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Dear Southwest Regional Participants:

We are thrilled you are going to be part of the NJSA Southwest Regional at the Woodward County Fairgrounds & Event Center in Woodward, Oklahoma on August 31 – September 3! To make this event run smoothly, please read a few reminders listed below.

General Reminders

1. All Southwest Regional entries **must** have been owned by the exhibitor by July 15, 2023.
2. **The size of one pen is 5' x 5' and there will be ONE pig per pen.**
3. We will **NOT** be providing shavings. Exhibitor will be responsible for their own.
4. NJSA age divisions are: Novice (8 & under); Junior (9-12); Intermediate (13-16); and Senior (17-21).
All ages are as of Jan. 1, 2022
5. Please visit the NSR website for health rules and regulations that **MUST** be followed for your pig to be exhibited.

Arrival and Check-In Information

1. Entries may begin arriving at the fairgrounds at noon Thursday, Aug. 31, and must be in place by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 1. Make sure all health papers are checked for all animals on your trailer by the veterinarians before you unload any hogs from your trailer.
2. Check-in will take place from 2 – 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 31; as well as 8 – 10 a.m. Fri., September 1.
3. At check-in, each exhibitor should have the original pedigree and one photocopy of the pedigree for each hog, the original health paper and one photocopy of their PQA Plus or YQCA certificate or card.
4. **PLEASE DO NOT MAKE COPIES OF YOUR HEALTH PAPERS AHEAD OF TIME AS WE WILL REQUIRE THE VET TO SIGN YOUR ORIGINAL COPY UPON YOUR ARRIVAL. The copy that you turn in during registration MUST be signed by the vet.**
5. **All exhibitors ages 8 through 21 MUST be YQCA or PQA Plus certified.**
6. **Parents of youth ages 7 years and under must be certified in Adult PQA Plus training.**
7. Any youth that are not PQA Plus or YQCA certified prior to the Southwest Regional **will not be allowed to exhibit their hogs.**
8. **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training is available to be completed online at: [YQCA \(\[yqcaprogram.org\]\(http://YQCA\(yqcaprogram.org\)\)](http://YQCA(yqcaprogram.org)**

Show Requirements

1. Barrows must weigh 290 pounds or less with a 15 lb. weigh-back. Crossbred gilts must weigh 375 pounds or less with a 15 lb. weigh-back.
2. This is not a terminal show; exhibitors will be responsible for their barrows at the completion of the show.
3. Scales will be made available to exhibitors on Thursday-Sunday. Exhibitors must turn in a weight card with the declared weight of ALL purebred barrows, crossbred barrows and crossbred gilts by 10 a.m. Friday to the show office.

4. The top three barrows and crossbred gilts in each class will be reweighed. Barrows and crossbred gilts must weigh back within 15 pounds of their declared weight. Any barrows or crossbred gilts weighing more or less than 15 pounds of the declared weight will be disqualified.
5. Showmanship will begin at noon on Friday, Sept. 1, beginning with seniors, then intermediates, juniors, and novices.
6. The barrow show will begin immediately following Showmanship on Friday, Sept. 1, starting with the Berkshires, followed by the Durocs, Hampshire, Landrace, Yorkshire, and Crossbred barrows.
7. The purebred gilt show will begin at 8 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, starting with the Berkshires, followed by Durocs, Hampshire, Landrace, Yorkshire, and Crossbred gilts.
8. *NEW FOR 2023* The National Swine Registry Executive Committee has voted to implement the weighing of ALL junior purebred gilts. This will be in place starting with Southeast Regional 2023. All exhibitors will be required to go to one of the designated scales in the barn for breed eligibility checks and be weighed by NSR staff members during the designated time as posted on the schedule. Weight cards will be obtained once the gilt is weighed at the scale.
9. Junior purebred gilt classes will be broken first by month of birth, then by weight within month of birth. A minimum of 3 gilts per class will be reweighed, outside the showring at the conclusion of each class. This data will be used to guide future decisions regarding junior purebred gilt exhibition rules.
10. All purebred gilts will be weighed immediately following the barrow show on Friday, Sept. 1.

Judging Contest Information

1. Judging contest registration will be 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 2.
2. The judging contest will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 2 (Junior, Intermediate, Senior).
3. The novice judging contest will begin at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2.
4. **Please note that it is an NJSA policy that any gilt or barrow exhibited at an NJSA show is eligible to be selected for use in the Judging Contest. If your hog is selected, you have the option to drive it during the contest yourself, but you may not decline its use. Please be cooperative if your hog is selected to be used in the Judging Contest.**

Sweepstakes

1. Sweepstakes contest points will be awarded in the purebred gilt/barrow shows, showmanship contest and judging contest. Youth must compete in showmanship, judging contest and either the gilt show or barrow show to qualify for the sweepstakes contest. The exhibitor's highest placing purebred barrow OR purebred gilt will count toward the sweepstakes contest, NOT both. All participants in the sweepstakes contest MUST complete the entire judging contest.
2. The sweepstakes award ceremony will take place at the conclusion of the gilt show on Sunday. All awards not collected will be mailed.

Additional Information

1. All animals are released once they are done showing.

If you have any questions, please call (765) 463-3594 or e-mail NSR Events and Education Manager, Bailey Craft, at baileyc@nationalswine.com. See you soon!

Sincerely,



Bailey Craft
National Swine Registry Events and Education Manager