

OFFICIAL LJLA HANDBOOK

SECTION A

Show Rules and Regulations for all Divisions

101. Effective Date and Repeal. The rules and regulations become effective with the first sanctioned show of the current point year. All previous rules are hereby repealed, except that the status of all previous records made under previous rules shall remain unchanged. Rules as printed in the *Official LJLA Handbook* shall be used at all LJLA sanctioned shows unless otherwise approved by the LJLA.

102. Animal Welfare. Every animal exhibited at a LJLA sanctioned show shall, at all times, be treated humanely and with dignity, respect, and compassion. The standard by which conduct or treatment shall be measured is that a reasonable person informed and experienced in generally accepted livestock exhibition training procedures or veterinary standards, would determine to be cruel, abusive, or inhumane.

103. Awards Year. The Awards Year begins on January 1, 2010 and ends on December 15, 2010.

104. Membership Requirements

(a) LJLA Disclaimer of Responsibility for Safety of Show Participants

(1) Show management is responsible for the condition of show premises, including the arena and stalling areas, the conduct and competence of show employees, and other representatives; implementation of show activities and events; and other aspects of this show.

(2) LJLA does not assume or accept duty or responsibility for safety at a sanctioned show in regard to participants or any other third parties, or for the livestock or other property thereof.

(3) As an express condition of the privilege to participate at LJLA sanctioned shows or events, each member of the LJLA, their families, fitters, third parties, and all participants assume the risks of participation, and release and discharge the LJLA, its officers, directors, representatives, and employees from any and all liability, whenever or however arising, as to personal injury or property damage occurring as a result of participation in an event conducted by the sanctioned show on the show grounds thereof.

(b) LJLA Disclaimer of Responsibility for Actions Taken by the Executive Committee.

(1) As an express condition of the privilege to participate at LJLA sanctioned shows or events, each member of the LJLA, their families and associates, (as defined in Section 108 Code of Conduct) agree to hold harmless the LJLA, its officers, directors, employees from and against all claims, losses, demands, obligations, causes of action and law suits and all damages (including punitive and exemplary damages), liabilities (including strict liability), fines, penalties, judgments, costs (including settlement cost), and expenses associated therewith (including the payment of reasonable attorneys fees and disbursements) (hereafter electively called Damages) to the extent that damages arise out of (1) the failure of the member or his family or associates to comply with the terms and conditions of this *Handbook of Rules and Regulations* (2) action taken by the LJLA, its officers, directors or employees involving the member or his or her family or associates (3) actions taken by the management of a sanctioned show toward the member or his or her family or associates.

(c) Age Divisions: Age divisions are used in the Showmanship of LJLA competition including, but not limited to, the Official Showmanship Divisions of competition.

(1) The age of the member must be true and correct in every respect. A

member is eligible for participation as a member of the *Junior Division* when he or she is *8 to 11 years of age on or before January 1, 2010*.

(2) A member is eligible for participation as a member of the *Intermediate Division* when he or she is *12 to 14 years of age on or before January 1, 2010*.

(3) A member is eligible for participation as a member of the *Senior Division* when he or she is *15 years of age as of January 1, 2010 through the year that the member graduates from high school*. Graduating seniors are allowed to accumulate points at LJLA sanctioned shows through the Louisiana State Fair following their graduation from high school in May or June.

(4) It is the responsibility of the member to make sure that they enter the right age division. Points earned in an inappropriate age division will be disqualified.

(d) Categories of Membership. Membership shall be of two (2) categories: Active Memberships for junior livestock exhibitors wishing to participate at LJLA sanctioned shows and events; Associate Memberships for livestock enthusiasts such as parents who wish to enjoy all the benefits of membership except actual exhibition.

(e) Membership Fees. A membership fee of sixty dollars (\$55.00) shall be paid for each Active Membership in each division of LJLA competition (LJLA Steer, LJLA Heifer, and LJLA Bull). Membership fees are due and payable on or before January 1st of each year and shall be considered delinquent if not paid before that date. Members wishing to join more than one division of LJLA competition may take advantage of a discount offered for multiple memberships or to families with more than one child as members of the association. Notice to the members of membership renewal fees shall be sent to members at their last known address not less than thirty (30) days prior to the end of the LJLA year.

(f) Membership Year. The LJLA membership year for 2010 shall begin on January 1, 2010 and end on December 15, 2010.

(g) Deadline for Purchasing Membership for 2010 Awards Year. An Active membership cannot be purchased after November 1, 2010, for the 2010 membership year.

(h) Membership Requirements to Receive Points. In order to be eligible to receive points to apply to the yearly standings in any division of LJLA competition, an exhibitor must be a paid up, active member of the LJLA prior to the show where which he or she is exhibiting. If membership dues are paid prior to the beginning of a given show, a member may receive points awarded at that show. Example: An exhibitor who participates at the Louisiana Junior Spring Show will not receive points unless their membership is paid prior to the contest in which they are participating at Baton Rouge. Points are awarded only after receiving membership dues to the LJLA. Members will not accumulate prior points at shows held during the LJLA year when they were not active members.

(i) Delinquent Membership. When an active membership becomes delinquent, the membership may be reinstated by simply paying the current year's dues. There is no penalty for reinstatement.

(j) Memberships are Non Transferable. An active membership in any division of the LJLA (LJLA Steer, LJLA Heifer, and LJLA Bull) is non-transferable to another division.

