



## 2026 National Junior Show Rule June 22-June 25, 2026 Springfield, IL

### **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, 2026.
4. The age divisions will be as of January 1, 2026: Senior (17-21); Intermediate (13-16); Junior (9-12) and Novice (8 and under).
5. Entry fee is \$45/head for Team Purebred and \$50/head for NJSA Breed entries. Crossbred Barrow and Gilt entry fees are \$55/head. There will be no gilt or barrow entries accepted at the show, entries must be made online at [team.purebred.com](http://team.purebred.com) by May 28, 2026. ***Late Entries will be open from May 29 - June 1, 2026 are subject to a \$20 per head late fee. No late entries will be accepted after this time.***
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 <https://yqcaprogram.org/>.
  - o *NOTE: YQCA is for anyone of the age of 8-21 years of age. Anyone 7 and under would fall under their parent or guardians PQA Training Number.*
9. PQA training is also available online at [www.pork.org](http://www.pork.org).
10. All exhibitors must comply with the **IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITION) CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS.**
11. 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.
12. 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 November 1, 2025 and after.
  - o Crossbred barrows & gilts may show and be entered.
  - o **REMINDER: You must ENTER 1 CPS Purebred to enter/continue on your entry form. You DO NOT have to show one, but you must ENTER ONE per exhibitor!**

- o For each crossbred entry, you **MUST enter and EXHIBIT a purebred animal (barrow or gilt)**, 1 for 1!
  - o **Ownership Deadline: April 23, 2026**
    - *Entries must be registered and/or transferred prior to the show.*
2. 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.
  3. All health rules must be followed or animals will not be allowed on the grounds. See health regulations posted on the website under the event tab. Bring your original health papers to check in with you. **PLEASE READ ALL HEALTH REGULATIONS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL!**
  4. 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 week. It is suggested that you bring a divider panel in order to split pens if necessary.
  5. All animals **MUST** be penned inside the barn. No one will be allowed to show off the trailer.
  6. **Trailer Staging begins on Sunday June 21st at 9PM.** The unloading process will begin on **June 22, 2026 from 9PM-10AM**. All entries **MUST** be on the grounds by Monday June 21, 2026 by 10AM.
  7. **Breed Typing will begin at 11AM and run to 2PM. Check in opens at 1PM on Monday June 22, and will last until 5PM. These are tentative times and will adjust as we see fit.**
  8. Hogs will be released from the barn once you are done showing.
    - o **AWARDS/Premiums WILL NOT BE MAILED**, please make sure to pick up checks and all prizes.
    - o *Team Purebred has the right to ban exhibitors from future Team Purebred events if they leave the grounds early without prior permission.*
  9. 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.
  10. 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.
    - o *This sample may be used for testing for the presence of the stress gene, sire verification, or breed purity. This collection will be supervised by Team Purebred or breed representatives.*
  11. Team Purebred reserves the right to randomly collect a urine 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 prohibited substances.
    - o *This collection will be supervised by Team Purebred or breed representatives.*

**Special Rules/Information for the National Junior Show:**

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).
  - o *DNA samples will be collected on all Berkshire gilt and barrow breed champions, reserve champions and any randomly chosen animals to determine compliance with ABA negative stress gene policy and sire verification.*
2. All Sweepstakes Contest will be held on Tuesday June 23 starting 9:30AM with showmanship and then continue with all contests.
  - o We will be hosting this again in the Livestock Pavilion.
  - o It is the exhibitor's responsibility to find time to take for all the contests! **YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TAKE ANY OF THE CONTESTS ANY OTHER TIME.**
  - o Prizes will be awarded to the top ten in each division!
3. Showmanship will begin at **9:30 am on Tuesday June 23.**
  - o Novice will be followed by Intermediate in the EAST ring
  - o Junior will be followed by Senior in the WEST ring

