

NJAA TEAM FITTING COMPETITION

The National Junior Angus Association will coordinate a team fitting competition sponsored by the American Angus Association and held during the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). The objective of the contest is to gain the ability to work with a team to enhance the showing performance of the groomed animal.

Each winning team member will receive an award and the state junior Angus association will receive the following premiums – 1st-\$75; 2nd-\$50; and 3rd-\$25.

NJAA TEAM FITTING COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. Each state association may enter one team. Each team will consist of four individuals. Participants must be junior, regular, or life members of the American Angus Association.

One team member must be from each age division: ages 9 to 13; ages 14 to 17; and ages 18 to 21 (use contestant's age as of Jan. 1 of the current year). The additional team member may be from any of the three age divisions. In the occurrence of a state not having four members present for a team, they may ask a junior member from another state to compete on their team. Combined teams must consist of at least two members from the same state. Sweepstakes points will not be counted for combined state teams.
2. **Teams must sign up during the contest registration period.**
3. Each team will be responsible for bringing in a heifer, bull or steer to use in the competition. **Bulls, heifers and steers are not to be groomed; but, should be washed and dried.** Animals will be checked before entering the competition area.
4. Each team must provide their own fitting equipment. Once the contest begins, no team member may leave the area and no additional equipment may be brought into the fitting area.

4a. Teams in Heat 1 will be required to provide chutes to be used in all heats.
5. Once the fitting area is designated for each team by the contest officials, the team may set up their grooming chute and supplies in their designated area. These items should be in place at least 5 minutes prior to the announced starting time of the contest.
6. Each team will be allowed 20 minutes to fit their animal.
7. Each team member must fit a leg, use the clippers and blower.
8. All fitting and grooming techniques must be within the accepted practices for American Angus Association sponsored shows.
9. Once the animal has been groomed and time is called, the team will stand at the head of the animal until the judges get to them to review their animal. When the judges arrive, the animal needs to be taken out of the chute and presented by the team. Judges will be encouraged to ask one question per team member at this time. Each team member must answer one question.
10. Points will be awarded as follows:

Ability to fit - 25 points
Organization of supplies & equipment - 5 points
Participation of each team member - 10 points
Overall effect - 5 points
Knowledge & Response to Questions - 5 points
11. Judging will be by a three-member panel of judges based on 50 points maximum from each judge. Each judge shall total their score and rank the contestants in numerical order on the basis of their score. (Highest score first, lowest score last.)

The rankings (not the score) of the three judges shall be added for each team, and the final placings determined by the lowest composite rankings. Actual scores will be used only to break ties. In the event the participants are still tied, they shall be named co-winners and two awards will be given for that placing and none given for the following placing.