

## 2017 Texas Junior Red Angus Association Futurity

### GENERAL RULES

The **2017 Texas Junior Red Angus Association Futurity** will be held in conjunction with the **2017 State Fair of Texas**. The State Fair of Texas Junior Red Angus show will serve as the official Texas Junior Red Angus Association State Show.

1. **2017 Pan American Livestock Exposition Open Red Angus, October 13, 2017**
  - a. This show will follow and comply with all State Fair of Texas Rules and entry deadlines. Visit [www.bigtex.com](http://www.bigtex.com) for complete premium list. **To participate in the show, you must enter through the State Fair of Texas by September 1, 2017. Entry Fee \$30/per head**
2. **2017 Texas Red Angus Junior State Bred and Owned Female and Bulls & Showmanship, October 13, 2017**
  - a. This show will follow and comply with all State Fair of Texas Rules and entry deadlines. Visit [www.bigtex.com](http://www.bigtex.com) for complete premium list. **To participate in the show, you must enter through the State Fair of Texas by August 25, 2017. Entry Fee \$30/per head**
  - b. All cattle must be BRED AND OWNED by the Junior Exhibitor and must be entered to show in the State Fair of Texas Junior or Pan American Livestock Exposition Open Red Angus show.
3. **2017 State Fair of Texas & Texas Red Angus Youth State Show and Texas State Jr. Show, October 14, 2017**
  - a. This show will follow and comply with all State Fair of Texas Rules and entry deadlines. Visit [www.bigtex.com](http://www.bigtex.com) for complete premium list. **To participate in the show, you must enter through the State Fair of Texas by August 25, 2017. Entry Fee \$30/per head**
4. **Futurity Contest Registration, Entry, and Fees**
  - a. **Individual entry forms and required fees for the Texas Junior Red Angus Association contests** must be postmarked by the entry deadline of **September 19**. If postmark is after September 19 a **late fee of \$10** per exhibitor will be incurred. The areas of competition in which an individual will participate must be designated at the same time.
  - b. Fees are located on the entry form. Entry fee of \$25 enters the junior into the futurity and to each contest.
  - c. All checks will be written to the **Texas Junior Red Angus Assoc.** and must accompany the entry form.
  - d. All entries will be returned to address designated on entry form.
5. **Eligibility**
  - a. Participants in the State Futurity Contests must be paid members of the Junior Texas Red Angus Association.
  - b. Contest participants must not have reached their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday prior to September 1, 2017.

### COMPETITION AND AWARDS

1. **Novice, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Division Eligibility**
  - a. Contestants 8 years and under who have not reached their 8<sup>th</sup> birthday by September 1, 2017, and are not eligible 4-H members must compete in the Novice division. Novice contestants may participate in all contests except the cattle shows. Contests will be age appropriate.
  - b. **\*\*Novices who participate in showmanship may be accompanied by an adult in the showing. \*\***
  - c. To compete in the Junior Division, a contestant must be 8 years old prior to September 1, 2017, and not have reached their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday prior to September 1, 2017.
  - d. To compete in the Intermediate Division, contestants must be 13-16 years old on September 1, 2017,
  - e. and not have reached their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday prior to September 1, 2017.
  - f. To compete in the Senior Division, contestants must be 17-21 years old on September 1, 2017, and not have reached their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday prior to September 1, 2017.
2. **Individual Competition**
  - a. At the futurity, overall competition will be determined by points won in four events: Cattlemen's Quiz Public Speaking, Photography, Sales Talk, and Skill-A-Thon.

- b. The top 15 competitors in the Cattlemen's Quiz, Public Speaking, Photography, Sales Talk, and Skill-A-Thon, will receive points, with the highest score receiving 15 points and each subsequent score receiving one less point down to one point for fifteenth place.
- c. To compete in the overall contest and be eligible for awards, a contestant must compete in four of the five following events: Cattlemen's Quiz Photography, Public Speaking, Sales Talk, and Skill-A-Thon. **Contestants must compete in either sales talk or public speaking to be eligible for overall competition.**

### 3. Ties

- a. Ties will be broken by comparing scores in the order of the following events: Cattlemen's Quiz, Public Speaking, and Sales talk.

### 4. Recognition and Awards

- a. To receive awards, contestants must attend the awards ceremony and dinner on Saturday, October 15, 2017. The only exceptions must be approved by the TJRAA Board. Approval for early release must be brought to TJRAA Board's attention by the completion of contestant check-in.
- b. Awards will be presented to winners in the Novice, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions in each event.
- c. Overall competition – The top individuals in the Novice, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions will receive an award.

### 5. Conduct and Disciplinary Action

- a. All TJRAA members in attendance at the TJRAA Futurity are expected to conduct themselves in a manner becoming to a member of the TJRAA.
- b. Violations of the above standard include, but are not limited to: misrepresentation of animals, vandalism, theft, fighting, unsportsmanlike conduct, and failure to comply with the directives of Futurity officials, possessing or being under the influence of intoxicating beverages or other prohibited substances, or willful violation of rules.
- c. TJRAA Board Members and Advisers, upon finding an individual in violation of conduct, may take action as deemed necessary.

### 6. Liability Provisions

- a. All contestants must supply a signed release statement from a parent or legal guardian before being allowed to participate. The release statement is provided on the individual entry form.
- b. The Texas Junior Red Angus Association and/or any of its employees are not responsible for accidents or theft that may occur during the Futurity.

