

# 2025 The Sweet Peach Regional February 14-16, 2025 Blue Ridge, Georgia



## **Eligibility:**

1. All exhibitors and participants must be members of Team Purebred.
2. Exhibitors enter online by following the link under shows at [www.teampurebred.com](http://www.teampurebred.com)
3. Exhibitors must be 21 years of age or younger as of January 1, 2025.
4. The age divisions will be as of January 1, 2025: Senior (17-21); Intermediate (13-16); Junior (9-12) and Novice (8 and under).
5. Entry fee is \$45/head for Team Purebred entries. Crossbred entry fee is \$55/head. There will be no gilt or barrow entries accepted at the show, **entries must be made online at [teampurebred.com](http://teampurebred.com)** by January 27, 2025. Entries received online after January 27, 2025 will incur a \$15 per head late fee.
6. **All entries are NON-REFUNDABLE, no exceptions!**
7. If an exhibitor is not present to show their barrow/gilt, the entry cannot be exhibited without prior approval from the coordinator.
8. YQCA certification is required for ALL exhibitors or their parents or guardians. YQCA Numbers to be presented at check-in. YQCA training is available online at [www.yqcaprogram.org](http://www.yqcaprogram.org). PQA training is also available online at [www.pork.org](http://www.pork.org).
9. All exhibitors must comply with the **IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITION) CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS.**
10. Commercial photography and filming may be conducted at Team Purebred events. You may be depicted in photographs or video recordings, and by entering the grounds and/or competitive events associated with the Team Purebred you consent to the use of any depictions in connection with advertising, news reporting, public relations, webcasts or other broadcasts, or any other activities relating to Team Purebred, and you further release and waive all claims for compensation and any rights of review and approval, copyright, and right of publicity with respect thereto.
11. Team Purebred will not be responsible for losses, injuries, or mishaps that may befall animals during the show. All reasonable precautions should be taken to prevent losses or injuries.

## **Requirements:**

1. Gilt & Barrow entries must be registered Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Landrace, Poland China, Spotted, Tamworth or Yorkshire swine farrowed **June 1, 2024 and after.**
  - o Crossbred barrows & gilts may show and be entered. For each crossbred entry, you **MUST enter and EXHIBIT a purebred animal (barrow or gilt). 1 for 1 rule (1 Purebred for 1 Crossbred).**
  - o There will be 15 lb. weigh back on all Purebred Barrows and Crossbred Gilts
2. Barrows and Crossbred Gilts are shown by weight and Purebred Gilts are shown by age
3. Entries may be purchased animals, but must be owned by the junior exhibitor, the exhibitor's family name, or exhibitor's farm name by January 9, 2025. Entries must be registered and/or transferred prior to the show.
4. Junior exhibitors must bring their original pedigree and a **copy of their pedigree to check-in.** We will check the original and return it to you; however, we will keep the copy to use during the shows. Substitutions will be allowed at the show.
5. All health rules must be followed or animals will not be allowed on the grounds. See health regulations posted on the website. Bring your original health papers to check in with you.
6. All pens are assigned and figured at two pigs per pen. No moving or switching of pen cards at the show. Our penning system allows us to find participants quickly if any problems or special needs arise throughout the weekend. It is suggested that you bring a divider panel to split pens if necessary.
7. All animals **MUST** be on the grounds. Due to space we will allow exhibitors to show off the trailer. They will need to sign up for a trailer spot. Team Purebred will announce when sign up is open!
8. The earliest entries may arrive is Friday, February 14th at 2:00pm. All entries must arrive by 6am and be checked in by 8am on Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
  - o You must breed type prior to going through the check-in line.
    1. **Breed Type Session One:** 5-6:30pm Friday 2/14 and **Breed Type Session Two:** 7-7:30am on 2/15.
    2. Check in will be open on Friday (2/14): 6:30-8pm Session 1 and then again on Saturday (2/15): 7:30-8am for Session 2.
    3. Please bring all your appropriate paperwork with you to check-in.
9. Hogs will be released anytime after the conclusion of them being done.
10. There will be designated trailer parking areas. Please look for signs posted around the barn. Trailers parked around or near the barn may be subject to towing at the owner's expense. Failure to move trailers to designated areas can result in loss of premiums.
11. Team Purebred reserves the right to randomly collect a DNA sample on exhibited animals (barrows and gilts) at any event where registered animals are exhibited. This sample may be used for testing for the presence of the stress gene, sire verification, or breed purity. Team Purebred or breed representatives will supervise this collection.
12. No clipping will be allowed in the barns at Team Purebred competitions.

