsmanlike conduct, failure to comply with the directives of officials, being under the influence of intoxicating or prohibited substances, or willful violation of rules. Failure to adhere to the above regulations may lead to disciplinary actions, which may include expulsion from the event at the discretion of the NASDJA/NASDA staff and/or a disciplinary committee.
12. Classes and division will be broken as proportionately to age and class size as possible, and will be guided by the class break allowances specified in the NASDJA Constitution and Bylaws. Class breaks will be posted at least one day prior to the day of the show and are at the discretion of the NASDA staff.
13. Grievances must be filed with the NASDJA Junior Advisory Board, which consists of the members of the NASDA Junior Committee **24 hours before the show**. No grievances will be reviewed the day of the show, from a parent or junior exhibitor. In any disputes,

the decision of the North American South Devon Association Representative and/or the NASDJA Junior Advisory Board will stand.

14. Disclaimer: The North American South Devon Association or anyone else involved with the show will not be responsible for any loss or injury to livestock, feed or persons.
15. Contests and events will be pre-registered with cattle entries prior to the show.
16. Juniors must be a member in good standing and current on their yearly dues to participate in any NASDJA sponsored event. Yearly junior dues are \$20.

### **Dress Code**

All juniors will be required to dress appropriately.

### **NASDJA Junior National Show (See Article 6 for a breakdown of classes)**

The NASDJA Junior National Female Show will be divided into South Devon Heifers, South Devon Poundmaker Heifers, Bred-and-Owned Heifers and Bred-and-Owned Poundmaker Heifers and Cow/Calf. The judge will select a champion and reserve champion from each group. Purebred and Poundmaker animals will show separately.

**South Devon Heifer Show:** Heifers exhibited in the South Devon Heifer Show must be a registered female with 75% or greater South Devon blood to be eligible. No heifers older than a Senior Yearling are eligible to show in this division.

**South Devon Poundmaker Heifer Show:** Heifers exhibited in the South Devon Poundmaker Heifer Show must be a registered percentage female between 25% and 74.9%. No heifers older than a Senior Yearling are eligible to show in this division.

**South Devon Bred-and-Owned Heifer Show:** Heifers exhibited in the Bred-and-Owned class must show the exhibitor, or if under 16 years of age, the exhibitor's family as owning the dam at the time of conception. The exhibitor, or the exhibitor's family, or ranch name must be listed as the breeder on the registration paper. After the age of 16, the exhibitor must be listed as owning the entry's dam at the time of conception. The purebred and Poundmaker bred and owned females will show separately.

**Poundmaker Bred-and-Owned Heifer Show:** Heifers exhibited in the Poundmaker Bred-and-Owned class must show the exhibitor, or if under 16 years of age, the exhibitor's family as owning the dam at the time of conception. The exhibitor, or the exhibitor's family, or ranch name must be listed as the breeder on the registration paper. After the age of 16, the exhibitor must be listed as owning the entry's dam at the time of conception.

**Cow/Calf:** There is no age limitation on the cow. Cows must be lactating with their natural born calf at side that is over 60 days and under 250 days old. Heifer calves may enter individual heifer classes and Bred and Owned divisions. Bull calves may be entered in the Bred and Owned Bull Division.

**Steers:** The NASDJA Steer Show will be divided into two divisions, Poundmaker and purebred steers. Purebred steers must be 75% or greater and Poundmaker steers must be from 25% to

74.9% South Devon. Registration papers are required. There will be two classifications in each of the two divisions: Prospect Division – steers weighing 1,050 lbs. or less; Market division – steers weighing 1,051 lbs. or more. Classes will be broken by weight.

**Bred-and-Owned Bull Show:** Bulls exhibited in the Bred-and-Owned show must show the exhibitor, or if under 16 years of age, the exhibitor's family as owning the dam at the time of conception. The exhibitor, or the exhibitor's family, or ranch name must be listed as the breeder on the registration paper. After the age of 16, the exhibitor must be listed as owning the entry's dam at the time of conception. See Article VI for a breakdown of classes.

### **Premier Breeder & Premier Exhibitor**

The NASDJA will present an award to the premier exhibitor and premier breeder of the show. The premier exhibitor will be determined by the exhibitor's placement in individual heifer, cow/calf, steer, and bull classes. Placements will also be used to determine the premier breeder award. Points are accumulated as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place – 3 pts.; 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 2 pts.; 3<sup>rd</sup> place – 1 pt. Maximum number of placements used to determine the winner shall be limited to three. In the case of a tie, additional placements will be used.