(k) Suspension of Membership. Any member of the LJLA may be suspended or denied privileges of the Association by the Executive Director of the Association for failure to pay, when due, any obligation owing the LJLA, its sanctioned shows, or *The Showbox* magazine. All worthless checks returned to the LJLA or to one of its sanctioned shows must be made good within fifteen (15) days of the date that said member is notified. Should the member fail to do so he or she will forfeit all previously gained points. If a member or nonmember has an obligation owing the

LJLA, one or more of its sanctioned shows, or *The Showbox*, he or she may be denied privileges of the Association fifteen (15) days after the Executive Director has notified said person in writing. When any person continues to remain suspended under this rule for ninety (90) days, shows shall be furnished a list of these individuals. A \$35.00 fee shall be charged on all returned checks.

Any member of the association may forfeit points, be suspended and/or denied privileges of the Association for conspiring with another person or persons to violate the rules of the association or circumvent the intent and purposes of the Association. This shall, at times, include, but not be limited to exhibiting heifers which are owned and registered to another exhibitor at a sanctioned show.

105. Show Approval. Organizations or individuals wishing to stage or sponsor a LJLA sanctioned show or contest in any of the LJLA Divisions (LJLA Steer, LJLA Heifer, and LJLA Bull) must receive prior approval by the LJLA if the results are to be entered into the Association's records and points are to be awarded to the exhibitor members. Show approval is a privilege, not a right, granted or rejected at LJLA discretion on an annual basis according to continuous evaluation of the applicant, including, but not limited to, competence of show management, enforcement of LJLA rules, quality of show, and service to LJLA members.

(a) Sanctioning Contracts. Applicants desiring to hold a LJLA sanctioned show must obtain prior approval. Approval does not carry over from year to year but must be obtained for each individual show or contest. To obtain approval for a previously approved show, a sanctioning form, available from the LJLA and downloadable from the website www.theshowbox.com must be correctly and entirely completed and on file in the LJLA offices no later than December 15 preceding the awards year to begin after the conclusion of the LJLA year. After January 15th shows will lose their right to a previously approved weekend and other shows may sanction on that previously reserved date. Previously approved shows may work with the sanctioning coordinator in the LJLA office to obtain approval after January 15th, but their date is not automatically reserved from the previous year.

For new show approval or for previously approved shows that did not meet the filing deadline of January 15th, a sanctioning contract must be on file in the LJLA office thirty (30) days prior to the show. The show must work with the sanctioning coordinator to find a date that does not conflict with another sanctioned show held within a 50-mile radius of the proposed show.

(b) Sanctioning Fees. A sanctioning fee will be charged to all sanctioned shows unless there is special dispensation granted by the LJLA. The sanctioning fees for the current year are as follows:

(1) LJLA Steer, Bull and Heifer Shows: \$100.00 per show sanctioned.

All sanctioning fees are due and payable thirty days prior to the show. The failure of show management to pay the fees, when due, may result in the disqualification of those show results as a part of the official LJLA awards program.

(c) Changes in Shows. Changes in a show application after filing the sanctioning contract may be made provided that a written request is sent to the LJLA offices and that the LJLA is *able to publish such changes in one issue of The Showbox* magazine prior to the approved date. On months where no magazine is printed, these changes may be made provided that notice is made to members over the web.

(d) Approval. Approval does not carry over from year to year and must be obtained for each individual show. LJLA reserves the right to approve only the number of shows per calendar year that it deems appropriate for the same organization or management. The office will keep the Executive Committee informed if approval process is abused. No prospect or jackpot shows may be

sanctioned on the dates of any activity that the LJLA itself produces and wishes to keep the calendar clear unless extenuating circumstances arise.

(e) Major Shows. Major livestock shows and county fairs may be on the same date as another approved show despite proximity. Such approval will be granted by the Executive Director of the LJLA based on his or her evaluation of the situation.

(f) 50 Mile Radius. No show will be approved if there already exists on the same day, within 50 miles shortest driving distance, another sanctioned show for the same LJLA division. Shows wishing to cooperate with other sanctioned shows to provide multiple shows in the same area must have prior approval by the LJLA and a written agreement on file in the office between the two shows.

No organization may sponsor more than two (2) shows in any division of the LJLA on one weekend in one facility. Sponsoring organizations may produce two (2) steer, two (2) heifer, two (2) bull shows on the same weekend, but they may not have more than four (4) steer shows, etc. in the same location on the same weekend. A weekend shall be defined as Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

(h) Open to all Members. In order to gain approval by the LJLA, a jackpot show must be open to all members in good standing of the LJLA for the year in which the sanctioned show is held provided they are ages 8 through 18 and currently enrolled in school below the college level.

(i) Classes Offered at Shows. The LJLA strongly recommends that show management provide a breed or age class(s) for any breed or age category in which the LJLA offers an awards program in any LJLA division (LJLA Steer, LJLA Heifer, and LJLA Bull.)

(j) No Sanctioning By Other Organizations. The LJLA reserves the right to deny sanctioning of any show that is sanctioned by another junior exhibitor organization in any division of competition. For example, the LJLA may deny a show the right to sanction if it is sanctioned by another club calf association. Shows agree to not allow sanctioning by any other point association without the written permission of the LJLA. Shows entering into contracts with other points associations without express written consent risk having their points excluded in the Association's records for the current point year.

(k) Show Results.

1) Show results must be sent into the LJLA offices no later than fifteen (15) days after the completion of the show. Show results must be submitted in a some format or on official LJLA forms. Any show, which does not report the show to the LJLA within fifteen (15) days after the completion of said show, or does not submit results in an approved format, may risk denial of approval for subsequent shows.

