# Pennsylvania Holstein Association
# 2026
# Show Rules and Regulations

**1. Entries**

Any animal identified with the Holstein Association USA Inc. that is 87% or higher Registered Holstein Ancestry and owned by a Pennsylvania Holstein Association member or Pennsylvania Holstein Association Junior member is eligible. All partnership or syndicate members must be members of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association or Pennsylvania Junior Holstein Association, and all memberships are paid at the time of check-in. At least one member of the partnership or syndicate must be a resident of Pennsylvania. Observe the entry deadline and submit entries and fees as instructed for the show to be entered.

**2. Certificates of Registry**

Certificates of registration from Holstein USA Inc. must be in the exhibitor's name and available to show management when the animal is checked into the show. If the certificate of registration from the Holstein Association USA Inc. is not in the exhibitor's name at the time of the show, then the animal(s) may be eligible to be shown if a signed transfer with payment attached and the Holstein Association USA Inc. registry certificate is turned over to the show management before the show. No pending registrations will be accepted. A registration certificate (paper certificate) for each animal MUST be presented to PHA show staff at check-in. Any recent transfers will be verified by the show staff.

**3. Group Entries**

Entries for group classes may be submitted as a late entry but must be submitted/entered when animals are checked into the show. However, entry by deadline date will ensure listing in the show catalog. There is no fee for group classes.

**4. Premier Exhibitor Defined and Procedure:**

To be eligible for Exhibitor points, the Exhibitor must be listed as one of the owners, either as an individual or as a member of a syndicate. In case a herd is registered or bred in names of different members of a family, residing on one farm or breeding establishment and where the herd is one unit, all entries may be considered as a single exhibitor. Animals owned in partnership will assign the Exhibitor at the time of animal check-in. It is the Exhibitor's responsibility to contact show management to define the Exhibitor. Only one Exhibitor will be defined for Exhibitor recognition, there will be no splitting of Exhibitor points.

**-If you would like to be considered for this recognition, you MUST fill out the appropriate form and submit it to the Show Coordinator by 5pm the day prior to the show (unless otherwise noted by the Show Coordinator). Forms will be available the day before the show.**

**5. Premier Breeder Defined and Procedure:**

The individual whose prefix appears on the Registry Certificate shall be considered the breeder of the animals for tabulation of Premier Breeder points.

**-If you would like to be considered for this recognition, you MUST fill out the appropriate form and submit it to the Show Coordinator by 5pm the day prior to the show (unless otherwise noted by the Show Coordinator). Forms will be available the day before the show and during check-in.**

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**6. Premier Awards**
Total points will be determined by the six highest point animals for both Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor. Appropriate entry form must be submitted prior to the start of the show to be considered for Premier Awards. Points are figured on the following basis:

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Senior Females** | 20 | 18 | 16 | 14 | 12 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| **Junior Females** | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

**7. Partnership or Syndicate Ownership**
Animals owned in partnership will assign the Exhibitor at the time of animal check-in; it is the Exhibitor's responsibility to contact show management to define the Exhibitor. Only one Exhibitor will be defined for Exhibitor recognition, there will be no splitting of Exhibitor points.

**8. Junior Exhibitors**
Junior Holstein Showring Policy as issued by Holstein USA will be followed at all PHA sanctioned shows. In addition:

**A.** Exhibition: To be eligible to compete at Pennsylvania Sanctioned Shows, entries must be shown by the Junior owner in all cases, except by prior written approval. Alternate Leadsperson forms must be submitted to the Show Coordinator by 5:00 p.m. the day before the show (unless there is an emergency circumstance). If approved, another Pennsylvania Junior Holstein member the same birth year or younger must show the animal. Adults are not allowed to show, in any case, or assist. A leased animal may only be shown by the Junior lessee. **Only Show Management Staff or individuals specifically approved by Show Management may assist in containing or controlling animals in the ring. The safety of exhibitors, spectators, and animals is the highest priority. Show Management staff may step in to help manage or contain an animal if necessary; however, this assistance does not include leading the animal. Parents, other exhibitors, or unapproved individuals are not permitted to provide assistance in the ring. Violation of the rule can include disqualification.**

**<u>Clarification:</u>**
Any owner(s) exhibiting an animal in a PHA Junior Show must have a current paid Junior PHA membership ($20) for each name listed as an owner on the registration paper regardless of age.