## **Special Rules/Information for the Southwest Regional:**

1. ALL Berkshire barrow & gilts must be stress negative and the stress status must be on the pedigree (HAL-1843\* nm must be under the pig's name on the pedigree).
2. Showmanship will start at 12pm Saturday, February 15th, 2025. We will show from the oldest to the youngest age groups. Prizes will be awarded to the top three in each age division.
3. Judging Contest (photos) and Skill-a-thon Contests will be held Saturday, February 15th from 9:15-11am.

- For the Novice Age group there will be a separate time designated for them from 8:30-9am. This is to ensure that they get help from our junior board to help answer questions and read for them as well.
  - The exact location will be announced throughout the day Saturday. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to find time to take the skillathon and compete in the judging contest. Prizes will be awarded to the **top three in each age division.**
4. Team Purebred will pay up to 4 places per class, 1<sup>st</sup> - \$40, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$35, 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$30, 4<sup>th</sup> - \$25
    - *Class premiums will be handed out at the show. Premiums will NOT be mailed out. 10 animals per breed per sex are required for full class payment. Less than 10 head will result in a 50% cut on premiums and all participants (9hd or less) no matter age or weight will be assigned to **one** prospective breed class.*
  5. Breed Champion Gilts and Barrows (including Crossbreds) receive \$150 and a banner. All Reserve Breed Champions (including Crossbreds) receive \$100 and a banner.
    - *Breed champions and reserves **must have** their picture taken with the official Team Purebred event photographer to receive your premiums.*
  6. Top 5 Overall Purebred Barrows and Gilts, selected from the Breed Champions and Reserves, all receiving banners for both Team Purebred and NJSA breeds.
    - o There will be a Top 5 Team Purebred Overall Purebred Barrows and Top 5 NJSA Overall Purebred Barrows
    - o There will be a Top 5 Team Purebred Overall Purebred Gilts and Top 5 NJSA Overall Purebred Gilts
      - ***Crossbred barrows and gilts are not eligible.***
  7. Gilt show will start after the conclusion of showmanship on Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
  8. Top 5 NJSA Overall Purebred Gilt Selection and Top 5 Team Purebred Overall Purebred Gilt Selection will follow the conclusion of Crossbred Gilt Selection.
    - We will show in alphabetical breed order.
  9. Purebred Barrow and Crossbred Barrow division will start at 8:30am on Sunday February 16, 2025 and follow the same timeline as the previous day.
  10. Team Purebred will also have our Team Purebred Bred and Owned Division for both Gilts and Barrows.
    - NOTE: If there is less than 5 head per breed per sex, we will have all breeds go together to pick an Overall Bred and Owned rather than per breed. Breeds eligible are: Chester, Hereford, Poland China, Spot, or Tamworth.
    - Champion and Reserves will receive a Rosette.
  11. Please remember that we do not provide shavings, you must bring your own.
  12. Please read the health requirements closely. We cannot allow you to exhibit if you do not follow health rules. Call for details if you are not sure of these rules.

### **Purebred Gilt Exhibitors:**

1. Gilts must be farrowed June 1, 2024 and after.
2. Breed classes will be broken according to farrowing dates, with class sizes divided as equal as possible.
3. All gilt entries must be registered Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Landrace, Poland China, Spotted, Tamworth, or Yorkshire swine and meet all breed eligibility requirements. Call for details if you are not sure of these rules.
4. Chester White breeding gilts are guaranteed to be stress free.
5. Berkshire breeding gilts must be stress negative and have the negative stress status denoted on the pedigree (HAL-1843\* nm).
6. All junior show gilts are guaranteed to be open. Team Purebred has the right to pregnancy check any gilt. Any gilts found to be bred at the show, will forfeit all premium money and placing; and will be subject to being banned from all Team Purebred events for the next two years.