- o Prizes will be awarded to the top ten in each age division. **ALL BREEDS INCLUDING CROSSBREDS WILL BE ALLOWED IN SHOWMANSHIP.**
  - o 50 bonus Sweepstakes points for anyone that does show a CPS (Chester, Hereford, Poland, Spot, or Tamworth) in showmanship, you must show this animal through each session of showmanship.
4. Exhibitors must compete in all respective sweepstakes contests in order to be eligible for the sweepstakes awards. **If you are not exhibiting at the event, but want to compete in sweepstakes, it is a \$10 fee to participate for each contest plus your Team Purebred Membership Fee. Please sign up online for your membership.**
- o There will be top ten awards in each age category.
5. Team Purebred will pay up to 5 places per PUREBRED and Purebred Bred and Owned class
- o 1<sup>st</sup> - \$40, 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$35, 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$30, 4<sup>th</sup> - \$25, 5<sup>th</sup> - \$20
6. Team Purebred will pay up to 5 places per CROSSBRED class
- o 1<sup>st</sup> - \$40, 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$35, 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$30, 4<sup>th</sup> - \$25, 5<sup>th</sup> - \$20
  - o **Note:** 10 animals per breed per sex are required for full class payment. Less than 10 head will result in 50% cut on premiums and all participants (9 hd or less) No matter age or weight will be assigned to their one perspective breed class

**6. Bred and Owned Gilts and Barrows:**

- We will have separate Bred and Owned Classes outside of Purebred Classes.
    - o Bred and Owned Classes will begin each respective breed.
  - If you have a bred and owned gilt or barrow, you will have a choice to either show in the Bred and Owned Division **OR** in the Large Purebred Class.
  - We will choose a Top 3 Bred and Owned Team Purebred Breeds (Berkshire, Chester White, Hereford, Poland China, Spot, and Tamworth) Gilts and Barrows
  - Each Champion, Reserve and 3rd overall in the Bred and Owned division in their respective breeds will have the opportunity to compete for Top 5 Overall Breed Drives
    - o **Example:** Champion Bred and Owned Chester Gilt will compete with the remaining class winners from purebred show for Top 5 Chester Gilts.
7. Breed Champion Gilts and Barrows (including Crossbreds) receive \$500 and a banner. All Reserve Breed Champions (including Crossbreds) receive \$250 and a banner.
- o Breed champions and reserves **must have** their picture taken with the official Team Purebred event photographer to receive your premiums.
8. Champion Bred and Owned Team Purebred Breeds (Berkshire, Chester White, Hereford, Poland China, Spot, and Tamworth) Barrows and Gilts will receive \$150 and a special award. Reserve Bred and owned Team Purebred Breeds will receive \$100 and a special award. 3rd Overall Bred and Owned Team Purebred Breeds will receive a special award.
- o There will be a Top 5 Overall Bred and Owned Gilt and Barrow from the Bred and Owned Division Breed Champions and Reserves from Team Purebred.
    - Special Prizes Awarded
9. 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 NJSA Overall Purebred Barrows and and Top 5 NJSA Overall Purebred Gilt
  - o There will be a Top 5 Team Purebred Overall Purebred Barrows and Top 5 Team Purebred Overall Purebred Gilt
  - o Top 5 Overall **TEAM PUREBRED** Barrow and Gilts will receive additional premium and banner.

- Champion-\$500, Reserve-\$250, 3rd Overall-\$125, 4th Overall-\$75, 5th Overall-\$50
- **Crossbred barrows and gilts are not eligible.**

10. The Gilt show will start at 7:30 am Wednesday, June 24, 2026.

- o In the EAST (Ring A) ring, the order will be: Hampshire, Hereford, Poland China, Spotted, and Yorkshire, Light Crossbred Gilts
- o In the WEST (Ring B) ring, the order will be: Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Landrace, and Tamworth, Heavy Crossbred Gilts.
- o Top 5 Overall Bred and Owned Selection begins after Crossbred Gilt Division
- o Selection of Top 5 NJSA and Team Purebred Gilt Selection begins after the conclusion of Top 5 Overall Bred and Owned.
  - Top 5 NJSA Purebred Gilt Selection
  - Top 5 Team Purebred Gilt Selection

11. The Barrow Show will begin at 8 am on Thursday June 25, 2026.

- o In the EAST (Ring A) ring, the order will be: Hampshire, Hereford, Poland China, Spotted, and Yorkshire, Light Crossbred Barrows
- o In the WEST (Ring B) ring, the order will be: Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Landrace, and Tamworth, Heavy Crossbred Barrows
- o Top 5 Overall Bred and Owned Selection begins after Crossbred Barrow Division
- o Selection of Top 5 NJSA and Team Purebred Barrow Selection begins at the Livestock Pavilion after the conclusion of Champion Bred and Owned.
  - Top 5 NJSA Purebred Barrow Selection
  - Top 5 Team Purebred Barrow Selection

12. Please remember that we do not provide shavings, you must bring your own!

13. 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.

