

## NEBRASKA JUNIOR ANGUS ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

### Article I: NAME

Section 1: This Association shall be known as the Nebraska Junior Angus Association (NeJAA).

### Article II: PURPOSE and AIMS

Section 1: The Nebraska Junior Angus Association (NeJAA) is to provide an effective organization whereby Nebraska Junior Angus Breeders and Feeders can join together for their mutual assistance and Angus promotion.

Section 2: Promote a comprehensive Angus program to benefit its members and contribute to the popularity of Angus cattle.

Section 3: Cooperate with existing animal industry agencies as well as local, state and national Angus associations.

Section 4: Cultivate leadership through the promotion and activities associated with Angus.

### Article III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Any Nebraska boy or girl between the ages of 8-21 as of January 1 of the current year and must be a member of the NeJAA through a lifetime membership of \$10; \$2 if in the last year of membership. Junior membership shall be issued only to an individual and shall expire upon attainment of age 21. Participation is acceptable through the calendar year of the individual's 21st birthday.

### Article IV: OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, and ADVISORS:

Section 1: The officers of the Association shall consist of President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, Historian, three ~~four~~ directors, which include two membership directors and one ~~two~~ communications directors, and three advisors.

Section 2: Automatic removal from office will be mandatory in the following case, moving outside of Nebraska. In such a case the chairman will make appointments to fill vacancies with the approval of the board.

Section 3: Term of office shall be ~~no more than two consecutive years~~ one year except the Secretary/Treasurer position which will be an automatic 2-year term. Offices cannot be held by the same person more than two consecutive terms. Secretary/Treasurer can only be held one term which consists of two years.

Section 4: If you are elected to an office, you are required to attend at least 3/4's ~~two-thirds~~ of the NeJAA meetings including executive meetings. If an officer does not attend the required number of meetings, they are ineligible to run for an officer position the following year. Excused absences are at the discretion of the executive board and advisors.

### Article V: DUTIES OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, and ADVISORS

Section 1: President - Call and arrange all meetings and sessions. Preside and conduct business in the accepted manner. Appoint all committees.

Section 2: First Vice-President - Shall discharge all the responsibilities of the President in the absence of the President. It shall be the duty of the First Vice-President to keep in touch with all committees and their progress.

Section 3: Second Vice-President - Shall act in absence of First Vice-President and assist both President and First Vice-President. In addition, help with fundraising activities.

Section 4: Secretary/Treasurer - Record all business. Accept the responsibility of publicity chairman. Give notice of all meetings, special or regular, five days before regular meetings and ten days before special meetings. Keep and report an accurate account of all monies of the NeJAA.

Section 5: Directors - To give full cooperation and council to the affairs of NeJAA. The two membership directors shall assist with membership recruitment and show committees. The ~~two~~ communications directors shall assist with publicity including social media.

Section 6: Historian - Maintain a history of events and activities of the NeJAA, which will include compiling a scrapbook for the national competition. In addition, publicize events of the NeJAA through social media.

Section 7: Advisors - Will guide junior officers, directors, and members and offer assistance with junior activities while allowing decisions to be made by the membership and officers. Senior advisors in their 3rd year of advising are responsible for sharing all information from the National Junior Angus Association to the other advisors.

Section 8: All officers and directors will be responsible for organizing and running all NeJAA shows.

### Article VI: ELECTION OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND ADVISORS

Section 1: The officers and directors of the NeJAA shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting held at the State Junior Angus Show. The candidates must fill out an application and submit it by the date requested for the positions they would like to hold. No nominations will be taken from the floor. The Senior advisors are

responsible for the election process. ~~New officers will begin their duties at the conclusion of the National Junior Angus Show. A term is August 1 - July 31 of the following year.~~

Section 2: The advisors will be elected for a term of three (3) years, with one (1) new advisor/advisor couple elected per year. Nominations will be taken from the floor and will be voted on by the junior members at the State Junior Angus Show. New advisors will begin their duties at the conclusion of the National Junior Angus Show.

