NJAA SKILL-A-THON CONTEST GUIDELINES

The NJAA along with the Events and Education Department of the American Angus Association will oversee the coordination of the Skill-a-thon Contest. The contest will be held in association with the National Junior Angus Show. The NJAA is responsible for the execution of this contest.

Winners will be selected in three age divisions. Premium awards will be presented to the top contestants in each age division and will be paid as follows: 1st - $75; 2nd - $50; and 3rd - $25.

Eligibility of Participants

1. Participants must be junior, regular, or life members of the American Angus Association.

2. This contest is available to the following age divisions, as of Jan. 1 of the current year: Junior (8-13), Intermediate (14-17) and Senior (18-20). Prizes will be awarded in each division.

3. Multiple entries from a state are allowed in this event.

4. Junior members will be required to register for the contest through the AAA Login Online Contest Portal or during the contest sign-up time designated on the NJAS schedule in order to participate.

5. The contest is only for individuals. There are no teams.

Procedure

1. The NJAA Board and Events and Education Department staff will be in charge of the event.

2. The skill-a-thon will not have a designated contest day and time. See National Junior Angus Show schedule for designated times, locations and dates.

3. Only contest participants will be allowed in the testing area.

4. Junior members may not collaborate on the test. Only two contestants are allowed per table. If two contestants are at a table, contestants must wait until there is an available spot. Any individual caught cheating will be disqualified from the competition.

5. The Junior level skill-a-thon will consist of 40 questions, worth 2 points apiece. The Intermediate level skill-a-thon will consist of 50 questions, worth 2 points apiece. The Senior level skill-a-thon will consist of 60 questions, worth 2 points apiece.

6. No points will be deducted for wrong answers.

7. There will be no time limit on the skill-a-thon. Once an individual begins the skill-a-thon they are not allowed to leave and return and finish. The individual will be disqualified if they leave the testing area without completing the skill-a-thon.

8. The score of this contest is part of the Overall Angus Stockman contest. Junior members will be entered automatically if they have completed the Skill-a-thon along with the Judging Contest and Quiz Bowl Written Exam.

9. No cell phones allowed in the contest room.

Subjects

1. Questions and answers will be prepared by the Events and Education Department.

2. The skill-a-thon questions can include but not limited to the following possible areas of focus.
    - Breed Identification
    - Association Identification (people, places, things, etc.)
    - Feedstuff Identification
    - Livestock Equipment Identification
    - Meat Cuts Identification
    - Mineral/Supplement Identification
    - Beef Industry Question Scenarios

3. Feed, mineral and supplement samples may **not** be opened and smelled. Hay samples may not be touched.