(2) Shows agree to give information on the breed identity of any livestock whenever breeds are mixed in competition at any sanctioned show. Example: If an LJLA Sanctioned show exhibits all of its American heifers in an American Division. The breed of the heifer shown within the division should be noted on the class sheets.

(3) If an entry does not actually exhibit in the class in which they are entered and are considered a "no show" that entry will not count as an entry in the class.

(4) If an entry is disqualified, it is not to be placed, regardless of the number of exhibitors in the class and it will not count as an entry in the class.

(5) Incomplete or inaccurate reports from any show can cause deserving members to lose a part or all of the points they would have earned at this show.

(6) Any sanctioned show that makes a mistake in reporting official show results must report **any corrections or additions or changes within sixty (60) days of the time that those results are reported in *The Showbox* magazine. After that date no changes will be allowed.**

(7) The LJLA records show results from its sanctioned shows. It reports what is sent into the LJLA office. Any discrepancies in those results must be addressed to the show manager of the individual sanctioned show.

(l) Publication of Show Rules.

(1) Sanctioned shows must, in some fashion, publicize that they are an official sanctioned show of the LJLA. They should publicize in some fashion at the show or in their advertising how they plan on paying back premium money if their entry fee is above the minimum entry for a points only show.

(2) They must publicize the minimum number of animals required to make a breed and/or the way in which they plan on breaking heifer classes within a breed.

(3) If they have special grooming rules, they must publicize those grooming rules in advance of their show. For example: if a show is a "blow and show steer or heifer show" those rules must be publicized in advance or the show cannot punish the members in violation of the rule.

(4) Shows that wish for a Champion or Reserve Champion exhibitor to stay for the Champion drive must publicize that rules in advance. They may not withhold points if the exhibitor does not stay, but they may withhold premium money. Points may be withheld from a member who in violation of a LJLA rule.

(m) Formulation and Enforcement of Sanctioned Show Rules. The LJLA will not be responsible for the formulation or enforcement of individual show rules other than those listed above. These are the sole responsibility of show management. Other than a sanctioning fee, the LJLA receives no other money from individual sanctioned shows. The distribution of the premium money is the responsibility of the shows. The LJLA will examine how each show handles its financial responsibility to its exhibitors in determining if a show is to receive sanctioning the next year.

(n) LJLA Recommendations and Requirements For Jackpot Shows. The LJLA **requires** that if there are three or less animals in a breed at any sanctioned show in any species (Steers, heifers, and bulls) they shall show all in one class. If there are more than three animals in a breed the market animals will be divided by weight as evenly as possible according to the weights of the animals within that breed division. Show management will determine the number of weight classes that there will be within each breed.

At LJLA sanctioned heifer shows, if there are more than three animals in the breed, animals will be divided by age divisions.

The LJLA recommends the following to managers of LJLA Sanctioned Shows. They are not mandatory.

(1) The LJLA recommends that whenever steer or heifer classes are mixed at LJLA sanctioned shows, there be a division for American Breeds, British Breeds, and Continental Breeds.

(3) The LJLA recommends that LJLA steer shows or a prospect and market division call their market division a progress show and their prospect show a prospect show..

(5) The LJLA recommends that show managers allow representatives of official sponsors to hang banners at sanctioned shows and that they be allowed to hand out literature at sanctioned shows.

(6) The LJLA recommends that sanctioned jackpot shows advertise said show in *The Showbox* magazine.

(8) The LJLA recommends that sanctioned jackpot shows that pay premium money do so on the day of the show.

(9) The LJLA strongly recommends that jackpot shows publicize the

name of the judge(s) at their sanctioned shows.

(10) The LJLA recommends that jackpot shows base their premium payback on the entries within that division of competition. Entry fee money should be prorated according to the number of exhibitors within that division. Sanctioned shows may request that the LJLA send them an example of how money is pro-rated within a show division.

(11) The TJLA recommends that prospect steer shows set their weight limits in a successively progressive manner. Lighter weights should be used at the beginning of the LJLA year and should increase as the year progresses.

(12) The LJLA recommends that sanctioned LJLA Heifer and Bull Jackpot shows state the maximum age of heifers and bulls eligible to be shown at their show in their advertising.

(17) The LJLA recommends that sanctioned LJLA Jackpot Heifer shows familiarize themselves with the rules of the Louisiana State Fair and the Louisiana Junior Livestock Show. A heifer shown in LJLA competition should be of the same percentage as heifers that are allowed to show at those two shows..

The jackpot show manager shall:

(1) be the person in charge of the LJLA sanctioned show.

(2) have the authority to enforce all rules referring to the show and he or she may excuse any animal or exhibitor from the show or contest prior to or during the judging.

(3) have jurisdiction over preparing the rules of exhibition and receiving all entry forms and monies and shall enforce the rules of said show as advertised.

(4) be present on the show grounds for the duration of the show. In the event an emergency arises, and the show manager is unable to fulfill his or her duties, an acting manager shall be appointed.

(5) receive complaints from members or parents of members if LJLA rules are being broken. For example: if a member is not present at the show but has some other exhibitor there showing his or her animal, members should report this to show management who should attempt to verify this information and if this information is correct and true, the show manager should note that on the official records of the show that will be submitted to the LJLA.