#### Article VII: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Section 1: The executive committee shall be composed of all officers and directors. The advisors shall supervise the executive committee.

#### Article VIII: NATIONAL SHOWMANSHIP

Section 1: Two contestants will be selected to represent Nebraska at the National Junior Angus Show from a special class at the State Junior Angus Show. In order to represent Nebraska at the National Showmanship contest the exhibitor must be a Junior or Life Member of the Nebraska and American Angus Association, and an active member of the Nebraska Junior Angus Association (active member being defined as having participated in state, regional, or national Angus shows/activities in one of the past two years, current year excluded). Contestants by entering agree to abide by the Nebraska Junior Angus Association and National Junior Angus Association rules. The showmanship contest for nationals will be ran by the National Junior Angus Association Showmanship Contest rules.

#### Article IX: NATIONAL JUNIOR ANGUS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: Candidates for election to the National Junior Angus Association Board of Directors shall be elected by the membership at a meeting specified and published.

#### Article X: DELEGATES

Section 1: The delegates for the National Junior Angus Meeting will be elected by ballot at the State Angus show. Interested juniors must submit an application and submit it by the date requested. ~~A junior member can only be a delegate every other year.~~

#### Article XI: EXPENSES

Section 1: ~~The NeJAA will cover up to \$300 for scrapbook expenses for the national competition. If that amount is exceeded, receipts must be turned into advisors for potential reimbursement.~~

Section 21: ~~The NeJAA will cover the costs up to \$500 of the state display at the #National Junior Angus Show and at the discretion of the advisors and executive committee.~~

#### Article XII: QUOROM

Section 1: A quorum of the NeJAA for all meetings shall be ten (10) members.

#### Article XIII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: The foregoing by-laws or any part of them, or any amendment thereto, may be modified or annulled at any of the regularly scheduled meetings by a two-thirds vote of the members present. All by-law changes must be presented in written form to the membership prior to voting. This may be done at the annual meeting or by mail prior to voting.

## Member Code of Conduct

Your participation in the Nebraska Junior Angus Association (NeJAA) carries the responsibility of exhibiting behaviors that reflect the positive traits of respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship that the Nebraska Angus Association expects from its juniors. Your contribution to the Junior Angus Association is as important as what you receive from it. The following guidelines may be exhaustive or exclusive. In the spirit of these guidelines, you are expected to promote the Angus Breed and the Nebraska Junior Angus Association and exhibit good character at all times.

As a NeJAA Member I will:

1. Treat all people and property with respect, courtesy, consideration and compassion. Avoid put-downs, insults, name calling, swearing and other language or nonverbal conduct likely to offend, hurt or set a bad example.
2. Use good manners, dress appropriately for the occasion and not wear clothing that may be offensive and disrespectful to others.
3. Practice fair-mindedness by being open to ideas, suggestions and opinions of others.
4. Obey laws and rules as an obligation of being a good citizen. I accept responsibility for the proper treatment and care for other youth and adults, animals, the environment, the program facilities and/or equipment.
5. Not possess or use: tobacco products, alcoholic beverages if under the legal age of 21, controlled, non-prescription mood-altering substances, lighters/matches, fireworks, or firearms during an Angus event. I agree to follow the Nebraska Junior Angus Association guidelines.

**I understand that if I do not follow the above code of conduct I may expect:**

1. To explain my actions to the Advisors and Junior Board.
2. A letter describing the infraction and/or inappropriate behavior may be sent to my parent/guardian and/or Nebraska State Angus Association, National Angus Association.
3. To be dismissed from the event and sent home early at parent/guardian expense, entry fees will not be refunded.
4. If applicable, further disciplinary action as determined by the Advisors or Junior Board, which may include becoming ineligible to participate in future state or National Angus events or activities.
5. To reimburse the proper entity for any property damage or for liability resulting from inappropriate actions. In the case of vandalism, I may be required to reimburse NeJAA or the facility for expenses and/or any additional clean-up fees.