### **Showmanship Contest**

1. Any individual in attendance at the NASDJA Junior National is eligible provided he or she is a member of the NASDJA and complies with the age eligibility for the NASDJA Junior Nationals.
2. Bulls cannot be shown in any showmanship classes.
3. Contestants do not have to show their own animal, but the animal exhibited in the showmanship contest has to be entered in the NASDJA Junior National.
4. Contestants will compete in five divisions: Little Beefers, Pee-Wee, Junior, Intermediate and Senior.
  - Little Beefers: 4 years of age and under as of January 1
  - Pee-Wee: 5-7 years of age and under as of January 1
  - Junior: 8-12 years of age as of January 1
  - Intermediate: 13-16 years of age as of January 1
  - Senior: 17-21 years of age as of January 1
5. All contestants must pre-register at the designated contest sign-in.
6. Contestants will be judged primarily on their own appearance (neatness) and showmanship ability.
7. All Little Beefer exhibitors must have a mentor to help them in the showing, Little Beefers must show a calf from 60-250 days of age, or an older animal if the docility of the animal is approved by a NASDJA junior committee member.

### **Quiz Bowl Competition**

1. The primary objective of the Quiz Bowl is to provide the opportunity for National Junior South Devon Association members to demonstrate their knowledge of South Devon beef cattle and the purebred cattle industry.
2. Contestants will compete in four divisions: Pee-Wee, Junior, Intermediate and Senior.
  - Pee-Wee: 7 years of age and under as of January 1

- Junior: 8-12 years of age as of January 1
  - Intermediate: 13-16 years of age as of January 1
  - Senior: 17-21 years of age as of January 1
3. Contestants will be divided into preliminary rounds depending on the number of individuals in each age category. In each round, the contestant will draw a number to correspond with a question. Each round will have the same questions for all competing individuals.
  4. The first round will consist of one, 10 question round. The top two from each match will proceed to the next round.
  5. Contestants will have 10 seconds to answer each question.
  6. In the case of a tie, three additional questions will be asked.
  7. Each question is worth 1 point.
  8. There will be two officials who will determine the accuracy of the answers.
  9. Members of the NASDA board will help with scoring, moderating and overseeing the contest.

## **Marketing Contest**

1. The main objective of the Marketing contest is to encourage participation while promoting the importance of communication skills, marketing technique and an understanding of performance and pedigree information.
2. Any individual in attendance at the NASDJA Junior National is eligible provided he or she is a member of the NASDJA and complies with the age eligibility for the NASDJA Junior Nationals.
3. There will be four divisions:  
Pee Wee: 7 and Under; Junior (8-12); Intermediate (13-16) and Senior (17-21).
4. An individual may choose to market a heifer, a bull or cow/calf pair. If using a cow/calf pair, both the cow and calf must be marketed. The objective will be to convince the judge that they should purchase the animal. Three topics should be discussed if using an animal: (a) pedigree information, (b) performance information, (c) visual characteristics. Other information may also be given. Entries must be clean before entering the arena. Only the animal being marketed may be brought in front to the judge(s). Other animals may not be used as visual aids. However other visual aids may be used.
5. If you do not use an animal your presentation must be the same length and communicate a marketing concept to the judge(s). Visual aids may be used.
6. Presentations will be from 3-6 minutes long.
7. The order of presentation will be determined by a drawing after pre-registration and will be posted prior to the contest.
8. Points will be awarded as follows:
  - Knowledge – 25 points
  - Ability to communicate – 25 points
  - Organization – 25 points
  - Overall effect – 25 points (Salesmanship, Creativity/Originality, Believability)
  - Ten points will be subtracted from the total if judges detect the use of notes. Five points will be subtracted if registration certificates are not submitted. Two points will be subtracted for each minute a presentation goes over six minutes.

9. Judging will be by a two-member panel of judges based on 100 points maximum from each judge. Each judge will then rank the individual based on points allocated. Judges will determine the final placing.

