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Tentative FUZION Schedule

Saturday, June 16	5:00 p.m. – Barn and Tie-outs Open for Host State ONLY Cattle Tattoo Verification
Sunday, June 17	8:00 a.m. – Barn and Tie-outs Open for ALL exhibitors Cattle Tattoo Verification
Monday, June 18	7:00 a.m. – Junior Board Meeting - 8:00 a.m. – Senior Interview Contest Interviews 8-11 a.m. – Cattle Tattoo Verification 9:00 a.m. – State Leader Meeting 10:00 a.m. – ALL CATTLE MUST BE IN PLACE 10:00 a.m. – Junior Exhibitor Meeting 10:30 a.m. – Pee Wee Meeting 11:00 a.m. – Big Little Meeting 12:00 p.m. – Cattle/Registration Paper Check-in Satellite Contest Check-in 12:00 p.m. – Arts & Crafts Check-in & Interviews 12:00 p.m. – Photography Check-in 2-3:00 p.m. – Steer Weigh In 4:00 p.m. – Herdsman Quiz & ID 6:00 p.m. – Line up for Opening Ceremonies 6:30 p.m. – Opening Ceremonies
Tuesday, June 19	7:00 a.m. – Junior Board Meeting 7:30 a.m. – Queen/Princess Breakfast Interviews 8:00 a.m. – Public Speaking 11:30 a.m. – Livestock Judging Contest 4:00 p.m. – Quiz Bowl 7:00 p.m. – Family Social / Tailgating Night
Wednesday, June 20	7:00 a.m. – Junior Board Meeting 8:00 a.m. – Team Fitting Heats 12:00 p.m. – Sales Talk Contest 2:00 p.m. – Scholarship Interviews 3:00 p.m. – Education Station 4:30 p.m. – Pee Wee Cookie Decorating 5:00 p.m. – Team Fitting Finals
Thursday, June 21	7:00 a.m. – Junior Board Meeting 8:00 a.m. – Exhibitor Picture (ALL Exhibitors in their show shirts) 9:00 a.m. – Showmanship Ring 1 - Seniors followed by Juniors Ring 2 - Intermediates followed by Novice Peeweews After completion of all divisions – Incoming Junior Board Interviews (1 Hour after the completion of the Showmanship Show) Junior Board Meeting Immediately Following
Friday, June 22	7:00 a.m. – Junior Board Meeting 8:00 a.m. – Shows (% Heifers, Black Red Carrier, Bred & Owned Females, Bred & Owned Bulls, 100% Steers, % Steers)
Saturday, June 23	6:00 p.m. – Awards Banquet and Silent Auction 7:00 am – Junior Board Meeting 8:00 a.m. – Show (Owned Female)

All Animals Released at the conclusion of the show

2024 Junior Board and Royalty

Calley Stubbs – President Kansas <i>(Term expires 2025)</i>	Morley Griffith – Vice President Oklahoma <i>(Term expires 2024)</i>
Greta Rosenhagen – Communications Oklahoma <i>(Term expires 2024)</i>	Mason Krey – Leadership Oklahoma <i>(Term expires 2024)</i>
Tiffany Hediger – At Large Director Illinois <i>(Term expires 2024)</i>	Raygan Krey – At Large Director Oklahoma <i>(Term expires 2025)</i>
	Dalia Weber – Membership Illinois <i>(Term expires 2024)</i>
	Ashbee Norma – Queen Alabama <i>(Term expires 2024)</i>
Legacy Murphy – Princess Kansas <i>(Term expires 2024)</i>	Taylor Moore– Princess Kentucky <i>(Term expires 2024)</i>

Junior Advisor

Kris Nagel
Illinois

2024 Senior Board

Kaye Gilbert – President Iowa <i>(Term expires 2024)</i>	Ryan Sweeney – Vice President Oklahoma <i>(Term expires 2025)</i>
Cheryl Johnson – Secretary/Treasurer Iowa <i>(Term expires 2024)</i>	John Fischer – Board Member Texas <i>(Term expires 2026)</i>
Matt Griffith – Board Member Oklahoma <i>(Term expires 2025)</i>	Dalton Hartman – Board Member Nebraska <i>(Term expires 2025)</i>
	Steve Orr – Board Member Oklahoma <i>(Term expires 2026)</i>

2024 Committees

(Go to www.najrae.com for a complete listing of committee members)

Banquet

Chair Cheryl Johnson

Twana Griffith, Jill Hartman, Raygan Krey, Kris Nagel

Bylaws

Chair Matt Griffith

Steve Orr, Calley Stubbs, Ryan Sweeney

Facility

Chair Dalton Hartman

John Fischer, Kaye Gilbert, Morley Griffith, Cheryl Johnson

Finance

Chair John Fischer

Kaye Gilbert, Matt Griffith, Mason Krey, Kris Nagel, Steve Orr, Calley Stubbs, Ryan Sweeney

Marketing

Chairs John Fischer and Steve Orr

Kaye Gilbert, Matt Griffith, Cheryl Johnson, Kris Nagel, Rudy Pooch, Greta Rosenhagen

Membership

Chair Kris Nagel

Kaye Gilbert, Twana Griffith, Tiffany Hediger, Raygan Krey, Calley Stubbs, Dalia Weber

Royalty

Chair Twana Griffith

Kris Nagel, Ashbee Norman, Mary Norman, Taylor

Scholarship

Chairs Kaye Gilbert, Matt Griffith

Show & Events

Chair Kaye Gilbert

Wyatt Banks, Mandy Fischer, Morley Griffith, Cheryl Johnson, Legacy Murphy,
Dene Sweeney, Ryan Sweeney, Becky Vandike, Dalia Weber

Events Chair – Dene' Sweeney

Kaye Gilbert, Legacy Murphy, Becky Vandike

Awards Chair – Mandy Fischer

Livestock Chair – Ryan Sweeney

Kaye Gilbert, Dalia Weber

FUZION Show Rule Changes for 2024

- **MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT:** Exhibitors only need to be a member of NAJRAE at the time of Check In.
- **REGISTRATION:** Only registered Red Angus females and bulls 87%-100% with no disqualifying marks will be eligible to show. 87%-100% cattle will show together in the same class. Cattle entered in this show must be officially registered in one of the following: Red Angus Association herd- book or in the Herd-book of the Canadian Angus Association. The original registration certificate or pdf as printed out from the respective online database is required at check-in. Cattle must be in the R or I status at the time of the FUZION check-in. This applies to all owned and bred and owned shows.
- **FITTING:** The use of coloring agents and/or paints to change the existing color, color pattern, or any other usage is allowed.
- **BLACK RED CARRIER SHOW:** A Black Red Carrier show has been added. Complete rules are on page 18.
- **ARTS & CRAFTS:** Rule 9 regarding the requirement of an 8.5"x11" portfolio has been eliminated. A portfolio is NO longer required.
- **GRAPHIC DESIGN CONTEST:** A new contest for Graphic Design has been added. Complete rules are on page 28.
- **FITTING CONTEST:** Team members must now include a minimum of one (1) Junior Member and no more than one (1) Senior member. All teams must include a junior.
- **SENIOR INTERVIEW CONTEST:** The contest will now be known as Interview contest. Must be 16 by January 1 of the event year to participate. There will be specific jobs to apply for and a different deadline. Please see complete rules on page 30.
- **BRED & OWNED:** Exhibitors may now show animals owned by siblings. The animal must still qualify as a Bred & Owned by never being transferred and the sibling being listed as the original breeder of the animal. Please see complete rules on page 17.
- **DIVISIONS:** There are new divisions for the Bred & Owned and Owned Female shows. Please see page 20.

Frequently Asked Questions for the FUZION Event

Do I have to stall with my state?

Yes. Exhibitors will be stalled with their respective state, with respective state being defined as the state of residency on their registration papers at the time of early entry, May 15. Stalls will be assigned by FUZION Show Officials.

Do I need to bring bedding?

Each entry will be assessed a bedding fee for indoor bedding. Tie-out bedding will also be provided.

Can I tie out to my trailer or build pens in tie-outs?

Tie outs will be available upon arrival. All cattle in tie-outs MUST wear a neck-tie. Pens will be allowed **ONLY** for cow-calf pairs and there will be no tying to trailers for tie-outs. **Tie Outs are assigned by state.**

Do I have to participate in satellite events?