(6) Any LJLA Sanctioned Show which fails to pay for services rendered by a third party in connection with the holding of the sanctioned shows (i.e., judges fees, facilities charges, etc.) or pay premium money to exhibitors when premium money is due can be denied LJLA sanctioning for present and future shows.

(7) The LJLA requires that show managers familiarize themselves with the rules and regulations of the LJLA as printed in the *Handbook of Rules and Regulations*.

(8) No Show Manager or member of show management may direct abuse or threatening conduct toward an exhibitor, a member of an exhibitor's family, or an associate of an exhibitor. All members of show management of the LJLA shall treat members and their families or associates with respect and courtesy at a sanctioned LJLA show or event. Violations of this rule can result in action taken against the show which could include, but is not limited to, loss of sanctioning rights.

(9) Violations of LJLA Rules which should be reported by jackpot show management to the LJLA office include:

(a) If the member is not present and does not exhibit his or her own animal according to the rules of the LJLA, show management should note that on show results.

(c) If a member exhibits a registered heifer which does not have original registration papers or papers required of the heifer, it should be reported to the LJLA office by jackpot show management.

(d) Failure of the member to make good his or her financial obligations to the sanctioned show should be reported by show management.

(p) Jackpot Show Secretary. Any reputable person may act in the capacity of show secretary who is capable through ability and/or experience. The show secretary and show manager may be one and the same, but the show secretary cannot serve as ring Stewart at a show at which he or she serves as show secretary. It is the show secretary's responsibility to:

(1) accurately maintain and record both entries and show results, including verification of exhibitor identity should any person question the identity of a member.

(2) keep a set of results on file for at least one year following the show.

(3) be responsible for forwarding to the LJLA office any membership fees collected on behalf of the TJLA.

(4) be responsible for verifying the registration papers of heifer and bull exhibitors at approved shows. Show management must inspect the official registration certificate of each heifer entered in a sanctioned heifer show to verify birth date and individual ownership.

(q) Jackpot Ring Stewart. Any reputable person may act in the capacity of ring Stewart who is capable through ability and/or experience. The ring Stewart and the show manager may be one and the same but a ring steward may not serve as show secretary. The ring Stewart shall:

(1) relieve the judge of unnecessary details; assemble the class promptly, keep the judge on schedule, eliminate long delays between classes, and control the conduct of the animals and the exhibitors in the ring.

(2) notify the judge when all exhibitors are present in the class and call attention to any exhibitors who are absent

(3) assist the judge, not advise him or her.

(4) not take part or seem to take part, in any of the judging.

(5) when not actively engaged in his or her duties, place himself or herself in such a position so as not to interfere with the judging and the view of the spectators.

(6) not allow exhibitors or spectators to crowd up in the ring or the gate area and, at all times, endeavor to keep the possibilities of an accident to a minimum.

(7) have charge of the activity in the ring. He or she should act as a mediator between the judge and the exhibitor. The judge should request the ring Stewart to move and place animals as he or she advises. When the ring is small and the class entries are large, the ring Stewart should survey the situation and make every effort to have the exhibitors arranged in such a way that the judge is able to see the exhibitors in the class. The ring Stewart has the authority to ask an exhibitor to remove his or her animal for the safety of the other animals and exhibitors or spectators.

(8) have the authority to remove unsportsmanlike exhibitors from the ring.

(9) lineup class winners the same in every class 1,2,3,4,5,6, etc . The public has a right to know how the various animals placed.

(r) Judges. A judge shall honestly, fairly, and impartially judge each animal exhibited to him or her strictly on the animal's confirmation and performance as the rules of the particular event dictate. An individual's conduct as a judge should be exemplary. Judges should:

(1) after accepting a judging commitment, endeavor, with all reasonable effort, to judge the show and timely communicate to show management any inability to do so, to allow show management maximum time to seek a suitable

replacement.

(2) contact an official of the show upon arrival in a city in which he or she is to officiate and advise him or her of his or her presence and location.

(3) during a sanctioned show, be present to meet his or her responsibilities under TJLA rules, and shall be available to assist show management in meeting its responsibilities of rule compliance.

(4) wear proper attire including pants and a shirt with a collar.

(5) at all times, act in a professional manner.

(6) place classes from top to bottom.

(7) No one person may judge more than one showmanship show per year in any one division of competition.

(8) The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases.

(9) When an exhibitor makes a request through the ring Stewart or other show official for the judge's opinion concerning that exhibitor's animal, it is urged that the judge will give his or her opinion courteously and sincerely in the presence of the ring Stewart or other show officials.

Jackpot Judges may:

(1) be on any sifting or eliminating committee necessary.

(2) order any person or animal from the competition for poor conduct of either.

(3) judge two shows on the same grounds on consecutive days as long as the judge does not judge a particular TJLA division but one time during the two shows.

S. Exhibitors.

It is Suggested That Exhibitors at Jackpot Should Not

(1) exhibit an animal at a show where the judge judging the show is any member of the exhibitor's immediate family (son, daughter, sister, brother). If an exhibitor has a close connection with the judge, but is not a member of his or her immediate family, the exhibitor should refrain from entering that show. Exhibitors should recognize the need for any judge to be able to exercise an objective opinion, free from bias, or outside influence. The judge is, in all likelihood, able to do so no matter his or her connection with the exhibitor, but the exhibitor should recognize the perception that this gives other exhibitors and their families and refrain from entering a show where others could get a mistaken perception.

There are generally multiple shows on the weekend so that exhibitors have more than one choice as to where to take their animal(s). Discretion is advised.

