



With 2024 in full swing, we wanted to make the junior members, parents, and breeders aware of some important changes that went into effect starting January 1, 2024.

NJAA WEBSITE

The National Junior Angus Association website is updated to include information for this year's upcoming shows and events. You will find updated general rules, contest rules, calendar, and entry forms.

ONLINE ENTRIES

Like last year, all entries **MUST** be submitted online.

- Junior show entry forms are found on the [NJAA website](#) for the following shows: MAJAC, Eastern Regional, Western Regional, National Junior Angus Show, Atlantic National, All American Angus Breeders Futurity and Northwest Regional Preview.
- Open show entry forms will be found on the Angus website under Events > Cattle Shows for the following shows: Western National Angus Futurity, Atlantic National, and All-American Angus Breeders Futurity.

OWNERSHIP DATES

One of the biggest issues we see is junior animals not meeting ownership deadlines. We want to reiterate that we **DO NOT accept postmark dates for ownership of NJAA sponsored shows** (MAJAC, Eastern Regional, Western Regional, Atlantic National, All American Breeders Futurity, Northwest Regional, and National Junior Angus Show).

This means:

- 1) All ownerships dates will be based on **PROCESS DATE**, which can be found at the bottom of the registration paper or animal look-up. This refers to the date that our office processes a transfer.
 - a. To transfer an animal, the original registration paper must be mailed in. If you need to transfer the animal prior to the original registration being received by the American Angus Association, please call the Events and Junior Activities Department at 816-383-5100.
- 2) All animals **need to be registered by or before** the ownership deadline. For example, if the ownership date is May 1, 2024, the process date needs to be on or before May 1, 2024.
 - a. **This also applies to bred and owned animals.** All bred and owned animals need to be registered by the ownership deadline.
- 3) Any animals that require DNA will need to **CLEAR on or before** the ownership date. This includes ET calves, so please plan accordingly.

For more information regarding ownership, we highly encourage all members, parents and breeders to watch our Ownership FAQ video [here](#).

Below is a table of ownership deadlines for NJAA sponsored shows. For more dates and deadlines, see the calendar on the NJAA website.

NJAA sponsored shows	Ownership Date (process date)	Show dates
Mid Atlantic Junior Angus Classic (MAJAC)	Feb. 1	March 8-10
Western Regional Junior Angus Show	March 1	April 10-13
Northwest Regional Preview	May 1	May 23-26
Atlantic National Junior Angus Show	May 1	May 26-28
Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show	May 1	June 6-9
All American Angus Breeders Futurity	May 1	June 14-16
National Junior Angus Show	May 15	June 29-July 6

New for 2024 – EID’s as Primary Identification

New this year the American Angus Association will allow for EID’s to be accepted as a primary identification mark while checking in at the following shows: MAJAC, Eastern Regional, Western Regional, Atlantic National, All American Breeders Futurity, Northwest Regional, and National Junior Angus Show. If you have an EID listed as primary identification, we will read the EID number to verify the animal at check-in (similar to tattoo).

See the full rule statement below:

Any animal, which does not have legible primary identification marks (ear tattoo marks, freeze-branded marks, hot branded marks, or electronic identification tag (EID)) corresponding to the primary identification on its registration certificate, upon checking in for the show is ineligible to show. Once disqualified due to an incorrect, illegible, or absence of a primary identification mark, animals cannot be identified and re-checked at the show.

We are working on adapting EID technology into our check-in process. We encourage breeders to register 2024 calves with EID as the primary form of identification.

RULE REMINDER

The General Rules are rules that the American Angus Association has adopted for use at its National, Regional and Regional Preview Junior Angus Shows. Anything that is listed in red is used to bring attention to changes and/or clarifications.

We would like to again bring attention to Rule 5 under Eligibility of Exhibitors and Entries.

5. Entries will be submitted online only. No substitutions will be accepted after the entry deadlines.

“PENDING” or “APPLIED FOR” will not, under any circumstances, be accepted online in the registration column on the entry form. You **MUST** have a registration number before completing your online entry form.

This applies to all animals including bred and owns. For animals that require DNA in order to be registered, we encourage you to plan accordingly to the time it takes to submit and receive results back to clear for registration.

We would also like to notify you of an upcoming parentage protocol for any donor dams born on or after January 1, 2023 to have ET progeny eligible for registration. The rule found in the Breeder’s Reference Guide reads as follows: The Embryo Transfer Donor Dam must be DNA-marker- typed or must have been blood-typed before January 1, 2001. The full suite of known commercially available tests for the genetic conditions monitored by the American Angus Association will be required for all donor dams, born on or after January 1, 2023, used for the purpose of Embryo Transfer. (As amended June 8, 2023).

UPDATED CLASSIFICATIONS

Updated classifications for both junior and open shows can be found on Angus.org.

New for 2024 – Registration Cap for Raising the Bar Conference

Beginning in 2024 a 50-attendee cap will be instituted for the Raising the Bar conference. There is no application process, we will be taking the first 50 juniors to sign up. If all spots fill prior to the February 15th deadline, the registration link will be shut down. We highly recommend that those that are signing up have a specific interest in Colorado State University or are pursuing a higher education. *At this time, the cap has been reached. However, reach out to Madeline Bauer to get on the wait list.*

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED BY ATTENDING NJAA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

CHECK THE NJAA WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO ON JAN. 2

RAISING THE BAR – ‘Climbing to New Angus Peaks’ at Colorado State University

- March 21 – 24, 2024
- 3-day event centered around an agricultural campus or land grant university
- 14–20-year-olds
- Limited 50 attendees
- Sponsored by the Angus Foundation and the Minix Endowment



LEADERS ENGAGED IN ANGUS DEVELOPMENT (LEAD)

‘Boot Scootin’ to the Bayou’ in Baton Rouge, LA

- July 23 – 26, 2024
- 3-day event focused on exploring Angus and agriculture in different regions of the country
- 14–20-year-olds
- Sponsored by the Angus Foundation and the Chambers Endowment



With questions regarding any of the changes, don't hesitate to reach out to the Events and Junior Activities Department at 816-383-5100 or events@angus.org. We are looking forward to a great year ahead!

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