Exhibitors showing in ANY FUZION cattle show must compete in three (3) satellite events. Two (2) events must be from the six (6) individual contests. An exhibitor may also use the 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 interview contest for qualified exhibitors. Eligible team events are Quiz Bowl or Team Fitting.

Why is it important to provide the exhibitor shirt size at the time of entry?

Each exhibitor will be given a complimentary show shirt and event t-shirt. Exhibitors are required to wear their show shirt during ALL FUZION shows and showmanship. You may purchase extra show shirts or show t-shirts online during the entry process.

What are the age divisions for exhibitors?

Age divisions are determined by the age as of January 1st of the current show year (2024). These will apply for all contests, unless noted.

- a) Peewee: 7 and under
- b) Novice: 6-7 years of age
- c) Junior: 8-12 years of age
- d) Intermediate: 13-16 years of age
- e) Senior: 17-21 years of age

What is the difference between Peewee and Novice?

Novice exhibitors are Peewee age exhibitors that have their own animals and would like to participate in the shows. Peewee Only will not have their own animals and may use someone else's animals to compete in the Showmanship event.

Will Novice be required to do Satellite Events?

Novice will be required to do 3 Satellite Events in the Novice division. Peeweess will not participate in the Satellite Events. All Peewee aged exhibitors may participate in the Peewee events such as cookie decorating and stick horse.

Am I allowed to have my own stall cards or farm signs in my stalls?

No. All exhibitors must use the stall signs provided by the event. No other stall signs are allowed and no farm signs are allowed anywhere in the stall, tack space, or community area of the exhibitor's space.

Does the exhibitor need to purchase a banquet ticket?

Yes, anyone including the exhibitor attending the banquet must purchase a ticket. You can purchase banquet tickets during the online entry process.

Will the show have an on-call veterinarian?

Yes, there will be an on-call veterinarian. If used, the exhibitor will assume all expenses or bill.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RULES

WELCOME

The NAJRAE encourages your participation in this year's FUZION event. The Senior Board of Directors as well as the Junior Board of Directors looks forward to hosting you and your exhibits at the Kentucky Expo Center, and we welcome you to Louisville, Kentucky.

INTERPRETATION OF RULES

NAJRAE reserves to its Senior Board of Directors the final and absolute right to interpret these General Rules and Regulations, the Livestock Show Special Rules, and/or any applicable special requirements as published in this premium list (collectively, the "Rules") and to reasonably settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to NAJRAE's FUZION Event, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. An exhibitor who violates any of the following rules may forfeit all privileges, fees paid and premiums awarded and may be subject to such penalties as the Senior Board of Directors may determine. The failure of NAJRAE to enforce any of the provisions, rules, rights or remedies of this premium list or to exercise any options or sanctions herein provided will in no way be construed to be a waiver of such provisions, rules, rights, remedies, sanctions or options. Special rules or conditions are published in each department where necessary. If there is a conflict between the special rules or requirements of any department or division and the general rules and regulations, the special rules or requirements shall apply.

LIABILITY STATEMENT

All exhibitors and exhibits shall comply with these rules of FUZION. NAJRAE shall not be liable to exhibitor for lost profit or other financial loss of any type or description including any special, indirect, reliance, incidental or consequential damages which may be caused directly or indirectly by the enforcement of these Rules, or for any time delays, inadequacies of services of NAJRAE or any use of the premises or by any deficiency or defect therein. Additionally, NAJRAE is not responsible for any loss, injury or damage caused by exhibitor or exhibitor's property that may arise directly or indirectly from exhibitor's participation at the FUZION Event. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any such loss, injury or damage, whether to person or property, and shall indemnify NAJRAE, and their directors against all losses, damages and legal proceedings arising there from.

NON-COMPLIANCE TO RULES

Exhibitors are subject to all rules and regulations of the (NAJRAE). Entries are accepted with the understanding that each exhibitor agrees to conform to the Rules and Regulations of the North American Junior Red Angus Event. Any person found guilty of misrepresentation or not abiding by the Rules in this premium list will be disqualified and denied the privilege of competing at NAJRAE's FUZION Event.

Enforcement will be at the discretion of the authorized NAJRAE representatives. Disciplinary action for a violation may include but not be limited to the removal of all awards (animal show as well as satellite events), removal of premium money, and permanent disqualification from the current and future NAJRAE events.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITORS

1. **NON-COMPLIANCE TO THE RULES:** Exhibitors are subject to all rules and regulations of NAJRAE. Please see the statement for Non-Compliance of Rules on Page 8.
2. **LIABILITY STATEMENT:** Each exhibitor/contestant (and exhibitor's parent or legal guardian, if exhibitor is a minor) acknowledges with entry that he/she understands and agrees to the release and/or limitation of liability statement and agrees to abide by all Rules of NAJRAE's FUZION Event.
3. **EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY:** The NAJRAE does not discriminate against any applicant, exhibitor, volunteer, customer or patron on the basis of race, sex, color, age, disability, religion, citizenship, veteran status, nationality or ethnic origin.
 - a. **AGE REQUIREMENTS:** Participants must be members in good standing of the NAJRAE by paying their NAJRAE Membership Fees 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.

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- i. Peewee: 7 and under
 - ii. Novice: 6-7 years of age
 - iii. Junior: 8-12 years of age
 - iv. Intermediate: 13-16 years of age
 - v. Senior: 17-21 years of age
- b. **PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:** Exhibitors showing in ANY FUZION cattle shows must compete in three (3) satellite events. Two (2) events **MUST** be from the six (6) individual contests. Qualified exhibitors may also use the 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 interview contest for qualified exhibitors. Eligible team events are Quiz Bowl or Team Fitting.
 - c. **RULE REQUIREMENTS:** Exhibitors and their exhibits must meet and adhere to the requirements of these Rules and any and all Special Rules listed under the appropriate department(s) and division(s) as printed in this rule book to be eligible for entry.
 - d. **MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT:** Exhibitors only need to be a member of NAJRAE at the time of Check In.

4. ANIMAL ELIGIBILITY:

- a. **OWNERSHIP:** To be eligible for competition, animals must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor. All entries must be solely in the NAJRAE exhibitors name by **May 25, 2024**.
- b. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** Please refer to the Animal Health Requirements listed in this premium list.
- c. **REGISTRATION:** Cattle entered in this show must be officially registered in one of the following: Red Angus Association herd- book or the Herd-book of the Canadian Angus Association. The original registration certificate or pdf as printed out from the respective database is required at check-in. ***Cattle must be in the R or I status at the time of FUZION check-in.***
- d. **ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION:** All animals must have legible tattoos in both ears, which match the Animal ID and Herd Prefix as recorded in the RAAA or CAA 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 or CAA database.
 - ii. All tattoos must be in the ears according to the RAAA or CAA Rules and Regulations for Permanent Identification Procedures:
 1. Each tattoo, Herd Prefix and Animal ID, must be legible in at least one ear.
 2. Animal ID and Herd Prefix may be present in either one ear or both ears.
 3. 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
- e. **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 Shows will have a tissue sample taken immediately following their respective shows and sent 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 in conjunction with each individual show requirements, the title awarded will stand
 - iii. If the animal does not verify to be a Red Angus in conjunction with each individual show requirements, the title will be removed.

5. ENTRY PROCEDURE:

- a. **ENTRY APPLICATION:** All applications for entry must be made online at www.najrae.com
 - b. **ENTRY SUBSTITUTIONS:** Substitutions will be allowed within the same sex. Substitutions must be declared at check in.
6. **ENTRY DEADLINES:** Entries must be submitted **online by 11:59 P.M., May 15, 2024**. Late Entries will be accepted from May 16, 2024 - May 25, 2024 for additional fees.