(2) exhibit an animal to a judge if that judge has been the breeder, seller, or agent in any capacity or conditioner of that animal within the previous six months.

(3) Exhibitors shall not contact, nor attempt to contact, a judge pertaining to judging of any animals that will be exhibited at a show where the judge has accepted a judging assignment.

(4) attempt to shake the judges hand while he or she is talking reasons at the end of a class. Exhibitors who wish to thank the judge for his or her efforts should wait until the end of the judging of that breed or the end of the day to do so.

A judge who is talking reasons needs to be able to concentrate on his reasons for placing all animals in the class and it is difficult to keep his or her concentration when he or she is interrupted to shake an exhibitors hand. This is a suggestion not a rule.

Exhibitors May Not

(5) No person, exhibitor, family member or associate as defined in section 108D Code of Conduct, shall direct abuse or threatening conduct toward a judge, either in the furtherance of their judging duties, or as a result thereof, whether or not the conduct occurs during an approved event or show, or on show grounds. A

judge of a LJLA sanctioned show shall be treated with respect, courtesy, and cooperation.

(6) No person, exhibitor, family member or associate as defined in section 108D Code of Conduct shall direct abuse or threatening conduct toward another exhibitor, a member of another exhibitor's family, or an associate of an exhibitor. All members of the LJLA shall treat other members and their families or associates with respect and courtesy at a sanctioned LJLA show or event. Violations of this rule can result in action taken against the member which could include, but is not limited to, loss of points or suspension from the organization.

(u) Rights of the Association. The LJLA reserves the right to set up a booth at no additional cost to the LJLA at all sanctioned shows. This booth may be used to sell LJLA merchandise, enroll members and distribute literature and official publications. The LJLA reserves the right to hang banners promoting the LJLA at all sanctioned shows at no additional charge to the LJLA.

106. Entry Fees.

(a) An entry fee may be charged at all LJLA sanctioned shows. Entry fees must be uniform to all exhibitors of the individual divisions with the exception of late fees that the sanctioned show has the right to charge should the exhibitor's entry not arrive by the time of the entry deadline. Entry fees will be collected by show management and paid by the entering party.

(b) Any scheduled contest where there is no entry fee that is to be held as a part of a sanctioned show does not have to be designated on the entry application. For example: Official LJLA Showmanship shows that do not charge an entry fee to participate in the showmanship contest may contact show management when they arrive at the show.

(j) Premium money must be paid to the exhibitors no later than three weeks after completion of the show.

108. Code of Conduct.

(a) Each member of the LJLA is expected to conduct himself or herself in a polite and courteous manner. Any member of the association who is found guilty of vandalizing the property of another member or the property of that member's family, including, but not limited to, livestock and livestock equipment, shall face immediate suspension from the organization and removal of all points.

No member, a member of their family or their associates shall direct abuse or threatening conduct toward another member or his or her family or associates, a show official or judge at a sanctioned jackpot show or LJLA event. All members shall treat other members, as well as their families and associates with respect, courtesy and cooperation.

(b) The LJLA and its representatives have the authority to conduct an investigation into such alleged activity at a jackpot show and recommend appropriate action including, but not limited to, removal of points and/or suspension from the LJLA. Any member desiring to dispute or challenge the results of such an investigation may do so in accordance with procedures established by the rules of the LJLA.

(c) Appeal: An appeal from the decision of the LJLA designated association representative regarding the actions described above be made to the Executive Committee of the LJLA if the following requirements are satisfied.

(1) The appeal is in writing and has been signed by the appealing party.

(2) The appealing party files the written appeal with the LJLA Executive Committee as soon as possible after the association representative's decision was made. If an appeal satisfying foregoing requirements is filed with the LJLA Directors, then said committee shall hold a hearing at which the appealing party and the designated association

representative whose decision is being appealed shall present statements and other evidence that are relevant to the matter, following which the Executive Committee shall render a decision which shall be final and conclusive.

(d) Definitions The definition of immediate family shall include: Parents, Grandparents, Step-Parents, Siblings, Step-Siblings, Half-Siblings, and Legal Guardians. An associate is anyone who is involved with the said member but is not part of the members' immediate family. This shall include, but not be limited to, a county agent, agriculture science teacher, other relative not of immediate family, employee of the member or of the member's family, and/or breeders or sellers of the members' livestock.

109. Protests

(a) If a member or a parent wishes to lodge a protest concerning a show, organization, or individual violating the rules of the association, that protest must be made within fourteen (14) days of said show or event and must be accompanied by a check for \$250.00 made payable to the LJLA as a protest fee. If the protest is upheld, \$150.00 of that money shall be returned to the protesting party with \$100.00 going to the LJLA for paper work and legal fees.

(b) All protests are part of the LJLA's official records and thus will be made public if anyone requests that information. All protests must be signed by the protesting party.

(c) Once a protest is filed, if one of the protesting parties contacts the management of one of the shows involved, the protest becomes null and void.

111. Creation and Retention of a Breed/Age Division within the LJLA. *Each breed/age division within the LJLA steer, heifer or bull association must maintain a minimum number of members who are participating within that breed/age division in order to maintain their status as a recognized breed/age division within LJLA competition.*

(a) Anytime a breed/age division has less than twenty (20) members actively participating and earning points within that division by the end of the Louisiana State Fair, the breed/age division shall have a Top Five In the Awards for the end of the year. If the breed/age division has twenty (20) members actively participating and earning points within that division by the end of the Louisiana State Fair, there will be a Top Ten in the Awards for the End of the year.