-Any exhibitor under the age of 9 years listed as the owner or in partnership with an adult(s) on the registration paper of an animal may show in a PHA Open Show (not a Junior Show) as long as there is a current paid PHA membership of $20. Once the member turns 9 years of age he/she is eligible to show in both PHA Open and Junior Shows if he is not in partnership with any adult member(s). NOTE: Any youth under the age of nine years old paying a $20 membership to show in an Open Show is not eligible to compete in any other PHA Junior competitions.

-A partnership of Junior members may include a NATIONAL Holstein Junior member of any age. However, in order for the animal to be shown for Junior recognition at least one of the owners (partners) must be a minimum of nine years old but not have reached their 21st birthday by January 1 in the year competing.

-Animals leased only through the Holstein Association USA Lease Program are eligible for Youth Recognition at Pennsylvania Holstein sponsored shows. Leased animals must be shown by the leasee at all shows or the lease will be terminated. Lease applications for all must be received and processed at Holstein USA by July 15 of that year.

-Junior membership to PHA must be paid. Membership to Holstein USA is at the juniors discretion keeping in mind that you must have a paid membership to participate in the national level programs.

**9. Leadsmen/Leadswomen**
**At PHA sanctioned shows, there will only be one person on the halter. The individual that enters the ring and leads the animal in the ring must finish the class.**

**Class Descriptions:**
**Spring Calf** - Born **March 1, 2026 - May 31, 2026**
**Winter Calf** - Born **December 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026**
**Fall Calf** - Born **September 1, 2025 - November 30, 2025**
**Summer Yearling** - Born **June 1, 2025 - August 31, 2025**
**Spring Yearling** - Born **March 1, 2025 - May 31, 2025**
**Winter Yearling** - Born **December 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025**
**Fall Yearling** - Born **September 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024**
**Junior Best Three Females** - Three animals, Yearlings not in milk and under, bred by exhibitor and carrying the same prefix and at least one to be owned entirely by exhibitor. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry & needs to bring all registration papers to the showring.
**Yearling in Milk –** Born **September 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025 (Regional & Fall Show)**
**Summer Junior 2 Year Old** – Born **June 1, 2024 – August 31, 2024**
**Spring Junior 2 Year Old** – Born **March 1, 2024 - May 31, 2024**
**Winter Senior 2 Year Old** - **Born December 1, 2023 – February 28, 2024**
**Fall Senior 2 Year Old** - **Born September 1, 2023 – November 30, 2023**
**Junior 3 Year Old** - Born **March 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023**
**Senior 3 Year Old** - Born **September 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023**
**Four Year Old** - Born **September 1, 2021- August 31, 2022**
**Five Year Old** - Born **September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021**
**Six Years & Over** - Born prior to September 1, **2020**
**150,000 lb. Class -** Cows any age that have produced 150,000 lbs. of milk on standard DHIA or DHIR test. Verification of production must be available at check-in or prior to the start of the show. Note: An animal can be exhibited in either the individual age class or the 150,000 lb. class ***- NOT BOTH***

**Senior Best Three Females** - Three females, all in milking form, bred by exhibitor and carrying the same prefix and at least one to be owned entirely by exhibitor. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry & needs to bring all registration papers to the showring.
**Produce of Dam** - Two animals, any age, and the produce of one cow. The dam must be named. Animals need not be owned by the same exhibitor.

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**Dam & Daughter** - Two animals, one cow and her daughter, any age, need not be owned by one exhibitor.