7. **ENTRY FEES:** All applications for entry must be accompanied by related fees. If the entry does not have fees enclosed, the application for entry will not be accepted or accepted conditionally. All international exhibitors must pay fees in certified U.S. currency. Entry fees are not stall fees and do not dictate stall space. **ALL FEES ARE FINAL AND NON-REFUNDABLE.**
- a. **NAJRAE Junior Membership - \$20:** NAJRAE membership must be paid in full through online entries to be processed. This fee applies to Novice, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Age Divisions. Membership must be paid to participate in animal shows and/or satellite contests.
 - b. **NAJRAE Peewee Membership - \$5:** Peewee Membership must be paid in full through online entries to be processed. Membership must be paid to participate in animal shows and/or satellite contests.
 - c. **Entry Fee - \$40 per entry/per show:** Bred and owned entry fees are separate from owned entry fees. We do not assume if an animal is bred & owned that you also want to show it in the owned show. **YOU MUST ENTER IN BOTH SHOWS.**
 - d. **Owned Female, Bred & Owned Bull, Steers, Black-Red Carrier, and Percentage Heifer Bedding Fees –** Bedding Fees will be no less than \$30, but subject to change at the time of entry.
 - e. **Bred & Owned Female Bedding Fee –** Bedding Fees will be no less than \$30, but subject to change at the time of entry. Bred & Owned Female bedding fees must be paid separately **IF** the animal is **NOT** going to be entered in the Owned Female Show. If the animal is entered in the Owned Female show, no additional bedding fees are needed.
 - f. **Late Entry Fee - \$80 per entry/per show:** will be assessed from May 16-25, 2024.
 - g. **Contest only fee - \$40 fee:** If you're not showing an animal but wish to participate in the contests, including team events, you will pay this fee. This fee will allow the participant to be eligible for all Satellite Events and Team Events during the contest.

RULES OF COMPETITION

1. JUDGES/OFFICIALS:

- a. **SELECTION OF JUDGES/OFFICIALS:** Judges will be selected through a selection process of the Show Team and voted on by the NAJRAE Senior Board of Directors. Judges will be familiar with all rules and department requirements.
- b. **JUDGES' DECISIONS/OFFICIALS:** The judges' decisions are final. See below for protest details.
- c. **INTERFERENCE WITH JUDGES/OFFICIALS:** If any exhibitor, in any way, whether in person or by their representative, interferes with the judge(s), or shows any disrespect to the judges or show officials, the senior board may excuse him/her from the ring, disqualify them from further competition, and exhibitor premiums that may have been awarded may also be forfeited.

2. PROTESTS:

- a. **FILING:** All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$500.00, cash or certified check, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the senior board immediately after the occasion for such protest. Protests will be accepted prior to, during and within 2 hours immediately following the conclusion of judging. Any protest as to the eligibility on account of age or breeding of animals must be filed with the senior board prior to the day on which they are to be judged.
- b. **INVESTIGATION:** Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation; and depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a thorough investigation is completed. The NAJRAE Senior Board of Directors reserves the right to hold all protests and investigation findings confidential.

3. SHOW RING COMPETITION:

- a. **EXHIBITOR SUBSTITUTIONS:** Exhibitors must accompany and exhibit their show entries. If a substitute exhibitor is needed, it will require the approval of the show team. Exceptions include:
 - i. An exhibitor has more than one animal in the same class, in which another FUZION exhibitor may help by showing one of the animals.
 - ii. Injury or illness.
- b. **HUMANE TREATMENT:** Exhibitors are to treat animals in a humane manner at all times. Show officials will provide a warning to any exhibitor deemed to be in violation of this basic principle of animal husbandry. Any exhibitor who fails to heed the warning will be disqualified and removed from show grounds.
- c. **ENTRY NUMBER:** Each entry will be assigned an entry number. This number will identify animals in the show and will correspond with the numbers in the Official Judge's Book and must be displayed by exhibitors when the entries are being judged.
- d. **JUDGING SCHEDULE:** The Livestock Show Schedule, as published in this rule book, will be followed as closely as possible. Exhibitors should ascertain at what time the exhibits entered will be judged. Judging will not be delayed for exhibitors entering the show ring late. Any exhibit not presented promptly at the scheduled time will be ruled out and excluded from competition when the class is called.
- e. **CLASS SIZE:** The FUZION Show Officials will split classes as near to equal as possible.
- f. **SHOW SHIRT:** Official show shirts are required while exhibiting animals and will be available at check-in. These will be provided by the FUZION Event.
- g. **DISQUALIFICATION:** If an exhibit is disqualified there will be no refund of any fees due to disqualification.
- h. **PHOTOGRAPHS/VIDEOS:** Photographs of Champion and Reserve Champion exhibits will be taken by the official photographer of the FUZION Event. Exhibitors of Champion and Reserve Champion winners must make themselves and their exhibits available for the taking of official photographs with the possibility of videos. Exhibitor hereby grants NAJRAE permission to utilize photographs/videos, image or likeness in whole or in part for use in official NAJRAE publications, social media and other promotions.

- i. **PREMIUM PAYOUT:** Total premiums will be paid by NAJRAE unless otherwise stated. Premiums will be forwarded to designated person(s) as directed, as soon after the close of the show as they can properly be processed. Cash premiums are payable by bank check. Checks will be made payable to the exhibitor listed on the entry form. All premiums whatsoever, not claimed within 90 days upon receipt, shall be deemed forfeited to the show. NAJRAE reserves the right to withhold premiums awarded in every case in which it appears to NAJRAE management that the Rules have been violated, or that fraud or deception has been attempted or practiced.
4. **BARN STALLS:** Stall assignments will be done by FUZION Show official through collaboration with the Show Team, and Show Entry person.
 - a. Exhibitors will be stalled with their respective state, with respective state being defined as the state of residency on their registration papers at the time of early entry, May 15.
 - b. States will be stalled together in assigned locations.
 - c. Exhibitors may request stalling needs during entry, ie to be stalled with another family within their state. There is no guarantee that any stall request can be honored but FUZION Event will do their best to accommodate all requests.
 - d. Stalling assignments will be posted prior to move in day.
 - e. **FANS:** Overhead fans are allowed in the front half of stalls. Signs will be hung on the aisles as to what direction your fans should be pointed.
 - f. **FAN CAGES AND BUTT FANS ARE NOT ALLOWED.**
 - g. **SWAMP/PORTR COOLERS ARE NOT ALLOWED.**
5. **TIE OUTS:** Tie outs will be available upon arrival.
 - a. All cattle in tie-outs **MUST** wear a neck-tie.
 - b. Cattle are limited to the assigned tie-out areas.
 - c. Tie-out bedding will be provided.
 - d. Pens will be allowed **ONLY** for cow-calf pairs.
 - e. There will be no tying to trailers for tie-outs.
 - f. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning before/after use, as necessary.
 - g. Tie-out assignments will be handled the same as stalling assignments in the barn.
 - h. Tie-outs are assigned by states.

ANIMAL / EXHIBITOR DISQUALIFICATION

1. **EXHIBITOR & CREWS:** Each member exhibitor or member owner is prohibited from altering the conformation or the structure of an animal by injection or internal or external administration of any Prohibited Substance or by involvement in an Unethical Fitting. The member exhibitor and/or member owner is responsible for the acts of any nonmember fitter found to have altered an animal in violation of these Rules.
2. **UNETHICAL FITTING:** Unethical fitting means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation, musculature or weight of an animal by any unnatural means. **The attempted surgical or non-surgical alteration or conformation of an animal is strictly prohibited.** Animals showing any signs of being unethically fitted will be disqualified. Examples of unethical fitting include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. The use of false tail heads, added hair or other materials to any part of the animal's body is prohibited.
 - b. The use of artificial filling, including but not limited to, pumping, drenching, use of a hose in the throat, and injections is strictly prohibited. If an animal must be treated for any reason medically, an authorized FUZION Show official must be notified immediately.
3. **TESTING FOR UNETHICAL FITTING:** NAJRAE may adopt and implement various tests designed to monitor this prohibition, including but not limited to the immediate washing of an animal. Tests may be conducted by any authorized FUZION Show officials.
4. **SUBMISSION OF ANIMALS FOR TESTING:** Each member exhibitor or owner shall: (1) submit any cattle to such tests and examinations by authorized FUZION Show officials as may be requested thereby; (2) release NAJRAE, its officers, directors, employees and agents from any and all claims for damages arising in connection with the administration of any such test or examination and any and all decisions based upon or otherwise using or incorporating the results thereof; and (3) in the event such member exhibitor or member owner desires to dispute or challenge the results of any such test or examination applied to his animals, do so only in accordance with the procedures established by the Rules of NAJRAE's FUZION Event.
5. **ENFORCEMENT OF RULES:** Authorized FUZION Show officials have the authority to enforce the rules set forth herein, including barring an animal from a livestock show at which it is to be shown, if there are reasonable grounds to believe a violation has occurred.
6. **TRAILERING ANIMALS:** Once an animal is unloaded from a trailer at the show grounds, said animal may not enter the trailer again until departing the show facility not to return. Any animal found entering a trailer during the show will be immediately disqualified. If for any reason an animal does need to re-enter a trailer it will be at the discretion of the authorized FUZION Show Officials.
7. **ANIMAL HANDLING:** Any exhibitor who loses control of his/her animal twice in the show ring will be required to remove the animal from the ring.
8. **REQUIREMENTS TO SHOW ANIMALS:** Exhibitors showing in ANY FUZION cattle show must compete in three (3) satellite events. Two (2) events **MUST** be from the six (6) individual contests. Qualified exhibitors may also use the 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 interview contest for qualified exhibitors. Eligible team events are Quiz Bowl or Team Fitting. If an exhibitor has not completed three (3) of the events, the exhibitor will not be eligible to show an animal.