(b) Any time a group representing a breed or division of competition within the LJLA Steer, LJLA Heifer, or LJLA Bull wishes to achieve recognition as an official LJLA breed division within the LJLA that group must submit a written request to the LJLA offices by November 15th prior to the beginning of the new LJLA awards year in March.

That request must stipulate that the representatives of that breed will support the new division by pledging a minimum of \$4500. One third of that money (\$1500.00) shall be due and payable by November 15th of each year.

These requests must have approval of the LJLA Executive Committee. The Board must act upon these requests no later than December 15th for the current awards year.

(c) Newly recognized breeds have a period of three years in which to establish the minimum number of participants required to maintain status as an official breed division within LJLA competition. Fifteen (15) active participants earning points are required.

112. Points.

(a) Each member of the LJLA shall receive ten (10) participation points in each division of competition in which he or she is a member (LJLA Steer, LJLA Heifer, and/or LJLA Bull). A member shall declare what breed they wish these points attributed to by February 1 of this awards year. These participation points are nontransferable.

(b) At major livestock shows, the LJLA records placings for points only as far down on the official LJLA scale as the show records places. For example, if the show does not record a ninth place, then the association will not award a ninth place.

(c) Points are recorded in a class at a jackpot show based on the number of animals that are actually exhibited in that class. It will be the responsibility of sanctioned shows to provide the LJLA with class sheets that reflect the number of animals that actually show.

(d) Points are recorded in a class at a Parrish or Regional Show according to a scale that is provided in this rule book.

(d) The TJLA Belt Buckle Bonanza and the TJLA Fall Classic will count as double point shows. If a member would ordinarily earn 100 points in the first ring that point total will automatically be counted as 200. The number of points earned in the second ring will also count double.

(e) When classes are mixed at major shows (Example: Maine Anjou, Limousin) points are awarded to the individual exhibitor based on the way that animal was entered on the official entry card. When classes are mixed at sanctioned jackpot shows, points are awarded to the individual exhibitor based on the way that the animal was officially reported at the show.

(f) All LJLA members must show their animals at all times while in the ring, including, but not limited to, class, breed, division, and grand champion competitions.

The only exception shall be if the member has more than one animal in the class or another ring of competition at that same show or if the member is present but has a doctor's excuse that is presented to show management.. If a member does not show his or her own animal at the show for any reason other than the above he or she shall forfeit all points earned at that show The LJLA rules cannot interfere with individual show rules should their stipulations for exhibitor is not required to be a LJLA member however they must meet the LJLA age requirements as specified in Section A104(c). A recently graduated student is eligible to show through the Louisiana State Fair following their graduation from high school or the equivalent of such.

(g) If a member or his or her parents realize that another LJLA member is not exhibiting his or her animal, the parent or member should immediately go to show management and ask that this be denoted on the official class sheets of the show. If a member of the Executive Committee is in attendance at the show, the member or parent may call it to the attention of the Board member present. The Executive Committee member should then go to show management and have them denote the fact that the member was not showing his or her own animal. It is the responsibility of members to contact the show manager and make sure that this infraction is noted on official show results.

(h) In all divisions of competition, LJLA Steer, LJLA Heifer, and LJLA Bull, all animals must be entered in the name of the individual LJLA member for the points to be accumulated in his or her name.

(i) No points will be awarded a member who has competed in a breed division for which the LJLA does not have an awards program. The LJLA sanctioned show may offer a breed division which is not a part of the LJLA awards program, but no points will be given in that division to a member.

(j) The LJLA reserves the right to correct point standings at any time during the

year.

(k) Points will be awarded at the following shows: The TJLA Belt Buckle Bonanza, the TJLA Fall Classic, the Louisiana State Fair, the Louisiana Junior Livestock Show, Louisiana Parrish Shows, Louisiana District Shows and LJLA Sanctioned shows. These sanctioned shows and contests will be listed in **On The Road** in each publication of the *The Showbox* magazine. Should a sanctioned show not be listed in On the Road, a notice shall be posted www.theshowbox.com.

(l) In the LJLA Heifer division, individual members may only be awarded points by exhibiting heifers that are registered in the name of the individual member. Original registration papers or proof of ownership of commercial heifers in the name of the individual exhibitor must be presented at each sanctioned show. No partnership heifers or multiple owned heifers will be allowed.

(n) Anytime an individual joins the LJLA he or she automatically gives permission for his or her point records to be made available to other members.

(p) In order to receive a Top Ten Award in any specie, each of the Top Ten exhibitors must have reached a minimum of 25 points in statewide competition. The minimum 25 points must be competition points; signup points, bonus points, camp points or any other type of incentive points do not count toward the minimum 25 points.

113. Official Showmanship Divisions: LJLA Beef Showmanship.

(a) The LJLA will award trophy belt buckles for showmanship in LJLA Beef Showmanship in three different age divisions of competition. In each of those divisions Showmanship competition is also divided by age. Junior Showmanship exhibitors are exhibitors who are 8 - 11 years of age on or before January 1, 2010. Intermediate Showmanship exhibitors are exhibitors who are ages 12-14 years of age on or before January 1, 2010. Senior Showmanship exhibitors are exhibitors who are ages 15 through high school graduation as of January 1, 2010.

(b) It is the responsibility of the member to enter in the correct age division.

(c) Rules governing official LJLA Showmanship shows include:

(1) The LJLA strongly suggests that all official LJLA Showmanship shows offer all the breed divisions of competition that are recognized by the LJLA in the different divisions.