14. Special prizes and events will be held throughout the week. Please monitor the website for exact details as the event gets closer. Awards will be on Thursday after the Grand Barrow Drive.

15. **Crossbred Gilts and Barrows:** Light Crosses and Dark Crosses, we will have these divisions implemented. The coloration rules apply below:

- o **Light Crosses Color:** Any Barrows or Gilts with white and/or blue ONLY. ZERO Tolerance! Classification will be conducted. The decision of the classifying committee is final and not subject to protest.
- o **Dark Crosses Color:** Any Barrows or Gilts with all other colors (BLACK, RED, and or SANDY) excluding solid white or blue. The decision of the classifying committee is final and not subject to protest.
- o *Remember that any paint or adhesive that CHANGES the breed characteristic or color of any barrow or gilt will be disqualified completely, this rule applies for both Crossbreds and Purebreds.*

### **17. PORTACOOLEDERS AND/OR BLOWERS:**

*Due to facility limitations at the Illinois State Fairgrounds, Portacoolers, Turbo Fans, and plug-in blowers are not permitted. Team Purebred reserves the right to remove any prohibited equipment and/or disconnect/cut cords if this policy is not followed.*

### **Gilt Exhibitors:**

1. Gilts must be farrowed November 1, 2025 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.**
  - a. Breed requirements can be found on each breed's respective websites. Call for details if you're not sure of these rules.
  - b. ALL SWINE MUST BE CHECKED FOR BREED ELIGIBILITY. WE WILL BE CLASSIFYING THROUGH THE RING. WE WILL ANNOUNCE MORE AS WE GET CLOSER TO THE EVENT. The decision of the classifying committee is final and not subject to protest.**
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 gilt found to be bred at the show, will forfeit all premium money and placing; and the exhibitor 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 Purebred Gilts will be selected. Breed Champions and Reserves will be brought back for this drive at the conclusion of the last class of Bred and Owned Division.
  - a. Top 5 Overall Purebred Gilt Selection and Champion and Reserve Bred and Owned begins after Crossbred Gilt Division ***Crossbreds are not eligible.***
    - i. Top 5 Overall Bred and Owned Gilt Selection
    - ii. Top 5 NJSa Purebred Gilt Selection
    - iii. Top 5 Team Purebred Gilt Selection

### **Barrow and Crossbred Gilt Exhibitors:**

1. Barrow must be farrowed November 1, 2025 and after.
2. This is a non-terminal show.
3. Barrow will be shown by weight with class sizes divided as equal as possible. **There is no weight limit on Barrows.** A minimum of the top 3 barrows in each class will be weighed with a 15-pound weight tolerance from the weight card 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.** Breed requirements can be found on each breed's respective websites. Call for details if you're not sure of these rules.
  - o ALL SWINE MUST BE CHECKED FOR BREED ELIGIBILITY. The decision of the classifying committee is final and not subject to protest.**
5. Each exhibitor will receive a weigh card for each barrow and Crossbred Gilt that must be filled out fully. Please make sure to fill out the weight cards fully. **ALL** weight cards are to be turned in by 1 p.m. on **Tuesday, June 23.**

6. All Berkshire barrows must be stress negative and have the negative stress status denoted on the pedigree (HAL-1843\* nm).
7. **Crossbred Gilts and Barrows:** Light Crosses and Dark Crosses, we will have these divisions implemented. The coloration rules apply below:
  - o **Light Crosses Color:** Any Barrows or Gilts with white and/or blue ONLY. ZERO Tolerance! Classification will be conducted. The decision of the classifying committee is final and not subject to protest.
  - o **Dark Crosses Color:** Any Barrows or Gilts with all other colors (BLACK, RED, and or SANDY) excluding solid white or blue. The decision of the classifying committee is final and not subject to protest.
  - o *Remember that any paint or adhesive that CHANGES the breed characteristic or color of any barrow or gilt will be disqualified completely, this rule applies for both Crossbreds and Purebreds.*
8. Top 5 Team Purebred Barrow and Top 5 NJSA Purebred Barrows will be selected. Breed Champions and Reserves will be brought back for this drive at the conclusion of Top 5 Overall Bred and Owned. **Crossbreds are not eligible.**
  - o Top 5 Overall Purebred Barrow Selection and Champion and Reserve Bred and Owned begins after Crossbred Barrow Division **Crossbreds are not eligible.**
    - Top 5 Overall Bred and Owned
    - Top 5 NJSA Purebred Barrow Selection
    - Top 5 Team Purebred Barrow Selection