ANIMAL HEALTH RULES

1. **ALL** animals (in state and out of state) exhibiting at NAJRAE's FUZION Event must be accompanied by an official, valid Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI, health certificate).
2. All species imported for breeding purposes or requiring testing shall be individually identified by a method approved by the animal health commissioner (official USDA ear tag, breed registration tattoo, Microchip, registered ear notch, etc).
3. All health certificates must have physical addresses (NOT post-office boxes) for both the consignor and consignee.
 - a. **Show Name: NAJRAE's FUZION Event**
 - b. **Show Address: Kentucky Expo Center, 937 Phillips Lane, Louisville, KY 40209**
 - c. **Show Phone Number: 712-490-2956 or 319-931-8127**
4. Refer here for up-to-date information: An up to date Kentucky Department of Agriculture Health Requirements for Exhibition is posted at www.najrae.com,

FUZION SHOW RULES

1. **OWNERSHIP:** All animals must be registered in the exhibitor's name only by May 25, 2024
2. **REGISTRATION:** Only registered Red Angus females and bulls 87%-100% with no disqualifying marks will be eligible to show. 87%-100% cattle will show together in the same class. Cattle entered in this show must be officially registered in one of the following: Red Angus Association herd-book, or the Herd-book of the Canadian Angus Association. The original registration certificate or pdf as printed out from the respective database is required at check-in. Cattle must be in the R or I status at the time of FUZION Event check-in. This applies to the owned and bred and owned shows.
3. **SUBSTITUTIONS:** Substitutions will be allowed within the same sex and must be declared at check in.
4. **ANIMAL HANDLING:** Any exhibitor who loses control of his/her animal twice in the show ring will be required to remove the animal from the ring.
5. **OWNED FEMALE SHOW RULES:**
 - a. Heifers and Cow/Calf will have their own division but will compete for Overall Grand and Reserve Champion show honors. Top five animals will be selected. Please refer to class breakdown listed after this section.
 - b. **Cow/Calf Pairs.** The cow determines where the pair will show.
 - i. The cow must be owned by the exhibitor at the time the calf is born.
 - ii. The cow must be registered solely in the junior exhibitor's name.
 - iii. Cows exhibited with calves at side must be lactating.
 - iv. Calves must not be more than 250 days of age at the time of the show.
 - v. Bulls and heifers must meet RAAA or CAAA registration requirements.
 - vi. Calves are not required to be registered if showing alongside the cow only. Any calf exhibited at the side of their dam in a cow/calf class may be exhibited in an individual class subject to all pertinent FUZION Show Rules and Classifications and must be registered.
 - vii. Only natural pairs are eligible.
 - c. At the time of processing, all females 20 months of age or older on publicized date of show must have the one of the following:
 - i. Certificate of pregnancy from a licensed veterinarian.
 - ii. Written statement by a licensed veterinarian or embryologist of having produced fertile eggs.
 - iii. A female's own natural born calf at side, that is registered as 87% and above.
 - d. Peeweeps are not eligible for this show unless they are in the Novice Division.

6. BRED AND OWNED SHOW RULES:

- a. An Exhibitor or Exhibitor's sibling or step sibling must be listed as breeder and the **only** owner on the original registration certificate. ***The animal must never have been transferred out of the original breeder/owner's name to qualify for bred and owned.***
 - i. An Exhibitor may show a sibling or step sibling's bred and owned animal as long as the animal entry is entered in that Exhibitor's name by entry deadline.
 1. *For example, Joe Smith owns the animal and qualifies as Bred & Owned. John Smith, Joe's step brother, may exhibit the animal in all NAJRAE's FUZION shows, including Bred & Owned, without transferring the name on the registration paper as long as the animal show entry is in John Smith's name by entry deadline.*
 - ii. The animal may be entered under one sibling's name for one show during the event and entered under the other sibling for a different show during the event. Declaration of which sibling will be showing the animal for which show must be done by the show's entry deadline. The animal may not be entered under each sibling's name for a respective show.
 1. *For example, using the animal above, Joe Smith may enter the animal in the Bred & Owned Female Show and John Smith may enter the animal in the Owned Show as long as that declaration is made at entry deadline. The animal may not be entered under Joe Smith and John Smith for the Owned Show.*
- b. Heifers and Cow/Calf will have their own division but will compete for overall grand and reserve champion show honors. Top five animals will be selected. Please refer to class breakdown listed after this section.
- c. **Cow/Calf Pairs.** The cow determines where the pair will show.
 - i. The cow must be owned by the exhibitor at the time the calf is born.
 - ii. The cow must be registered in the junior exhibitor's name, sibling, or step sibling's name consistent with the rule listed above.
 - iii. The cow and calf must **BOTH** be bred and owned to show in this division.
 - iv. Cows exhibited with calves at side must be lactating.
 - v. Calves must not be more than 250 days of age at the time of the show.
 - vi. Bulls and heifers must meet RAAA or CAA registration requirements.
 - vii. Calves are not required to be registered if showing alongside the cow only. Any calf exhibited at the side of their dam in a cow/calf class may be exhibited in an individual class subject to all pertinent FUZION Show Rules and Classifications and must be registered.
 - viii. Only natural pairs are eligible.
- d. At the time of processing, all females 20 months of age or older on publicized date of show must have one of the following:
 - i. Certificate of pregnancy from a licensed veterinarian.
 - ii. Written statement by a licensed veterinarian or embryologist of having produced fertile eggs.
 - iii. A female's own natural born calf at side, that is registered 87% or above.
- e. All bulls 9 months of age or older on date of show must be shown with a nose lead.
- f. Peewees are not eligible for this show unless they are in the Novice Division.

7. PERCENTAGE FEMALE SHOW RULES:

- a. Females must be registered with RAAA or CAA.
- b. Females must be no less than 50 percent Red Angus.
- c. The sire or the dam must be a registered Red Angus with the RAAA or CAA.
- d. The Animal must be red hided and polled. For example, Charolaise/Red Angus Cross (range fires). No black hided or black animals allowed. Refer to the RAAA or CAA Breeder's Guide for disqualifying characteristic. When in doubt, please contact FUZION Show officials at info@najrae.com or Cheryl@najrae.com.
- e. All females must be under 2 years of age and will be shown as individuals.
- f. A scurred animal is considered polled if you choose not to remove the scurs, if you surgically or mechanically remove the scur you will be disqualified.
- g. Pairs will not be allowed in the show.
- h. Classes will be broken by the FUZION Show Officials by animal date of birth.
- i. Please refer to class breakdown listed after this section.
- j. Peewees are not eligible for this show unless they are in the Novice Division.

8. PURE BRED STEER SHOW RULES:

- a. Steers must be registered with the RAAA or CAA.
- b. Steers must be 100% Red Angus from two registered parents.
- c. Cattle must be in the R or I status at the time of FUZION check-in.
- d. Steers must adhere to the RAAA or CAA Breeder's Guide for registration.
- e. Steers will be shown by weight and broke by weight.
- f. Steers will be weighted and weights displayed on the back number.
- g. Peewees are not eligible for this show unless they are in the Novice Division.

9. PERCENTAGE STEER SHOW RULES:

- a. Steers must be registered with the RAAA.
- b. Steers must be 50 percent or greater Red Angus from one registered Red Angus parent.
- k. Steers must be red hided and polled. For example, Charolaise/Red Angus Cross (range fires). No black hided or black animals allowed. Refer to the RAAA Breeder's Guide for disqualifying characteristics from a 87% and above classification. When in doubt, please contact FUZION Show officials at info@najrae.com or Cheryl@najrae.com.
- c. Steers must display enough breed characteristics which match the percentage or registration.
- d. 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.
- e. Classes will be determined after weigh-in and broke by weight.
- f. Peewees are not eligible for this show unless they are in the Novice Division.