## CONTEST RULES

### Cattlemen's Quiz

The quiz will consist of multiple choice and true/false questions.

One and one half hour will be allotted for contestants to complete the quiz.

Notes, books, and reference materials are not permitted in the testing area. All materials will be provided, including a Sire Summary, quiz questions, answer sheet, and pencils.

Conferring with other contestants, use of cell phones, or any other form of cheating will be grounds for disqualification of contestants.

Ties will be broken according to pre-designated tie breaking questions.

Primary resources for questions used on the quiz will be derived from the Texas 4-H Beef Bowl Quiz and Texas 4-H Managing Beef Cattle for Show. Both of these documents are located on the junior section of <http://www.texasredangus.org>

### Public Speaking

The junior age division will be doing a prepared speech, while Intermediate and Senior age divisions will participate in extemporaneous speaking.

Contestant speaking order will be selected in a random drawing. Contestants are free to choose their subject matter. However, speech topics should pertain to the Red Angus breed, or the beef industry.

Contestants should present prepared speeches composed of original material. Contestants MAY NOT repeat a speech previously used in this contest. If sources of information are used in speech preparation, the source should be cited. In speeches that address technical or scientific matter, resource information should be given. The speaker must give credit when he/she quotes directly the words or writings of another individual.

Extemporaneous contestants will be given 30 minutes to prepare a speech on one of three randomly selected Red Angus and beef topics. Materials will be provided on the topics to develop speeches.

Speeches will be 3 to 5 minutes in length. Time elapsed will be posted during the speech so contestants are aware of timing. Speakers, who finish before 3 minutes have elapsed, or after 5 minutes have passed, will be penalized 1 point for each second over/under. Following the speech, time is allowed to judges to ask questions.

Following each speech, the panel of judges will be allowed to ask relevant questions to participants in ALL DIVISIONS.

Contestants are permitted to use notes, but excessive reference to note cards may result in point deductions by the judge.

No props, visual aids, music, etc. will be permitted.

At the conclusion of each speaker, judges will total scores for that speaker. The scores shall then be averaged and a ranking of contestants determined at the conclusion of the contest.

### **Skill-A-Thon**

The purpose of this contest is to assess practical skills related to the beef industry and Red Angus cattle.

Contest may include a visual identification via Power Point, identification of the actual equipment, or a combination of the two,

Contest may include but is not limited to: identification, practical usage, beef industry problem solving, and practical application of ARA materials.

Contestants may not bring notes, books, or reference materials into the contest area.

While the contest is in progress, there shall be no conferring between contestants, use of cell phones, use of notes, or any other form of cheating. Any violation will be grounds for disqualification from the contest.

Ties will be broken by clearly marked tie-breaker questions. If a tie still remains, the tie will be broken according to placing on the Cattlemen's Quiz.

### **Sales Talk**

The Sales talk uses a live setting complete with animal or a photo (no larger than 8x10) and potential buyers. The purpose of this contest is to evaluate the effectiveness of the presentation and the contestant's ability to merchandise cattle.

Contestants may use any entry or photo (no larger than 8x10) of a Red Angus animal as the subject of the Sales Talk. Contestants may use a heifer/cow other than their own. The contestant may hold or tie the heifer/cow, or have another contestant hold the heifer/cow during the talk. The heifer/cow is not to be fitted.

Before the talk, contestants will be required to provide judges with a registration certificate for the animal being "sold". The judges will use the registration certificate to evaluate the accuracy of pedigree and performance information provided by the contestant and to also ask questions. The certificate will be returned to the contestant at the end of the talk.

Contestants will be judged on their knowledge of the animal they are selling (25%), ability to relate important information about the heifer/cow (organization and style-25%), poise and delivery (25%), and overall effectiveness in convincing the judge to buy the animal (25%).

A contestant's score will be reduced 10% if additional materials are presented to the judges other than those listed in the above rules.

Sales Talk will be 5-7 minutes in length. Time elapsed will be indicated during the contest so that contestants are aware of time constraints.

### **Photography Contest**

1. All work must be that of the entrant.
2. Photos are to be 8x10-inch (in.) color or black-and-white prints mounted on a 10x14-in. black foam core. Photos should not be matted or framed. Mount the completed 3x5 index card with the contestant name, age division, entry division and photo title on the back side, in the upper left-hand corner of the form core.
3. Photos must be taken by the contestant during the past year. Photo cannot be altered or image-enhanced in any way.

4. There will be four subject categories: Red Angus Cattle, Landscapes, People and Around the Farm or Ranch. Contestants may enter only one photo per category. Each entry may apply to no more than one subject category. The contestant should declare what subject category the photo is to be judged, as the photograph is representative of the contestant's interpretation of the category. Judges, however, reserve the right to move an entry to a more suitable category. Further explanation of the subject categories is listed below.
  - Red Angus Cattle - Photographs that highlight Red Angus cattle on the farm or ranch or at an Red Angus event. The cattle should be the dominate focus of the picture.
  - Landscape - Photographs that focus on scenery around the farm or ranch. Red Angus cattle should be included in the photo.
  - People - Photographs that show a Red Angus junior and/or family, friends, fellow junior members, etc., either involved in activities on the farm or ranch or at a Red Angus event.
  - Around the Farm or Ranch – Photographs that highlight activities and scenes around the farm or ranch.
  
5. A maximum of one entry per contestant is allowed.