(2) Only LJLA members will be eligible for points at official Showmanship shows at Official LJLA Sanctioned Jackpot Showmanship Shows. Show managers will be able to accept membership applications prior to the start of the official Showmanship shows for those wishing to join.

(3) If entries in showmanship classes are too large for an arena, the show should run heats bringing back the top exhibitors from each heat for the finals of showmanship.

(4) Judges of official showmanship contests should be competent individuals accustomed to showmanship practices. No individual may judge more than one Showmanship show per year in any one division of competition.

(5) Official Showmanship shows should record placings through 15th. If a non-LJLA member is allowed to show in an official LJLA Showmanship show, the non-member's placings shall be removed and the next eligible LJLA member shall move up in the placings.

(6) Animals used in official showmanship contests must be owned, entered, and exhibited by the member at that particular show. Failure to comply with such rule shall result in the forfeiture of points. Example: If a member participates in showmanship but does not show that animal in the regular show his or her showmanship points will be forfeited.

(7) Each official showmanship show must submit the results of the official Showmanship contests as part of their official records.

(d) LJLA STEER AND HEIFER SHOWMANSHIP CONTESTS:

The LJLA will award trophy belt buckles to JLA Junior, Intermediate, and Senior steer and heifer and bull members accumulating the greatest number of points in Junior, Intermediate and Senior beef showmanship.

(f) The LJLA will award Top Ten Jackets in each of the above divisions of competition

(g) There will be no more than six Official Showmanship shows held in an awards year and four of them will be counted towards the results. The list of these shows will be published in *The Showbox*. The member is responsible for keeping up with the announcement of official showmanship shows.

Showmanship points can be accumulated on 4 of the 6 showmanship shows.

(h) Each member may drop his or her lowest two scores or not participate in all showmanship shows. LJLA members may participate in any or all of the LJLA Showmanship contests. There is no minimum number of shows where a member must exhibit in order to win a Top Ten jacket in showmanship.

(j) Points will be awarded to LJLA members in official showmanship contests on the following basis:

# in Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1 and over	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20	10

117. LOUISIANA JUNIOR LIVESTOCK ASSOC. STEER DIVISION

(a) The LJLA will award a trophy belt buckles to LJLA Steer division member accumulating the greatest number of points at LJLA Sanctioned shows.

(c) The LJLA will award Top Ten All Around jackets in the LJLA Steer Division.

(d) Points will be awarded at the following shows: the Belt Buckle Bonanza, the Fall Classic, the Louisiana State Fair, the Louisiana Junior Livestock Show and any LJLA sanctioned steer show.

(e) At sanctioned jackpot shows, the Louisiana State Fair, Louisiana Junior Livestock Show points will be awarded on the following basis to members in good standing of the LJLA Steer division for the yearly awards program. Points are based on the number of animals exhibited in the class. The LJLA will not be responsible for "no-shows" at the gate.

# Steers	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th
<u>in class</u>																		
<u>1-2</u>		30	20															
<u>3-5</u>		40	30	20	10	5*												
<u>6-10</u>		45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5*									
<u>11-15</u>		50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5*								
<u>16-20</u>		55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5*							
<u>21-25</u>		60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5*						
<u>26-30</u>		65	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5*					
<u>31-35</u>		70	65	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5*				
<u>36-40</u>		75	70	65	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5*			
<u>41-45</u>		80	75	70	65	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5*		
<u>46-50</u>		85	80	75	70	65	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5*	
<u>51 +</u>		90	85	80	75	70	65	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5*

*5 points will be given to every animal in the class from this place to last.

(f)At Louisiana Parrish and District Shows, points will be awarded on the following basis:

in Class 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th and below 5 points

1 and over 50 45 40 35 30 25 20 15 10 5

(f) Anytime a member is named Champion or Reserve Champion of any breed, he or she shall receive the same number of points as the highest point class winner of that breed rather than the number of points for first place in his or her original class. In addition, ten (10) bonus points shall be added to the breed champion's total and five (5) points shall be added to the Reserve Breed Champion's total.

(g) A LJLA Steer member may accumulate points on a maximum of two animals per breed or a total of three animals per show. The member's highest three marks will automatically be recorded.

(h) Superior Bonus Points are kept by the LJLA office for breed and reserve breed champions at each of the following shows: the Fall Classic, the Belt Buckle Bonanza, the state breed association show, if sanctioned, and any LJLA sanctioned steer show where a minimum of 50 steers are entered and exhibited. A member receives fifteen (15) points for a breed champion and ten (10) points for a reserve breed champion to be added to his/her point standings in that particular category at Superior Bonus Point Shows.

(k) Sanctioned shows sometimes have a division and/or grand champion drive but do not require that the breed champions stay for that drive. Should the exhibitor of the breed champion not stay, then the exhibitor of the reserve breed champion may compete in its place.

118. LOUISIANA JUNIOR LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION HEIFER DIVISION

- (a) For the 2010 point year the LJLA will award trophy belt buckles to LJLA Heifer division members accumulating the greatest number of points in the following breed divisions within the given year: Brahman, Brahman Influence Purebred, British Influence Purebred, Continental Influence Purebred and Commercial Heifers.
- (c) The LJLA will award Top Ten jackets in each of the divisions mentioned above provided that a minimum 20 members of the Top Ten have earned points other than participation points. In order to receive a Top Ten Jacket a member must have earned a minimum of 25 points in statewide competition. If there are less than 20 members who have actively received points, there will be a Top Five instead of a Top Ten.
- (d) Points will be awarded at the following shows: the Louisiana State Fair, the Louisiana Junior Livestock Show, the Belt Buckle Bonanza and any LJLA sanctioned heifer show.
- (e) Points will be awarded on the following basis to members in good standing of the LJLA Heifer division for the awards program. At sanctioned jackpot shows points are based on the number of animals exhibited in the class. The LJLA will not be responsible for "no-shows at the gate."