**Your Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

## NEBRASKA JUNIOR ANGUS ASSOCIATION SHOW RULES

### A. ELIGIBILITY OF EXHIBITORS AND ENTRIES:

1. Exhibitors must be members of the NeJAA, and must be between the ages of 8-21 as of January 1 of the current year. Junior membership shall be issued only to an individual and shall expire upon attainment of age 21. Participation is acceptable through the calendar year of the individual's 21st birthday.
2. Animals must be registered in the name of the exhibitor.
3. Eligibility of entries will be determined by age and the National Junior Angus Association show classification.
4. Exhibitors in the bred-and-owned categories must be the breeder and first and continuous owner of the animal entered.
5. Exhibitors may show up to four entries in the owned heifer category and up to four entries in the steer category. They may also show as many bred-and-owned bulls, bred-and-owned heifers, and cow-calf pairs as they wish.
6. ~~Original registration certificates must be presented at check-in. Must present original certificate or electronic registration at check-in.~~ All tattoos must be legible.
7. The show will be blow and go.
8. The ownership deadline for the State Angus Show shall coincide with the National Junior Angus Show.

### B. CLASSES

1. The classes will be the same as recommended by the National Junior Angus Association. There will be classes for bred-and-owned heifers, bred-and-owned bulls, owned heifers, **phenotype/genotype heifers**, registered steers, bred and owned registered steers, cow/calf pairs, bred and owned cow/calf pairs, and predominately black hided crossbred steers and heifers. There must be at least 5 or more head to have a separate bred and owned division.
2. There will be an additional class for best pair of heifers.
3. There will be a Supreme Champion selected from the Champion Owned and Bred-and-Owned Heifers, Cow-Calf Pairs, and Bulls.

### C. SHOWMANSHIP

1. Showmanship classes will be divided according to age as of January 1, of the current year following the National Junior Angus Association's age divisions for contests. The Junior Division - 13 and under, Intermediate Division - 14-17, and Senior Division -18 thru age 21. To be eligible for showmanship contest, participants must be exhibiting an animal at the show.
2. Two contestants will be selected to represent Nebraska at the National Junior Angus Show from a special class at the State Junior Angus show. In order to represent Nebraska at the National Showmanship contest the exhibitor must be a Junior or Life Member of the Nebraska and American Angus Association, an active member of the Nebraska Junior Angus Association (active member being defined as having participated in state, regional, or national Angus shows/activities in one of the past two years, current year excluded). Contestants by entering agree to abide by the Nebraska Junior Angus Association and National Junior Angus Association rules. The showmanship contest for nationals will be ran by the National Junior Angus Association Showmanship Contest rules.

### D. ENTRY FEES

1. The entry fees will be determined by the show committee for that year's show and the exhibitor must be a current member of the NeJAA.

### E. NEBRASKA JUNIOR ANGUS ASSOCIATION STATE SHOW PREMIER EXHIBITOR AWARD POINT SYSTEM (For Registered Angus Classes Only)

~~Grand Champion Animal 10 points~~

~~Reserve Champion Animal 8 points~~

~~Champion Showman 8 7 points~~

~~Reserve Champion Showman 7 6 points~~

~~1st Place in Class 7 points~~

~~2nd Place in Class 6 points~~

~~3rd Place in Class 5 points~~

~~4th Place in Class 4 points~~

~~5th Place in Class 3 points~~

~~Exhibitor Award 1 point~~

Class Winners

1st – 3 points

2nd – 2 points

3rd – 1 point

Division Winners Champion – 5 points

Reserve Champion – 4 points

Overall Winners Champion – 7 points

Reserve Champion – 6 points

In the event of a tie, Overall Grand/Reserve Champions will always take precedence over division champions, regardless of the number of division/reserve division champions another exhibitor has.