10. BLACK RED CARRIER FEMALE SHOW RULES:

- a. Females must be registered with RAAA or CAA.
- b. Females must be Angus genetics of 87% and above.
- c. Parentage for the animal must be the following:
 - i. One (1) parent **must** be a category 1A (100%) or 1B (87% and above) with the RAAA or a Red Angus with the CAA.
 - ii. The second parent may be a category 1A (100%), 1B (87% and above), or a Category 2 (87% and above with ineligible white or black hide) with the RAAA or a registered Angus with the CAA or the AAA.
- d. All animals must be Parental verified by check in with RAAA or CAA or the animal will not be allowed to show.
- e. Animals may not have any disqualifying white.
 - i. The skin color of all animals for which application for registration is made must be BLACK. An animal red in color or with white skin or hair above the underline, in front of the navel or on leg, foot, or tail, shall not be eligible for this show.
- f. All females must be under 2 years of age and will be shown as individuals.
- g. All females must be polled. A scurred animal is considered polled.
- h. Pairs will not be allowed in the show.
- i. Classes will be broken by the FUZION Show Officials by animal date of birth.
- j. Please refer to class breakdown listed after this section.
- k. Peewees are not eligible for this show unless they are in the Novice Division

11. SHOWMANSHIP RULES:

- a. This show is a blow and go show.
- b. Novice - Senior divisions, the exhibitor must own the animal exhibited in the showmanship contest and the animal must be entered in one of NAJRAE's FUZION Event shows. Peewee divisions are exempt. If a Peewee has moved to the Novice division, the rule applies.
- c. The showmanship contest specific exhibitor number must be worn by the participant in the showmanship contest.
- d. Any exhibitor who loses control of his/her animal twice in the show ring will be required to remove the animal from the ring.
- e. Each age division will be awarded Champion and Reserve awards.
- f. Divisions will be:
 - i. Peewee
 1. With Helper (7 and under)
 2. Peewee without Helper (7 and under)
 - ii. Novice (6-7 years of age)
 - iii. Juniors (8-12 years of age)
 - iv. Intermediates (13-16 years of age)
 - v. Seniors (17-21 years of age)

OWNED AND BRED AND OWNED FEMALE CLASS BREAKS: The following class breaks will be followed in the Bred and Owned, Owned and Female shows. Please note these classes will be broken into sub classes based on the class sizes. The show year for the FUZION begins in January 2024

CLASS NAME	CLASS DESCRIPTION
<i>May Calves</i>	May 1 and after, same year as beginning of show year.
<i>April Calves</i>	April 1 to April 30, same year as beginning of show year.
<i>March Calves</i>	March 1 to March 31, same year as beginning of show year.
Spring Calf Champion	Class Winners from March, April, & May Classes
Reserve Spring Calf Champion	Remaining class winners and the 2 nd place winner from the Champion
<i>February Calves</i>	February 1 to February 28, same year as beginning of show year.
<i>January Calves</i>	January 1 to January 31, same year as beginning of show year.
Junior Calf Champion	Class Winners from January and February Classes
Reserve Junior Calf Champion	Remaining Class winners and the 2 nd place winner from the Champion
<i>December Calves</i>	December 1 to December 31, year prior to beginning of show year.
<i>November Calves</i>	November 1 to November 30, year prior to beginning of show year.
Winter Calf Champion	Class Winners from the November and December Classes.
Reserve Winter Calf Champion	Remaining Class winners and the 2 nd place winner from the Champion.
<i>October Calves</i>	October 1 to October 31, year prior to beginning of show year.
<i>September Calves</i>	September 1 to September 30, year prior to beginning of show year.
Fall Calf Champion	Class Winners from the September and October Classes.
Reserve Fall Calf Champion	Remaining Class winners and the 2 nd place winner from the Champion.
<i>August Yearlings</i>	August 1 to August 31, year prior to beginning of show year.
<i>July Yearlings</i>	July 1 to July 31, year prior to beginning of show year.
Late Summer Yearling Champion	Class Winners from the July and August Yearlings.
Reserve Late Summer Yearling Champion	Remaining Class winners and the 2 nd place winner from the Champion.
<i>June Yearlings</i>	June 1 to June 30, year prior to beginning of show year.
<i>May Yearlings</i>	May 1 to May 31, year prior to beginning of show year.
Early Summer Yearling Champion	Class Winners from the May and June Yearlings.
Reserve Early Summer Champion	Remaining Class winners and the 2 nd place winner from the Champion.
<i>April Spring Yearlings</i>	April 1 to April 30, year prior to beginning of show year.
<i>March Spring Yearlings</i>	March 1 to March 31, year prior to the beginning of the show year.
Senior Intermediate Champion	Class Winners from the March & April Spring Yearlings.
Reserve Senior Intermediate Champion	Remaining Class winners and the 2 nd place winner from the Champion
<i>February Junior Yearlings</i>	February 1 to February 28, year prior to the beginning of the show year.
<i>January Junior Yearlings</i>	January 1 to January 31, year prior to the beginning of the show year.
Junior Champion	Winners from the January & February Junior Yearlings

Reserve Junior Champion	Remaining Class winners and the 2 nd place winner from the Champion.
<i>December Senior Yearlings</i>	December 1 to December 31, two years prior to beginning of show year.
<i>November Senior Yearlings</i>	November 1 to November 30, two years prior to beginning of show year.
Winter Senior Champion	Class Winners from the November and December Senior Yearlings
Reserve Winter Senior Champion	Remaining Class winners and the 2 nd place winner from the Champion.
<i>October Senior Yearlings</i>	October 1 to October 31, two years prior to beginning of show year.
<i>September Senior Yearlings</i>	September 1 to September 30, two years prior to beginning of show year.
Fall Senior Champion	Class Winners from the September and October Yearlings
Reserve Fall Senior Champion	Remaining Class winners and the 2 nd place winner from the Champion.
<i>August Senior Yearlings</i>	August 1 to August 31, two years prior to beginning of show year.
<i>July Senior Yearlings</i>	July 1 to July 31, two years prior to beginning of show year.
<i>June Senior Yearlings</i>	June 1 to June 30, two years prior to beginning of show year.
Summer Senior Champion	Class Winners from the June, July, and August Yearlings
Reserve Summer Senior Champion	Remaining Class winners and the 2 nd place winner from the Champion.
<i>Two-Year-Old Cow with Calf</i>	Cow must be born after January, two years prior to beginning of show year. Calf may not be an ET calf, must be under 250 days of age and still nursing.
<i>Mature Cow & Calf</i>	Cow must be born before January, two years prior to beginning of show year. Calf may not be an ET calf, must be under 250 days of age and still nursing.
Cow Calf Champion	Class Winners from Both Cow Calf Classes
Reserve Cow Calf Champion	Remaining Class winners and the 2 nd place winner from the Champion.
Grand Champion	Division Winners
Reserve Grand Champion	Remaining Class winners and the 2 nd place winner.
3rd Overall Heifer	Remaining Class winners and the 2 nd place winner.
4th Overall Heifer	Remaining Class winners and the 2 nd place winner.
5th Overall Heifer	Remaining Class winners and the 2 nd place winner.

BRED & OWNED BULL CLASSES: Please note these classes will be broken into sub classes based on the class sizes. The show year for FUZION begins January 1, 2024.