**Best Animal Bred & Owned - Open Show** – To be considered for Bred & Owned awards, one of the original breeders must be listed as one of the current owners. Entries may be considered exhibits of one breeder when a herd is registered in the names of different members of a family and where the herd is one unit. There will be a lead-out class, if necessary, for Best Bred and Owned.

**Best Animal Bred & Owned – Youth Show -** To be eligible for Junior Bred & Owned, at least one of the Junior owners must be listed as a breeder and owner on the registration certificate. There will be a lead-out class, if necessary, for Best Bred and Owned.

**PHA Sanctioned Shows (Spring, Regional and Fall) -**
We will select a youth Junior Champion, youth Intermediate Champion, youth Senior Champion and a youth Grand Champion. After the placing of each class, junior owned and exhibited animals will be recognized. The first two places of each class will compete for champion honors and must again be shown by a Junior member. Any Pennsylvania Holstein Junior Association member is eligible for these awards.

- There **will not be** a Spring Heifer Calf Class at the Spring Show.
- Milking Junior 2-Year Olds **will be** shown at the **2026** Spring Show.
- Summer Junior 2-Year-Old class will be offered at all shows in **2026**.
- Unfresh Junior 2-Year-Olds will be shown in their designated milking class.
- Yearling in Milk class will be offered at the Regional Shows and the Fall Show in **2026.**
- Intermediate and Reserve Intermediate Champion will be recognized at all shows in **2026.**

**Intermediate Champion-** Intermediate Champion will be selected after the Senior Three-Year-Old Class.

**Show Dress Code** -White pants. No bib overalls or blue denim will be permitted in the Show Ring at the Regional Championship Shows or at the Spring or Fall Shows.

**Stall Area-**All exhibitors will be responsible for their tie and exhibit area. If an area is found littered with bottles, cans, trash, etc. on inspection by the Show Committee, that exhibitor will be banned for one year from showing cattle at Pennsylvania Holstein Association sponsored shows.

**Code of Ethics -** The show ring "Code of Ethics" as adopted by Holstein USA Inc. and amended by Pennsylvania Holstein Association will apply.

***PA Holstein Regional Shows must offer the classes required by the PA Holstein Show program but may add classes to enhance their show at their own expense.***

**Management -** The management reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and will arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, or differences in regard hereto or otherwise arising out of or in connection with the show.

**** Any Service Dogs on premises must be on a maximum of a 4-foot leash and in your care at all times. No exceptions to this rule. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from that show.**

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## ALL-PENNSYLVANIA POINT SYSTEM

| | Spring Show | Regional Show | Fall Show |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st Place | 45 | 30 | 50 |
| 2nd Place | 34 | 19 | 38 |
| 3rd Place | 24 | 8 | 27 |
| 4th Place | 15 | 6 | 17 |
| 5th Place | 11 | 5 | 12 |
| 6th Place | 7 | | 8 |
| 7th Place | 6 | | 7 |
| 8th Place | 5 | | 6 |
| 9th Place | 4 | | 5 |
| 10th Place | 3 | | 4 |

**Points earned by heifers in the Fall Yearling and Winter Yearling class carry with those animals if they show in the Yearling in Milk Class later in the year.**

## JUNIOR ALL-PENNSYLVANIA POINT SYSTEM

| | SPRING SHOW | REGIONAL SHOW | FALL SHOW |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st Place | 45 | 30 | 50 |
| 2nd Place | 40 | 23 | 45 |
| 3rd Place | 35 | 8 | 40 |
| 4th Place | 30 | 6 | 35 |
| 5th Place | 25 | 5 | 30 |
| 6th Place | 20 | | 25 |
| 7th Place | 15 | | 20 |
| 8th Place | 10 | | 15 |
| 9th Place | 5 | | 10 |
| 10th Place | 3 | | 5 |

**Premier National Junior Show serves as the PA Fall Junior Championship Show**

- **Placing Show for Junior All-PA Points in the Premier National Junior Show**
- **Heifer Classes - PA placings will receive full points for Junior All-PA**
- **Cow Classes – PA placings will receive full points for Junior All-PA**