### **Photography Contest**

All participants must be members of the North American South Devon Junior Association. There will be four age divisions: Pee Wee (7 years of age and under as of Jan. 1), Junior (8-12 years of age as of Jan. 1), Intermediate (13-16 years of age as of Jan. 1) and Senior (17-21 years of age as of Jan. 1).

Entries are due by 12:00 noon at time of check-in.

1. The contest will select the best picture in three separate categories:
  - Candid
  - Scenic Pasture/Views
  - Cattle/South Devon
2. Photography should concentrate on all aspects of good composition and quality photography.
3. Judging criteria will consist of:

Quality of image: (Focus, light and balance, etc.)	20 pts.
Well-positioned and center of interest:	5 pts.
Good angle/viewpoint:	5 pts.
Captures moment well:	5 pts.
Originality/creativity:	5 pts.
Overall appeal:	10 pts.
Total of 50 points	

-All entries should be 8 x 10 color photos and may include mattes. No glass framing permitted.

-Captions are not necessary on the pictures.

-Exhibitors are allowed to enter as many as two photos in each category in this contest.

-A statement of originality will accompany the entry upon check-in.

-All entries subject to use in future South Devon publications.

-Duplication of entries in subsequent years is not permitted.

### **Impromptu Speech Contest**

All participants must be members of the North American South Devon Junior Association. There will be four age divisions: Pee Wee (7 years of age and under as of Jan. 1), Junior (8-12 years of age as of Jan. 1), Intermediate (13-16 years of age as of Jan. 1) and Senior (17-21 years of age as of Jan. 1).

Each contestant will draw a topic in their age division and present a 2-3 minute speech to a judge. Judges will end the speech after the allotted time limit. Contestants will be given five minutes to prepare. Contestants will draw numbers in each age division to determine the order of

presentation.

Judging Criteria:

- Knowledge of subject.
- Clarity of speech.
- Quality of presentation.

### **Prepared Speech Contest**

1. Contestant can prepare a speech on any topic relative to the beef cattle industry.
2. Contestants may not use any costumes, posters, visual aids, or props for their presentations.
3. Contestants are not allowed to present any items to the judges.
4. Each speech will be timed and must be between 6-8 minutes in duration. Two points will be deducted for each 30 seconds over or under the time limit.
5. Contestants may use notes. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant. This will be at the discretion of the judges
6. A public address system will not be used or allowed, but a podium will be provided.
7. Contestant order will be determined by a random drawing and announced at the exhibitors meeting.
8. The contestants and audience will be present for speeches.
9. Ties will be broken by the judges.
10. The contestant must have a written speech to turn into the judge prior to the contest. The contestant's speech doesn't have to be word for word what is written on the paper but must follow the same flow.
11. Contestants will compete in four divisions: Peewee, Junior, Intermediate and Senior.

-Peewee: 7 years of age and under as of January 1

-Junior: 8-12 years of age as of January 1

-Intermediate: 13-16 years of age as of January 1

-Senior: 17-21 years of age as of January 1

### **Promotional Poster Contest**

1. Entries in this contest should serve as a promotional tool for the given topic. 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.
2. Judging criteria will consist of: Neatness of construction, providing a clear message, clever verbiage, wise use of poster space, eye-catching appeal, originality/creativity, promotion of the appropriate topic, majority of work done by individual, overall effectiveness.
3. All entries must be created on a material light enough for hanging. Posters may be computer-generated. Size: Minimum 8" x 10", Maximum 22" x 28".
4. Exhibitors are allowed to enter as many as three posters in this contest.
5. Juniors can choose from the following topics:
  - Promote the South Devon breed.

- Promote participation in 'Junior National' and junior activities.
- Promote the use of a product in beef cattle production.
- Promote a farm or ranch program.
- Promote a sale or agricultural event.

### **Additional Contests**

Additional contests and events may be recommended by the host committee to the NASDA Junior Committee. The NASDA Junior Committee has the discretion and authority to add or eliminate additional contests prior to the event.

### **Heartland Challenge**

The NASDJA Heartland Challenge award promotes individual contest participation. One award will be awarded to the individual with the highest overall score regardless of age. Participants must compete in at least three of the following contests: Marketing, Quiz Bowl, Photo, Speech and Showmanship.

Contestants competing in at least three of the qualifying contests are automatically in contention for the award. In each contest, participants will be ranked through top 3 placings for each age division.