CLASS NAME	CLASS DESCRIPTION
<i>May Calves</i>	May 1 and after, same year as beginning of show year.
<i>April Calves</i>	April 1 to April 30, same year as beginning of show year.
<i>March Calves</i>	March 1 to March 31, same year as beginning of show year.
Spring Calf Champion	Class winners from March, April, and May
Reserve Spring Calf Champion	Remaining Class winners and the 2 nd place winner from the Class Champion.
<i>February Calves</i>	February 1 to February 28, same year as beginning of show year.
<i>January Calves</i>	January 1 to January 31, same year as beginning of show year.
Junior Calf Champion	Class winners from January and February.
Reserve Junior Calf Champion	Remaining Class winners and the 2 nd place winner from the Class of the Champion.
<i>Winter Calves</i>	November 1 to December 31, year prior to beginning of show year.
<i>Senior Calves</i>	September 1 to October 31, year prior to beginning of show year.
Fall Calf Champion	Class winners from Winter and Senior Calves
Reserve Fall Calf Champion	Remaining Class winners and the 2 nd place winner from the Class of the Champion.
<i>Late Summer Yearlings</i>	July 1 to August 31, year prior to beginning of show year.
<i>Summer Yearlings</i>	May 1 to June 30, year prior to beginning of show year.
Intermediate Champion	Class winners from Late Summer and Summer Yearlings.
Reserve Intermediate Champion	Remaining Class winners and 2 nd place winner from the Class of the Intermediate Champion.
<i>April Spring Yearlings</i>	April 1 to April 30, year prior to beginning of show year.
<i>March Spring Yearlings</i>	March 1 to March 31, year prior to the beginning of the show year.
Senior Intermediate Champion	Class winners from March and April Yearlings
Reserve Senior Intermediate Champion	Remaining Class winners and the 2 nd place winner from the Class of the Champion
<i>February Junior Yearlings</i>	February 1 to February 28, year prior to the beginning of the show year.
<i>January Junior Yearlings</i>	January 1 to January 31, year prior to the beginning of the show year.
Junior Champion	Winners from January and February Yearlings
Reserve Junior Champion	Remaining Class winners and the 2 nd place winner from the Class of the Champion.
<i>Senior Yearlings</i>	September 1 to December 31, two years prior to beginning of show year.
Senior Champion	Senior Yearlings Winners
Reserve Senior Champion	Remaining Class winners and 2 nd place winner from the Class of the Senior Champion.
Grand Champion	All Division Winners
Reserve Grand Champion	Remaining Class winners and the 2 nd place winners

PERCENTAGE FEMALE CLASSES: Please note these classes will be broken into sub classes based on the class sizes. The show year for FUZION begins January 1, 2024.

CLASS NAME	CLASS DESCRIPTION
<i>May Calves</i>	May 1 and after, same year as beginning of show year.
<i>April Calves</i>	April 1 to April 30, same year as beginning of show year.
<i>March Calves</i>	March 1 to March 31, same year as beginning of show year.
<i>February Calves</i>	February 1 to February 28, same year as beginning of show year.
<i>January Calves</i>	January 1 to January 31, same year as beginning of show year.
<i>Winter Calves</i>	November 1 to December 31, year prior to beginning of show year.
<i>Senior Calves</i>	September 1 to October 31, year prior to beginning of show year.
<i>Late Summer Yearlings</i>	July 1 to August 31, year prior to beginning of show year.
<i>Summer Yearlings</i>	May 1 to June 30, year prior to beginning of show year.
<i>April Spring Yearlings</i>	April 1 to April 30, year prior to beginning of show year.
<i>March Spring Yearlings</i>	March 1 to March 31, year prior to the beginning of the show year.
<i>February Junior Yearlings</i>	February 1 to February 28, year prior to the beginning of the show year.
<i>January Junior Yearlings</i>	January 1 to January 31, year prior to the beginning of the show year.
<i>Senior Yearlings</i>	September 1 to December 31, two years prior to beginning of show year.
Grand Champion	Class Winners from Classes 1-16
Reserve Grand Champion	Remaining Class winners and the 2nd place winner.

BLACK RED CARRIER FEMALE CLASSES: Please note these classes will be broken into sub classes based on the class sizes. The show year for FUZION begins January 1, 2024.

CLASS NAME	CLASS DESCRIPTION
<i>May Calves</i>	May 1 and after, same year as beginning of show year.
<i>April Calves</i>	April 1 to April 30, same year as beginning of show year.
<i>March Calves</i>	March 1 to March 31, same year as beginning of show year.
<i>February Calves</i>	February 1 to February 28, same year as beginning of show year.
<i>January Calves</i>	January 1 to January 31, same year as beginning of show year.
<i>Winter Calves</i>	November 1 to December 31, year prior to beginning of show year.
<i>Senior Calves</i>	September 1 to October 31, year prior to beginning of show year.
<i>Late Summer Yearlings</i>	July 1 to August 31, year prior to beginning of show year.
<i>Summer Yearlings</i>	May 1 to June 30, year prior to beginning of show year.
<i>April Spring Yearlings</i>	April 1 to April 30, year prior to beginning of show year.
<i>March Spring Yearlings</i>	March 1 to March 31, year prior to the beginning of the show year.
<i>February Junior Yearlings</i>	February 1 to February 28, year prior to the beginning of the show year.
<i>January Junior Yearlings</i>	January 1 to January 31, year prior to the beginning of the show year.
<i>Senior Yearlings</i>	September 1 to December 31, two years prior to beginning of show year.
Grand Champion	Class Winners from Classes 1-16
Reserve Grand Champion	Remaining Class winners and the 2nd place winner.

SATELLITE CONTEST RULES

NAJRAE provides the opportunity to learn and sharpen skills both in and out of the show ring with satellite contests. **Please note to be eligible to show in ANY of NAJRAE's FUZION Event cattle shows, exhibitors must compete in three (3) satellite events. Two (2) events MUST be from the six (6) individual contests. Qualified exhibitors may also use the 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 interview contest for qualified exhibitors. Eligible team events are Quiz Bowl or Team Fitting**

GENERAL RULES

1. **AGE REQUIREMENTS:** Participants must be members in good standing of the NAJRAE by paying their NAJRAE Junior Dues 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.
 - i. Novice: 6-7 years of age
 - ii. Junior: 8-12 years of age
 - iii. Intermediate: 13-16 years of age
 - iv. Senior: 17-21 years of age
2. There are no fees to participate in satellite events if the exhibitor has entered an animal entry.
 - a. ***If no animal is entered, a member may pay a \$40 contest only fee and pay their 2024 NAJRAE Membership to be eligible to enter any satellite contests or team event.***
3. Each satellite event has its own set of rules and is listed below within each contest.
4. Entries in the arts and crafts and photo contests that are deemed inappropriate by a sifting committee will be disqualified.
5. The order of presentation for all contests will be randomly assigned within division and will be posted at least 24 hours prior to the contest.

ARTS & CRAFTS CONTEST RULES

1. All entries must be original work, created within the last year and not previously entered at an NAJRAE Event.
2. Any exhibiting artist consents to the use of his/her name and the artist's image(s) for purposes of promotion and advertisement by NAJRAE. The artist waives any claim including claim for the invasion of the right of privacy of copyright, against NAJRAE, its directors, officers, etc.
3. ALL entries must be farm/ranch related and promote the Red Angus breed or beef industry in some way. A portion of the exhibitor's points will be determined by the exhibitor's project's promotion of the Red Angus breed.
4. Any medium may be used: pencil, crayon, pastel, paint, fabric, metal, wood, clay, etc. It cannot contain photographs.
5. All flat art (i.e. drawings, paintings) must be matted with black mat board/paper or may be framed. Canvas pieces do not need to be matted.
6. Exhibitors will be responsible for providing tables/stands for any 3-dimensional entries to be displayed. NAJRAE must be notified in advance if any unconventional method of presentation or hanging is required.
7. Originality is key!
8. One entry per person.
9. Enter arts and crafts in the following classes for each age division.
 - Class 1 - Sketch, Drawing, Painting
 - Class 2 - Woodworking
 - Class 3 - Welding & Metalworks
 - Class 4 - Sewing, Fabrics, Cloth
 - Class 5 - Pottery, Ceramics, Glass
 - Class 6 - Other Crafts
10. A brief interview with a judge will be conducted with each Arts & Crafts exhibitor.
11. The top 5 of each class will be selected from each age division and recognized on the displays.
12. The top 5 Arts & Crafts overall of each age division will not be announced until awards banquet.
13. Contest participation counts towards the sweepstakes contest. Participants must be present during the week of NAJRAE's FUZION Event.