# Heifer	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th
In class																		
1-2	30	20																
3-5	40	30	20	10	5*													
6-10	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5*										
11-15	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5*									
16-20	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5*								
21-25	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5*							
26-30	65	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5*						
31-35	70	65	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5*					
36-40	75	70	65	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5*				

41-45	80	75	70	65	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5*		
46-50	85	80	75	70	65	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5*	
51 +	90	85	80	75	70	65	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5*

*5 points will be given to every animal in the class from this place to last.

(f) At Louisiana Parrish and District Shows, points will be awarded on the following basis:

In Class 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10thth and below 5 points

1 and over 50 45 40 35 30 25 20 15 10 5

(f) Anytime a member is named Champion or Reserve Champion of any breed, he or she shall receive the same number of points as the highest point class winner of that breed rather than the number of points for first place in his or her original class. In addition, ten (10) bonus points shall be added to the breed champion's total and five (5) points shall be added to the Reserve Breed Champion's total.

(g) A LJLA Heifer member may accumulate points on a maximum of two animals per breed or a total of three animals per show. The member's highest three marks will automatically be recorded unless the member contacts the LJLA points coordinator within ten (10) days of the show where points were earned.

(h) Superior Bonus Points are kept by the LJLA office for breed and reserve breed champions at each of the following shows: the Fall Classic, the Belt Buckle Bonanza, the state breed association show, if sanctioned, and any LJLA sanctioned heifer show where a minimum of 100 heifers are entered and exhibited. A member receives fifteen (15) points for a breed champion and ten (10) points for a reserve breed champion to be added to his/her point standings in that particular category at Superior Bonus Point Shows.

(i) At the Belt Buckle Bonanza and the Fall Classic, points will count double.

(k) Sanctioned shows sometimes have a division and/or grand champion drive and the show does not require that the exhibitors of the breed champions be present for that grand champion drive. If the exhibitor of the breed champion does not stay, then the exhibitor of the reserve breed champion may compete in its place.

(l) BULL DIVISION:

(a) For the 2010 point year the LJLA will award trophy belt buckles to LJLA Heifer division members accumulating the greatest number of points in the following breed divisions within the given year: Brahman, Brahman Influence Purebred, British Influence Purebred, and Continental Influence Purebred Division.

(c) The LJLA will award Top Ten jackets in each of the divisions mentioned above provided that a minimum 20 members of the Top Ten have earned points other than participation points. In order to receive a Top Ten Jacket a member must have earned a minimum of 25 points in statewide competition. If there are less than 20 members who have actively received points, there will be a Top Five instead of a Top Ten.

(d) Points will be awarded at the following shows: the Louisiana State Fair, the Louisiana Junior Livestock Show, and the Belt Buckle Bonanza the Fall Classic and any LJLA sanctioned bull show.

(e) Points will be awarded on the following basis to members in good standing of the LJLA Bull division for the awards program. At sanctioned jackpot shows points are based on the number of animals exhibited in the class. The LJLA will not be responsible for "no-shows at the gate."

# Heifer	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 ^t	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th
In class																		
1-2	30	20																
3-5	40	30	20	10	5*													
6-10	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5*										
11-15	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5*									
16-20	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5*								
21-25	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5*							
26-30	65	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5*						
31-35	70	65	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5*					
36-40	75	70	65	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5*				
41-45	80	75	70	65	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5*			
46-50	85	80	75	70	65	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5*		
51 +	90	85	80	75	70	65	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	10	5 *	

*5 points will be given to every animal in the class from this place to last.

(f)At Louisiana Parish and District Shows, points will be awarded on the following basis:

In Class 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10thth and below 5 points

1 and over 50 45 40 35 30 25 20 15 10 5

(f) Anytime a member is named Champion or Reserve Champion of any breed, he or she shall receive the same number of points as the highest point class winner of that breed rather than the number of points for first place in his or her original class. In addition, ten (10) bonus points shall be added to the breed champion's total and five (5) points shall be added to the Reserve Breed Champion's total.

(g) A LJLA Bull member may accumulate points on a maximum of two animals per breed or a total of three animals per show. The member's highest three marks will automatically be recorded unless the member contacts the LJLA points coordinator within ten (10) days of the show where points were earned.

(h) Superior Bonus Points are kept by the LJLA office for breed and reserve breed champions at each of the following shows: the Fall Classic, the Belt Buckle Bonanza, the state breed association show, if sanctioned, and any LJLA sanctioned heifer show where a minimum of 100 heifers are entered and exhibited. A member receives fifteen (15) points for a breed champion and ten (10) points for a reserve breed champion to be added to his/her point standings in that particular category at Superior Bonus Point Shows.

(i) At the Belt Buckle Bonanza and the Fall Classic, points will count double.

(k) Sanctioned shows sometimes have a division and/or grand champion drive and the show does not require that the exhibitors of the breed champions be present for that grand champion drive. If the exhibitor of the breed champion does not stay, then the exhibitor of the reserve breed champion may compete in its place.

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