7. Top 5 Team Purebred and Top 5 NJSA Overall Purebred Gilts will be selected. Breed Champions and Reserves will be brought back for this drive at the conclusion of the last class. **Crossbreds are not eligible for this drive.**

### **Barrows and Crossbred Gilt Exhibitors:**

1. All Barrows and Crossbred Gilts must be farrowed June 1, 2024 and after.
2. This is a non-terminal show.
3. Barrows and Crossbred Gilts will be shown by weight with class sizes divided as equal as possible.
  - There is no weight limit on Barrows or Crossbred Gilts
  - Top 3 hogs in each class will be weighed with a 15-pound weight tolerance from the weight card they turned in.
4. All purebred barrow entries must be registered Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Landrace, Poland China, Spotted, Tamworth, and Yorkshire swine and must meet all breed eligibility requirements. Call for details if you are not sure of these rules.
  - a. **ALL PIGS MUST GO THROUGH BREED ELIGIBILITY EITHER FRIDAY AFTERNOON OR SATURDAY MORNING AND HAVE THEIR PEDIGREES SIGNED OFF.**
5. Each exhibitor will receive a weigh card for each market hog that must be filled out with the exhibitor's name, lot number, barrow's registration number and breed. **ALL** weigh cards are to be turned in at the office by **11:30am** on Saturday February 15th, 2025.
6. All Berkshire barrows must be stress negative and have the negative stress status denoted on the pedigree (HAL-1843\* nm).
7. Top 5 Team Purebred and NJSA Overall Purebred Barrow will be selected. Breed Champions and Reserves will be brought back for this drive at the conclusion of the last class. **Crossbreds are not eligible.**

### **Showmanship Contest**

1. All contestants must be members of Team Purebred.
2. Showmanship will begin on Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 starting at Noon. We will begin with the oldest division to the youngest division.
3. Divisions will be randomly broken into classes according to entries, with no more than 15 exhibitors per class.
4. Gilts or barrows used for the showmanship contest are required to come from a junior exhibitor and be entered in the show. **ALL BREEDS ARE WELCOME IN SHOWMANSHIP.**
5. The divisions will be as of January 1, 2025: Senior (17-21); Intermediate (13-16); Junior (9-12) and Novice (8 and under).

### **Judging and Skillathon Contests**

1. All contestants must be members of Team Purebred.
2. Team Purebred members not exhibiting hogs will be charged a \$5.00 fee per contest, payable at event sign-up. Total being \$15.
3. The divisions will be as of January 1, 2025: Senior (17-21); Intermediate (13-16); Junior (9-12) and Novice (8 and under).
4. The judging contest is a visual contest.
5. Skillathon participants will take a test that will cover various aspects of the swine industry.
6. The test and judging will take approximately 20-30 minutes.
7. This is a non-station skillathon. This is a test format with some visual aids.
8. The following are examples of topics that could be used in the skillathon: Ear Notching, Swine Breeds, Meat Cut Identification, Swine Health, Pork Quality Assurance, Animal Handling Practices, Swine Anatomy (External, Internal or Skeletal), Equipment Identification, and Pedigree Information.

9. No parents or spectators are allowed in the skillathon area. We will have someone to read the quiz to young participants. (Youth with special needs will be allowed parental help if they talk with the Director of Jr. Activities in advance).
10. Once a contestant completes the judging and skillathon contests, they must leave the area immediately to avoid any sharing of answers
11. NO CELL PHONES. Any contestant caught using their phone or communicating in any way will be disqualified from the event and thus not be eligible for the sweepstakes contest.
12. Following the judging contest, and skillathon test, official results and answers will be available for participants and parents to review.