HERDSMAN QUIZ & ID RULES

1. The quiz will consist of multiple choice, matching, and true/false questions
2. One hour will be allowed for contestants to compete in this event. Ten-minute warnings will be given after 30 minutes have passed
3. Contestants may not bring notes, books or reference materials into the testing area. All materials will be provided, including quiz questions, answer sheet, tie-breaker questions and a number two pencil.
4. Conferring with other contestants, use of notes or any form of cheating will be grounds for disqualification.
5. Ties will be broken according to tie-breaker questions. If a tie remains, five pre-selected unmarked questions from the test will be used to decide the final placing.
6. Primary resources for the questions will be available at www.najrae.com/education.
7. Individual contest participation counts towards the sweepstakes contest.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING RULES

1. Contestants will evaluate classes of livestock and will designate their placing on provided judging cards.
2. A committee designated by the NAJRAE Senior Board will provide official results that contestants will be scored against.
3. Junior division will have one class of questions that they must answer about a designated class.
4. 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.
5. Contestants will be placed as individuals and those scores will count toward the sweepstakes total.
6. All contestants are expected to act honestly, not talk or share information and follow instructions of the show officials. Show officials can disqualify contestants if they are caught cheating in any way.
7. Individual contest participation counts towards the sweepstakes contest.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST RULES

1. Photos are to be submitted at check in on Monday.
2. All photos are to be a color 8" x 10", mounted on an 11" x 14" black or white foam core.
3. Exhibitors are to place a sticker on the back of the foam core with their name, state, and age division.
4. All work must be that of the entrant and must somehow include Red Angus in the photo.
5. Photo cannot be altered, or image enhanced in any way. Photos must be in COLOR with no altering, filters, or enhancements. Contestants are encouraged to use 35 - millimeter (mm) cameras.
6. Pictures are judged on the quality of the photograph taken, subject matter and image as presented. Remember "Less is More".
7. Photos must be taken by the contestant during the past year. Photos cannot have been presented at previous NAJRAE or Junior Red Angus contests.
8. One entry per person.
9. NAJRAE reserves the right to use the photos in the future in any way they see fit.
10. Those selected for the top 10 overall of each age division will be tagged during exhibition. The top 5 placing overall will not be announced until the Awards Banquet
11. Individual contest participation counts towards the sweepstakes contest. Participants must be present during the week of NAJRAE's FUZION Event.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST RULES

1. The intermediate and senior speech division will have a specified topic which will be industry related. The topic will be determined by the NAJRAE Junior Board and will be posted to the website and social media by April 15, 2024.
2. The junior speech division topic can be any subject pertaining to Red Angus cattle or the beef industry in any phase of the business.
3. The contestant will be evaluated on organization and content, language and delivery, presentation, total effectiveness, and in response to questions.
4. Visual aids are limited to physical charts etc.
5. No slides, overheads or any other electrical aids will be allowed.
6. Time limits are as follows, Deductions of half a point per ten seconds will be made from the score by each judge for speeches under or over the specified length:
 - a. Novice speeches are not to exceed 5 minutes
 - b. Junior speeches are not to exceed 5 minutes
 - c. Intermediate 5-7 minutes
 - d. Senior 5-7 minutes
7. Individual contest participation counts towards the sweepstakes contest.
8. Speech rooms will be open to the public.

SALES TALK CONTEST RULES

1. The Sales Talk contest is meant to be an informal interaction between the contestant and the judge (buyer). Contestants will meet individually with the buyer, who will be the judge, and present him or her with a sales talk.
2. Time allotted to each contestant is five minutes.
3. Sales Talk presentations need to be 3-5 minutes long and must include the selling of Red Angus cattle, frozen genetics, or meat.
4. If you are going to use an animal that you are exhibiting at the show for sales talk, you may bring that animal to the sales talk. If you are going to sell something that you have at home, bring pictures to help you sell.
5. Contestants should be prepared to discuss performance information and visual appraisal traits. The contestant also needs to be prepared to answer questions the buyer may have on the item being sold.
6. Contest participation counts towards the sweepstakes contest.

GRAPHIC DESIGN RULES

1. Each division will be given a marketing piece to design for the following year's FUZION Event by NAJRAE with the location TBA.
 - a. **Novice and Juniors:** Create a tack box sticker to promote the FUZION Event by NAJRAE.
 - b. **Intermediates:** Design a Facebook marketing advertisement to promote the FUZION Event by NAJRAE.
 - c. **Seniors:** Create a logo, style, and theme for the FUZION Event by NAJRAE.
2. The Theme should include the FUZION logo as well as promoting Red Angus genetics and members.
3. All work must be original work of the contestant, excluding the FUZION logo.
4. The entry must be created using computer technology. Contestants may use any software available to design the theme.
5. All entries must be submitted in PDF format by **Monday, June 10th by 11:59 pm central. No late entries will be accepted!**
6. Entries must include the Exhibitor's Name, Birthdate, and age division when submitting the entry.
7. Scoring will be based on a 50 point scale with 10 points given for each of the following categories
 - a. Originality
 - b. Message
 - c. Attracts Attention
 - d. Use of Space
 - e. Design
8. Judges will have the discretion to remove any entry from competition if not meeting specified contest rules.
9. The top Graphic Designs of each age division will not be announced until awards banquet.
10. Selection of winners does not guarantee that the winner's theme will be used. However, all entries will be eligible for modification or use for the FUZION Event.

INTERVIEW CONTEST RULES

This contest is for **ONLY** exhibitors 16 years and older as of January 1. The contest is designed to give those exhibitors the opportunity to gain the interview skills needed when seeking a job in the ag industry, specifically the cattle industry. Each part of this contest demonstrates “real world” situations that will be used by employees. Exhibitors must choose a real-world job in the Cattle industry specifically the Red Angus breed.

General Information

- a. Must be in 16 years or older as of January 1 to participate.
- b. Must for the purpose of the contest “apply” for one of the following positions:
 - i) Feedlot Development Management
 - ii) Marketing Representative with a local Pharmaceutical Company
 - iii) Purebred Herd Management
 - iv) Internship with NAJRAE
- c. Exhibitor must dress in business casual attire.
- d. Application, cover letter, and resume must be submitted by **Monday, June 10th by 11:59 pm central!**

Registration & Deadline

- a. The required material must be digitally submitted online through the NAJRAE website.
- b. All items must be submitted through the link prior to Monday, June 10, 2024.

Required Material

- a. **Application** – must be completed online through the NAJRAE website.
- b. **Resume** - Exhibitor must upload a resume as a **PDF** when completing the application.
- c. **References** - Exhibitor must upload a list of references (3 business related, 3 personal) with name and contact information as a **PDF** when completing the application.
- d. **Cover Letter** – Exhibitor must submit a cover letter as a **PDF** when completing the application. Letter is to be addressed to **Mrs. Kaye Gilbert, (Name of the Company applying); 11523 Violet Ave, Stockport IA 52651.**

Personal Interview

- a. The Interview will be held in-person at the event.
- b. Interview will be approximately 15 minutes long.
- c. Interviews will be scheduled with the candidates during the event.

Scoring & Awards

- a. Participants will be ranked in numerical order based on the final score determined by each judge from the Application, Resume, and Cover Letter categories.
- b. Points are as follows:
 - i) Application - 100 points
 - ii) Cover Letter - 100 points
 - iii) Resume/References - 200 points
 - iv) Personal Interview - 500 points
 - v) Total possible points = 900

Tiebreakers

- a. If two participants tie in points, the tiebreakers will be as follows
 - i) 1st Tiebreaker – total points on Personal Interview
 - ii) 2nd Tiebreaker – total points on Resume
 - iii) 3rd Tiebreaker – total points on Cover Letter

SWEEPSTAKES CONTEST

1. The Sweepstakes takes the scores from the top 10 exhibitors in the in the satellite contests and crowns one overall winner out of all divisions. The contestant with the highest score overall will be named the Sweepstakes winner.
2. The Novice Division is not eligible for the Sweepstakes contest.
3. The following contests make up the sweepstakes contest.
 - a. Arts and Crafts
 - b. Herdsman's Quiz & ID
 - c. Livestock Judging Contest
 - d. Photo Contest
 - e. Public Speaking
 - f. Sales Talk
4. Exhibitors will be awarded sweepstakes points for the contests above as listed below:
 - a. Each Contestant will receive 100 points for participation in each contest.
 - b. Points will be awarded in each age division as follows:
 - i. 1st – 100
 - ii. 2nd – 80
 - iii. 3rd – 60
 - iv. 4th – 50
 - v. 5th – 40
 - vi. 6th – 30
 - vii. 7th – 25
 - viii. 8th – 20
 - ix. 9th – 15
 - x. 10th – 10
5. In the event of a tie, the tie breaker will be determined as follows.
 - a. First tiebreaker will be the Herdsman Quiz. The candidate with the highest score will be determined the winner of the tie.
 - b. Second tiebreaker will be Sales Talk scores. The candidate with the highest score will be determined the winner of the tie

TEAM CONTESTS

NAJRAE provides the opportunity to learn to work as a team in team contests held during the FUZION Event. **Please note the following contests will qualify towards ONE of the exhibitor satellite contest participation.**

GENERAL RULES

1. Participants must be NAJRAE members in good standing by paying their annual NAJRAE membership fees.
2. **AGE REQUIREMENTS:** Participants must be members in good standing of the NAJRAE by paying their FUZION 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 (2024). These will apply for all contests, unless otherwise noted.
 - a. Junior: 8-12 years of age
 - b. Intermediate: 13-16 years of age
 - c. Senior: 17-21 years of age
3. Exhibitors must have met all eligibility requirements set forth.
4. Novice and Peewees are not eligible to participate in team events.

