# 2027 Southwest Throwdown

## January 22-24 2027

## Stillwater, Oklahoma

**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
3. Exhibitors must be 21 years of age or younger as of January 1, 2027 .
4. The age divisions will be as of January 1, 2027: 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** by December 21, 2026.
    - Entries received online after December 21, 2026 will incur a $20 per head late fee. LATE ENTRIES WILL CLOSE ON DECEMBER 23RD, NO EXCEPTIONS.
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/.
        - 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.
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 **May 1, 2026 and after**.
    - 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)*.
    - 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, <u>but must be owned by the junior exhibitor, the exhibitor's family name, or exhibitor's farm name by December 23, 2026.</u> Entries must be registered and/or transferred prior to the show.
4. Junior exhibitors must bring their original pedigree and a **<u>copy of their pedigree to check-in</u>**. 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 in order to split pens if necessary.
7. All animals MUST be penned inside the barn. No one will be allowed to show off the trailer.
8. The earliest entries may arrive is Friday, January 22nd at 1:00 pm. All entries must be on the grounds by 9 PM on Friday January 22nd.
    - There will be 2 check-in sessions:
        i. Friday January 22nd:
            1. 4:30-5:30pm Breed Type Session 1
            2. 5:30-6:30pm Check-In Session 1
        ii. Saturday January 23rd:
            1. 7:30-8am Breed Type Session 2
            2. 8-9am Check-In Session 2
9. Families are released when they are done showing.
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.

## <u>Special Rules/Information for the Southwest Regional:</u>

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). 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. Showmanship will start at 12:30pm Saturday, January 23, 2027. We will show from the youngest division to the oldest division. 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, January 23rd from 9:30-11:30am. We will have a separate Novice Skillathon and Judging Contest timeslot from 9-9:30am to help that age group separately.
    a. Prizes will be awarded to the **<u>top ten in each age division.</u>**
    b. Prizes will be handed out Saturday evening following the completion of the gilt grand drive. **Team Purebred does not mail prizes.**
4. Team Purebred will pay up to 4 places per class, 1st - $40, 2nd-$35, $3rd - $30, 4th - $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.
    a. If there is less than 9 head per breed, premiums will be cut in half.
        · *Breed champions and reserves **must have** their picture taken with the official Team Purebred event photographer to receive your premiums.*
6. There will be Top 5 Overall Purebred Barrows and Gilts, selected from the Breed Champions and Reserves, all receiving banners. **Crossbreds are not eligible to compete in the grand drive.**
7. Gilt show will start after the conclusion of showmanship on Saturday January 23, 2027.
8. Top 5 Overall Purebred Gilt Selection will follow after 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 January 24, 2027 and follow in order as the Gilt Show.
10. Please remember that we do not provide shavings, you must bring your own.
11. 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.
12. 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.

## Purebred Gilt Exhibitors:

1. Gilts must be farrowed May 1, 2026 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're 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 gilt 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 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.***

## Barrows and Crossbred Gilt Exhibitors:

1. Barrows and Crossbred Gilts must be farrowed May 1, 2026 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. The top 3 hogs in each class will be weighed with a 15-pound weight tolerance from the weight card they turned in. **BARROW WEIGHT LIMIT IS 315 LBS WITH A 15 LBS WEIGHT BACK.**

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're not sure of these rules.
5. Each exhibitor will receive a weigh card for each Barrow and Crossbred Gilt that must be filled out with the exhibitors name, lot number, and breed. ALL weigh cards are to be turned in at the office by **11:30am** on Saturday January 23, 2027
6. All Berkshire barrows must be stress negative and have the negative stress status denoted on the pedigree (HAL-1843* nm).
7. Top 5 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. Divisions will be randomly broken into classes according to entries, with no more than 15 exhibitors per class.
3. 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.***
4. The divisions will be as of January 1, 2027: Senior (17-21); Intermediate (13-16); Junior (9-12) and Novice (8 and under).
5. 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.

## Judging and Skillathon Contests

1. All contestants must be members of Team Purebred.
2. Team Purebred members not exhibiting hogs will be charged a $10 fee per contest, payable at event sign-up, must come through the check-in line to sign up!
3. The divisions will be as of January 1, 2027: Senior (17-21); Intermediate (13-16); Junior (9-12) and Novice (8 and under).
4. The judging contest is a photo contest
5. Skillathon participants will take a test that will cover various aspects of the swine industry.
6. Skillathon and Judging Contest 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 will be available for participants and parents to review.