

With 2023 approaching, we wanted to make the junior members, parents, and breeders aware of some important changes that will go into effect starting January 1, 2023.

NJAA WEBSITE

As many of you may or may not be aware, the National Junior Angus Association website is updated with information on the upcoming year's events and shows on January 2nd of each year. This also includes the coveted information on the National Junior Angus Show hotel blocks.

You will also 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 will be found on the [NJAA website](#) on January 2 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 **NO LONGER 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, 2023, the process date needs to be on or before May 1, 2023.
 - a. **This applies to bred and owned animals as well.** 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. **Below** is a guide outlining the process of submitting DNA and the timeline of receiving results.

Below is a table of ownership deadlines for NJAA sponsored shows.

NJAA sponsored shows	Ownership Date (process date)	Show dates
Mid Atlantic Junior Angus Classic (MAJAC)	Feb. 1	March 10-12
Western Regional Junior Angus Show	March 1	April 6-8
Atlantic National Junior Angus Show	April 15	May 26-28
All American Angus Breeders Futurity	May 1	June 9-11
Northwest Regional Preview	May 1	June 16-17
Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show	May 1	June 22-24
National Junior Angus Show	May 15	July 1-8

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. As mentioned above, these will be updated on the NJAA website on January 2nd. 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. You can find a guide outlining the process of submitting DNA and the timeline of receiving results [below](#).

UPDATED CLASSIFICATIONS

This year we have updated the classifications for both the junior and open shows. Please review these updates [here](#) after the first of the year.

NEW SENIOR YEARLING BULL CLASSIFICATIONS

Starting in 2023, we are going to include a Senior Yearling Bull division in the junior show to reflect the Senior Yearling Female division. See the new included birthdates below:

For shows Jan. 1 – May 31: Bulls born September 1 through December 31, 2020

For shows June 1 – Dec. 31: Bulls born September 1 through December 31, 2021

All junior exhibitors will still be subject to specific show rules at individual shows, so be sure to review those for all shows you plan to attend.

NEW CAREER DEVELOPMENT FORMAT

For the 2023 NJAS, we will be changing up the format for the Career Development contest. In the past, you had to attend the NJAS to compete, but this year we are moving the contest online using the Zoom platform.

Interviews will take place any time after June 10th – June 30th, and the dates will be considerate of both the contestant's and judge's schedule. Resumes still need to be submitted online through the AAA Login Online Contest Portal by May 25th, 2023. We also are no longer going to have separate resume and interview divisions, but are combing the aspects of both into one, consolidated division. Review the complete updated rules and scoresheets [here](#).

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED BY ATTENDING NJAA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

CHECK THE NJAA WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO ON JAN. 2

RAISING THE BAR – Tearin' it up with the Tigers in Clemson, SC

- March 30 – April 2
- 3-day event centered around an agricultural campus or land grant university
- 14–20-year-olds
- Sponsored by the Angus Foundation and the Minix Endowment



LEADERS ENGAGED IN ANGUS DEVELOPMENT (LEAD) – Kickin' it in Cali in Modesto, CA

- August 3 - 6
- 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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DNA TESTING PROCESS AND TIMELINE

1

ORDER SUPPLIES

To begin the testing process, you can order DNA cards or tissue sampling units (TSUs) for DNA collection online at www.angus.org/AGI/SeedStockOptions.aspx or through AAA Login.

2

TAKE SAMPLE

Keep in mind Association best practices when collecting your sample and sending it to our office. How to videos on collecting DNA samples are available at www.angus.org/agi

3

ORDER TESTS

Before mailing your sample, order testing online through your AAA Login account.

Testing Options

- *Angus GS* (includes Parentage): An advanced high-density genomic testing option available for Angus cattle powered by Neogen Genomics, fully endorsed by Angus Genetics Inc. for \$37.00.
- *HD50K* (includes Parentage): The latest advancement in Angus genotyping technology from Zoetis, fully endorsed by Angus Genetics Inc. for \$37.00

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MAIL SAMPLE

Once you have mailed your sample, account for a week (mailing time) before seeing the sample entered in our system and sent to the lab.

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SAMPLES TO LAB

After they have been received at the lab, test results take 3-4 weeks and are posted when available in your AAA Login Account.

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RESULTS AVAILABLE

After results are received, EPDs may take an additional week to update. To be safe, you should account for 5 total weeks to receive your results and have them updated in our National Cattle Evaluation.

Tentative Timeline

Mail Sample –
Day 1

AAA Receive
Sample – Day 5

AAA Processes
Sample – Day 6

Lab Receives and
Processes – Day 7

Test Results Posted
in Login – Day 28

Results included
in NCE – Day 35