Points will be distributed by the following system 1st-30; 2nd-20; 3rd-10

### **Golden Pitchfork Award**

The Golden Pitchfork award was developed to encourage junior exhibitors to work together in the display of their cattle, as well as to create state pride during the NASDJA Junior National. The award is presented to a state association that displays a combination of cleanliness, uniformity in stalling (such as exhibitor cards, panels, etc.) and additional decoration of the area representing the state. The winning state will receive a cash award and the traveling golden pitchfork to be displayed at the next year's NASDJA Junior National. Cash awards will also be presented to second and third place states.

Evaluation - A panel of judges including one individual from the NASDA Junior Committee, one from the host state and one adult from a past winning state will evaluate the stalls daily throughout the Junior National based upon the point system listed. The point system is:

- Cleanliness/Neatness – 45
- Uniformity of Stalls – 35
- Storage of Feed & Equipment – 10
- Decorations (extra effort) 10
- Total Points 100

The top three states will be announced during the show. Cash awards are: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$50, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$25.

### **Outstanding Junior Herdsman Award**



This award is presented annually to one exhibitor during the NASDJA Junior Nationals.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

All Junior National exhibitors are eligible to receive the award.

An individual may receive the award once.

***Selection:***

A nomination committee will observe exhibitors throughout the Junior National and nominate three individuals. The nomination committee will consist of one member of the NASDA Junior Committee, one member from the Host Committee and one past Outstanding Junior Herdsman Award winner. If one past winner is not in attendance an additional NASDA Junior Committee member will be selected. Each of the three nominated individuals will receive 10 points. In addition, the following point system will be used to determine the Outstanding Junior Herdsman:  
Exhibit one or more animals: 10 points

If contestants place in the top two of any of the listed contests including showmanship, marketing, quiz bowl, photo contest, speech contest or any other sponsored competition they will receive points for the following: 1st place: 10 points; 2nd place: 9 points.

In selection, emphasis is placed on the exhibitor's sportsmanship, presentation of show entries, work habits, honesty and knowledge of the South Devon industry.

**AGREEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY**

It is clearly understood and agreed that the North American South Devon Association and its officials, officers, directors, employees and agents (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Association") shall not be responsible for any damage, loss or injury to any person or property which is caused directly or indirectly for any reason.

The exhibitor, owner, their agents and/or representatives, (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Participants"), agree to indemnify and hold the Association harmless for any damage, injury or loss suffered during or in connection with the NASDJA Junior National. In the event the Association is subject to any expense or liability, including, but not limited to consultant fees, legal or court costs, the Association management labor and expenses, expenses and/or costs for blood, tissue, urine, hide and/or carcass sampling and testing incurred as a result of the Association's rules and regulations violations and all agreements there under, including, but not limited to unethical fitting, filling, meat tampering, illegal or non-approved use of drugs, medication and/or prohibited substance(s) as a result of participants involvement in the NASDJA Junior National, participant shall indemnify and hold harmless the Association for all damage, expenses and liabilities incurred as a result thereof. Participant may also be subject to criminal charges.

The participant will have full control, custody, care and feeding of any animal(s) and/or personal property, which are brought on or about the premises of the NASDJA Junior National. It is clearly understood and agreed between the parties that, as a material condition to any participant entering or showing at the national, regional and NASDJA Junior National. The Association will at no time have control, custody or care of any animal(s) and/or personal property, which are

brought on or about the NASDJA Junior National show site. For the overall working of the show, the participant will maintain control, custody, care and feeding for any and all animals and/or personal property in accordance with the rules and regulations of the NASDJA Junior National, and in no way will the Association be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur or be caused by any animal or personal property.

By submitting an application for entry, participants agree to comply with all the rules and regulations governing the NASDJA Junior National as published in the rules governed under the North American South Devon Association rules. Further, these provisions include total ownership of the entry for the prescribed number of days, continuous possession and care and provisions against unethical fitting, filling, and/or alteration of conformation and color of animal(s), meat tampering and illegal or non-approved use of drugs, medication and/or prohibited substance.

All animals competing in the NASDJA Junior National need to be broke and controllable by the junior member. The NASDA show and sale committee reserves the right to disqualify from the NASDJA Junior National any animals determined to be unruly and cause a threat to the safety of any participants. All decisions by the NASDA show and sale committee will be final.

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