### **Showmanship Contest**

1. All contestants must be members of Team Purebred.
2. This contest is required for all exhibitors to be eligible for the Sweepstakes contest.
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. Exhibitors can show any breed including a crossbred in showmanship.
  - *If you choose to show a CPS breed (Berkshire, Chester, Hereford, Poland China, Spot, and Tamworth) you will earn an extra 50 participation points to your sweepstakes total.*
5. The divisions will be as of January 1, 2026: Senior (17-21); Intermediate (13-16); Junior (9-12) and Novice (8 and under).
6. Any gilts/barrows that do not meet breed eligibility requirements **may not** be used for showmanship. All efforts will be made to help these youth find replacements to use in showmanship.
7. Awards will be given to the **top 10** in each age division.
8. We will be choosing a Supreme Overall and Reserve Overall Champion Showman. Champions and Reserve from each age division will have the chance to compete for these honors and will be completed after the end of all division champions.

### **Skillathon Contest:**

1. All contestants must be members of Team Purebred.
2. This contest is required for all exhibitors to be eligible for the Sweepstakes contest.
3. Contests are subject to change.
4. The divisions will be as of January 1, 2026: Senior (17-21); Intermediate (13-16); Junior (9-12) and Novice (8 and under).
5. Skillathon participants will take a test that will cover various aspects of the swine industry.

6. The test will take approximately 20-25 minutes.
7. This is a non-station to 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 read the quiz to young participants. (Youth with special needs will be allowed parental help if they talk with the coordinator prior).
10. Once a contestant completes any sweepstakes contests, they must leave the room immediately and leave the skillathon area to avoid any sharing of answers.
  - REMEMBER: YOU HURT YOURSELF IF YOU SHARE ANSWERS WITH OTHERS. NO CELL PHONES ARE ALLOWED IN THE TESTING AREA.
11. Awards will be given to the top 10 in each age division.
12. **NOVICE ONLY:** In addition to paper-form Sweepstakes, our NOVICE group will have additional questions that are framed around practical skillathon questions. Our junior board will take each Novice contestant to perform these practical skillathon questions. These questions will count into their Sweepstakes Score.

### **Swine Judging Contest: Video Contest Sponsored by JudgingPro**

1. All contestants must be members of Team Purebred
2. This contest is required for all exhibitors to be eligible for the Sweepstakes contest.
3. The divisions will be as of January 1, 2026: Senior (17-21); Intermediate (13-16); Junior (9-12) and Novice (8 and under).
4. Parents are NOT allowed near the contest area. Assistance will be available to novice or first-time judges who may need help understanding the layout of the contest.
6. Novice exhibitors will judge one photo class and answer three sets of questions.
7. Junior exhibitors will judge four photo classes and answer three sets of questions.
8. Intermediate exhibitors will judge four photo classes and answer five sets of questions.
9. Senior exhibitors will judge four photo classes and answer five sets of questions.
10. No talking at any time throughout the contest.
11. No cell phones are allowed in the contest.
12. Once a contestant completes the contest they must leave the area immediately. Awards will be announced at the designated time.

### **Swine Issues Contest (Senior Only)**

1. All contestants must be members of Team Purebred.
2. This contest is required for Senior exhibitors to be eligible for the Sweepstakes contest.
3. Topics for the contest and location will be announced at the event.
4. Each speech must be between two to five minutes in length with three minutes additional time allowed for related questions, which shall be asked by the judges.
5. All exhibitors will be ranked 1<sup>st</sup> on down. Participants will be judged on delivery (30%), appearance & professionalism (30%), content (40%).
6. Awards will be given to the top 10 in each division.
7. The participants will draw their topic at the event. The participant will draw three topics, selected at random from one pool of three, relating to the industry of agriculture and/or purebred swine.

