

NAJRAE Rule Changes for 2023

- **2023 AGE REQUIREMENTS:** Participants must be members in good standing of the NAJRAE by paying their NAJRAE Exhibition Fee and cannot have reached their 22nd birthday prior to January 1 the year of the show. Age divisions during the event are determined by the age as of January 1st of the current show year (2023). These will apply for all contests, unless otherwise noted.
- **PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:** Exhibitors showing in ANY NAJRAE cattle show must compete in three (3) satellite events. Two (2) events must be from the six (6) individual contests. Seniors may also use the Senior Interview contest as one of their events. One (1) event may be from a team event. Eligible individual contests include: arts & crafts, photography, sales talk, public speaking, livestock judging, herdsman's quiz or senior interview contest for senior level exhibitors. Eligible team events are Quiz Bowl or Team Fitting.
- **ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION:** All animals must have legible tattoos in both ears, which match the Animal ID and Herd Prefix as recorded in the RAAA database prior to processing and the registration papers presented at check in.
 - i. Animal ID and Herd Prefix verification may be via printed registration certificate or real time electronic representation of the RAAA database.
 - ii. All tattoos must be in the ears according to the RAAA Rules and Regulations for Permanent Identification Procedures:
 - Each tattoo, Herd Prefix and Animal ID, must be legible in at least one ear.
 - Animal ID and Herd Prefix may be present in either one ear or both ears.
 - When both are present in the same ear, they must be one above the other for distinction between the Animal ID and the Herd Prefix.
 - iii. All tattoos of Prefix and ID ***MUST*** be in the animal's ear ***PRIOR*** to check in.
 - iv. If the Animal ID and/or Herd Prefix are not legible and cannot be read during processing by a Show Official or are legible but are incorrect and/or no visible indications of a tattoo in either ear, the animal will not be allowed to show
- **ANIMAL VERIFICATION:** Champions and Reserve Champions from all shows, as well as, the 3rd-5th place animals in the top 5 from the Bred & Owned Bulls, Bred & Owned Females, and Owned Females will have a tissue sample taken immediately following their respective shows and sent to the Red Angus Association of America to be parental verified.
 - i. If the animal does not verify to the parentage submitted on the registration paper, the exhibitor will be allowed to submit other parentage for comparison.
 - ii. If the animal is verified to be a Red Angus 1A or 1B in conjunction with the show requirements, the title awarded will stand.
 - iii. If the animal does not verify to be a Red Angus 1A or 1B in conjunction with the show requirements, the title will be removed.
- **PERCENTAGE STEER:** Steers must not have horns. Horns may be surgically removed but must be healed by check in. Scurred animals are considered polled if the exhibitor chooses not to remove the scurs.
- **ARTS & CRAFTS:** A portion of the exhibitor's points will be determined by the exhibitor's project's promotion of the Red Angus breed.
- **LIVESTOCK JUDGING:** Intermediate and Senior divisions will give at least one set of oral reasons on a designated class or classes. The number of reason classes will be determined at the time of the event
- **PUBLIC SPEAKING:** Novice and Junior speeches are not to exceed 5 minutes.
- **SALES TALK:** Sales Talk presentations may sell Red Angus cattle, frozen genetics, or meat.
- **SENIOR INTERVIEW:** Seniors may use Senior Interview contest as one of their 3 contests to participate.
- **FITTING CONTEST:** Additional rules have been implemented including an animal may not be used more than once. Be sure to review the complete rules in the Fitting Contest section of Team Events.
- **QUIZ BOWL:** Additional rules have been implemented. Be sure to review the rules set forth in the Quiz Bowl section of the Team Events.