QUIZ BOWL CONTEST RULES

General Quiz Bowl Rules

1. The quiz bowl contest will be made up of two age divisions.
 - A. Junior – 13 and under
 - B. Senior – 14 and over
2. Quiz bowl teams will consist of four (4) exhibitors in the same age division. Teams do not have to be from the same state but all contestants must be FUZION exhibitors.
3. Juniors may be permitted to move into the senior division. Seniors will not be allowed to move down an age division.
4. Teams will compete in a tournament consisting of head-to-head match-ups where they will be asked three groups of questions.
5. The team with the most points at the end of each match up will advance until a winner is named in each age division.
6. The moderator will face the back of the room during all rounds. The contestants must face the moderators through the entirety of the rounds.
7. Awards will be awarded to both champion and reserve teams.

Quiz Bowl Rules of Competition

1. A player who states an answer which is accepted as correct earns ten (10) points for his or her team. If the moderator is interrupted by a team buzzing in before the question is read completely, and the player who is recognized gives an incorrect or unacceptable answer, the team will lose five (5) points. The moderator will then reread the question in its entirety for the second team. However, if that team also buzzes in before the moderator completes the question, and they give an incorrect or unacceptable answer, they will not lose five (5) points.
2. Teams will have 10 seconds to buzz in from the time the moderator finishes the question. Any exceptions to the 10-second time limit will be noted by the moderator. If the team which buzzes in without interrupting gives an incorrect or unacceptable answer, the opposing team will have the remaining time according to the stated time for that question, plus five seconds, to buzz in. When the first team buzzes in before the question has been read completely, and does not give an acceptable answer, the second team will then have 10 seconds to buzz in after the question has been reread for them. Time for the second team begins when the moderator announces the first team's answer is incorrect or unacceptable.
3. Teams may buzz in to answer a question at any time after the moderator begins reading or displaying it. A team member must wait to be recognized by team and position before answering. If a player states an answer without being recognized, if the wrong player answers, or if two or more players respond simultaneously, the moderator must say "I can't accept that answer," and turn to the other team, if it has not yet had a chance to respond to the question. Striking a teammate's buzzer requires the other player, whose buzzer signaled, to give the response.
4. If a team member, after being recognized, hesitates or stalls, the moderator will warn him or her to answer the question after three seconds. If the person does not answer the question immediately after the warning, it will be counted as an incorrect response.
5. The first answer given by a team member will be the one taken as the answer, whether correct or incorrect. If a player states the correct answer, but mispronounces it, the response will be accepted if, in the opinion of the judge, the player's attempted pronunciation represents a reasonable phonetic possibility based on the way the word is written

TEAM FITTING CONTEST RULES

Each team is required to:

1. Teams must sign up during Check In.
 - a. If a team is short a member, the team will be allowed until Tuesday at Noon to fill the slot.
2. Each will consist of four (4) contestants and all must be FUZION exhibitors.
3. Team members must include a minimum of one (1) Junior member and no more than one (1) Senior member. (Peewees and Novices are not eligible unless they have bumped to the Junior Division)

General Fitting Contest Rules

1. Teams will be broken into heats of no more than 15 teams. If entries are over 15 teams, the heats will be split evenly.
2. Each heat will be 30 minutes in length to take a clean, dry animal with nothing in its hair and get it completely show ready (fitting legs, body clipping, working hair, etc.).
 - A. A 10 & 5 minute warning will be given.
 - B. At the end of the 30 minute allotted time, clippers are to be put down and work stopped.
 - C. Cattle are to be removed out of the chute and ready to enter the "show ring".
 - D. Cattle will be shown with their team and questions will be asked by the judges at this time.
3. Once the contest begins, no team member may leave the area and no additional equipment may be brought into the fitting area.
4. Teams must provide their own supplies needed for fitting.
5. Each team will be responsible for bringing in an animal.
 - A. Animals are not to be groomed; but, should be washed and dried.
 - B. Animals will be checked before entering the competition area.
 - C. An animal may not be used more than once.
6. Each team member must fit a leg and use the blowers.
7. All fitting and grooming techniques must be within the accepted practices for the FUZION Event. All grooming rules of the FUZION Event will be strictly enforced.
8. Animals may be watered, but no feed or hay will be allowed.
9. 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.)
10. Teams will be judged based upon the following criteria:
 - A. Quality of workmanship (Ability to fit)
 - B. Team Skills – Compatibility & Organization
 - C. Compatibility of the use of various types of equipment.
 - D. The Final Competition will include a showmanship element. Each animal will be presented to the judges (by one team member) at the completion of the allotted time.
11. Exhibits will be evaluated based upon a three-judge system. Neatness of individuals and area will be in consideration.
12. Teams in Heat 1 will be responsible for providing chutes and generators to be used in all heats.
13. The top 10 teams will be announced at the conclusion of all the heats and will be brought back to the finals.

Fitting Contest Finals

1. The top 10 teams in the finals must fit a different heifer from their heat and one that was not used in a previous heat of the contest.
2. All contest rules will apply to the Finals.
3. All grooming rules of the FUZION Event will be strictly enforced.
4. Each animal must be completely clean and dry.
5. Teams are responsible for bringing their own chutes, generators, and equipment.
6. Students will be judged based upon the following criteria:
 - A. Quality of workmanship
 - B. Team Skills – Compatibility & Organization
 - C. Compatibility of the use of various types of equipment.
 - D. The Final Competition will include a showmanship element. Each animal will be presented to the judges (by one team member) at the completion of the allotted time.
7. Exhibits will be evaluated based upon a three-judge system. Neatness of individuals and area will be in consideration.
8. Prizes won in the fitting contest MAY NOT be returned to the sponsor of the product for a different product.
9. Awards will be given to the top five teams.

NOTE: *In case of power outage for one or more chutes, a horn will be sounded and all work halts on all teams.*

STATE CONTESTS

STATE HERDSMAN CONTEST RULES

1. The purpose of this contest is to encourage cooperation, fellowship and teamwork among state juniors in developing and maintaining a display of cattle and stall area. It also promotes pride and enthusiasm for the state junior organization and rewards those organizations that achieve this purpose.
2. The contest is held Wednesday-Friday of the NAJRAE's FUZION Event. The states are divided into two divisions: small state and large states.
3. They are judged on aisle & bedding (cleanliness and general appearance); animals (clean and well-groomed); equipment, boxes, signs, etc. (well arranged, attractive and general appearance); personnel attending cattle (neat appearance, knowledgeable, friendly, teamwork, enthusiasm); and promotion of association, state, Red Angus or beef.
4. The actual booth space cannot exceed a 10x10 area. The emphasis in the scoring is placed on cleanliness and general appearance of the aisle and how the animals are maintained.
5. Stalls will be assigned to exhibitors according to state. Failure to stall in assigned stall space will result in a forfeiture of all premiums and elimination from the herdsmanship competition.
6. You may have signs for your junior state association.
 - a. **FARM SIGNS ARE NOT ALLOWED**
 - b. Only stall cards provided at the show are allowed.
 - c. Stall Cards will be provided at check-in.
 - d. If provided stall cards are not used, points will be deducted.
7. The scoring is based on the following:
 - a. Aisle & Bedding – cleanliness, general appearance – 30%
 - b. Animals – clean, groomed, general appearance – 30%
 - c. Youth Tending Cattle - neat, knowledgeable, friendly, teamwork and enthusiasm – 20%
 - d. Equipment, Boxes, Signs, etc. - attractive, well arranged, general appearance – 10%
 - e. Promotion of State, Assn, Red Angus or Beef – general appearance – 10%