## **Extemporaneous Industry Leading Sales Pitch (Intermediate Only)**

1. The contestant must be a member of Team Purebred.
2. This contest is required for Intermediate exhibitors to be eligible for the Sweepstakes contest.
3. Participants must confirm registration for the Extemporaneous Industry Leading Sales Pitch during Registration.
4. All participants need to make sure to check-in at the contest area by the time assigned.
5. Each speech must be between 4-8 minutes in length with three minutes additional time allowed for related questions, which shall be asked by the judges.
6. The contest master shall introduce the participant.
7. No speeches can be prepared ahead of time.
8. The participant may bring reference materials to the preparation area and will leave those with the contest master during delivery of their speech. Materials should be picked up upon completion of delivery.
9. Participants will be penalized one point per five seconds on each judge's score sheet for being more than eight minutes or under four minutes. The time commences when the speaker begins talking. The speaker may use a watch to keep record of their time. The head judge will raise their hand when there is one minute remaining.
10. No microphone will be available to contestants.

## **Topics**

1. Team Purebred board members, the Director of Junior Activities and the Adult Advisory Board will prepare four topics.
2. The participant will select their topic upon arriving at the preparation area. The participant will draw two topics, selected at random from one pool of four, relating to the industry of agriculture and/or purebred swine. After selecting a topic from the choices, all topics will be returned for the next drawing.
3. Participants must use the uniform note cards provided. Any notes for speaking must be made during preparation time.
4. A list of all possible topics will be given to and reviewed by the judges prior to the event's start.
5. Each speech must be the result of the participant's own effort using approved reference material, which the participant may bring to the preparation area. No other assistance may be provided.
6. Reference materials will be screened by the junior board members in charge of the event on the following basis.
  - a. Shall be limited to five items.
  - b. Must be printed materials such as books, magazines, and/or a compilation of collected materials. To be counted as one item, a notebook or folder may contain no more than 100 pages, single-sided (cannot be notes or speeches prepared by the participant or notes prepared by another person for the purpose of this event.) Copies must reference the origination point.

## **Prepared Public Speaking (JUNIOR ONLY)**

1. The contestant must be a member of Team Purebred.
2. This contest is required for JUNIOR exhibitors to be eligible for the Sweepstakes contest.
3. Participants must confirm registration for the Prepared Public Speaking during Registration.
4. All participants need to make sure to check-in at the contest area by the time assigned.
5. Each speech must be between 3-5 minutes in length with two minutes of additional time allowed for related questions, which shall be asked by the judges.

6. The Junior Board Leaders will introduce contestants to judges.
7. All exhibitors will be ranked 1<sup>st</sup> on down. Participants will be judged on the below:  
Knowledge of Topic/Preparedness: (40%), Content (30%), Delivery (20%), Appearance & Professionalism (10%)
8. The participant is able to use **ONE** standard notecard for reference notes, and 1 Standard Size Poster Board to showcase their topic for Public Speaking, these are options, but not required.
10. No microphone will be available to contestants.
11. Topics will be sent out after entries have closed. There will be 4 topics sent out, choose **ONE!**

### **Sweepstakes Contest**

1. Points will be contributed from the Showmanship Contest, Visual Judging Contest, Swine Issues, Extemporaneous Industry Leading Sales Pitch, Prepared Public Speaking, and Skillathon + Practical Skillathon (NOVICE) towards the Sweepstakes Awards.
2. For these six contests points will be awarded as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place – 100 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> – 95; 3<sup>rd</sup> – 90; 4<sup>th</sup> – 85; 5<sup>th</sup> – 80; 6<sup>th</sup> – 75; 7<sup>th</sup> – 70; 8<sup>th</sup> – 65; 9<sup>th</sup> – 60; 10<sup>th</sup> – 55 and all other placing's 50 points.
3. You must compete in all respective contests to compete in sweepstakes.
  - a. *If you are not exhibiting at the event, but want to compete in sweepstakes, it is a \$10 fee to participate for each contest.*
4. Ties will be broken as follows: Skillathon Score, Judging contest score, Showmanship placing.
5. Awards will be given to the top 10 in each age division.