

**EXHIBITOR HANDBOOK**

**2026 STATE SHOW**

**CADENCE BANK CENTER - BELTON, TX**

**JUNE 10 - 13, 2026**

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**HEREFORDS**

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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## **Facility Address:**

Cadence Bank Center - 301 W Loop 21 Belton, TX 76513

## **Deadlines:**

- All entries must be submitted online.
- Entry Deadline - Friday, May 15, 2026
- Late Entry Deadline - Monday, June 1, 2026
- No entries will be accepted after June 1st.

## **Ownership**

- All entries must be registered and in the exhibitor(s) name by May 15, 2026.
- Only exception is registration papers are not required on Hereford steers. Registration papers are required on Miniature Hereford steers.

## **Eligibility**

- Participants must be current members in good standing with the Junior Hereford Organization of Texas (JHOT) and cannot have reached their 22nd birthday prior to January 1, 2026.

## **Facility Rules:**

- No one allowed in the barns or tie-outs until 8 a.m. Wednesday, June 10th.
- No dogs
- No alcohol

## **Tie Out Information:**

- First come, first serve
- Port-A-Cools are allowed
- No pens or tents in tie-outs

## **Shaving Information:**

- NEW THIS YEAR - all stalls will ONLY have dirt down upon arrival
- Shavings are available to be purchased at the Expo Center
- Shavings will be available to purchase at the following times:
  - Wednesday, June 10th: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
  - Thursday, June 11th: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
  - Friday, June 12th: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

# IMPORTANT EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

**These are the highlights. Please read through the entire handbook for the complete rules, regulations and show information.**

1. No cattle or exhibitors allowed on the grounds before 8 a.m. on Wednesday, June 10th. Except Officers & Directors.
2. All cattle must be in place by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10th.
3. All entries (cattle and contest) must be completed online through the Showman App by deadlines provided.
4. All contest sign ups must be completed online during online entries in order to compete.
5. Exhibitor & Cattle Check-in will be from 1 - 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10th.
6. Permanent tie-outs will be set up and are not assigned.
7. Trailers will be parked in a designated area.
8. Stalls will be assigned prior to arrival. Maps will be posted in the barn and on Facebook.
9. The Expo Center is air-conditioned.
10. You must have original registration papers on all entries (except for Hereford steers).
11. Concessions will be available on grounds.
12. Follow the Texas Junior Hereford State Show on Facebook, and visit our website - [www.texasherefordstateshow.com](http://www.texasherefordstateshow.com), for the most up-to-date information.
13. Bedding must be purchased from the Expo Center.

# RULES & REGULATIONS

## ENTRY INFORMATION

### 1. Fees:

- Early Bird Online Entry Fee is \$55 if processed by May 15th.
- Online entries processed between May 16 and June 1st are \$100.

### 2. Deadlines:

- Early Bird Entry & Ownership Deadline - May 15th
- Contest Entry Deadline - May 15th
- Final Entry Deadline - June 1st
- Arrival Deadline for all cattle is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10th.

### 3. Entry fees are non-refundable.

4. All animals must be registered and transferred prior to the May 15th entry and ownership deadline date.

5. No late transfers, entries or substitutions will be accepted.

6. You MUST have a registration number before completing your online entry. This includes calves on the side of cow-calf pairs. Plan ahead to ensure registrations and transfers are handled in advance of the May 15th deadline. "Pending" or "Applied For" will not, under any circumstances, be accepted. Only exception is Hereford steers, they are not required to have a registration number.

7. Be sure to indicate whether your female(s) will show in the owned show, the bred-and-owned show, or both. Female(s) exhibited in both shows will require two entry fees and must be entered on the same exhibitor's entry.

8. Animals that are multi-owned and showing in BOTH the bred-and-owned and owned shows, must be entered on the exhibitor's entries that will be showing in the bred-and-owned show. If the animal is entered on two separate entries, it will be removed from one of the entries.

9. If an animal is transferred after the completion of any entry, the animal will be removed from the entries and the exhibitor will not receive the stall space or refund.

10. If an animal is duplicated on an entry(ies) the duplicated animal will be deleted and the exhibitor will not receive the stall space or refund.

11. All entries and additional orders must be submitted through the Showman app by the final deadline.

12. Each exhibitor will receive one free shirt; additional shirts may be purchased online through May 15th.

## BARN & TIE OUT POLICIES

1. Barns are climate controlled.

2. No pens or tents will be allowed in tie outs.

3. Tie outs are first come - first serve.

# RULES & REGULATIONS

## STALLING INFORMATION

1. Stalls will be pre-assigned by show staff. Maps will be available online and posted in the barns prior to arrival.
2. No cattle will be allowed on grounds until 8 a.m. on Wednesday, June 10th. Exception - Directors & Officers can move-in cattle on Tuesday, June 9th starting at 12 p.m.

## CLASS BREAKS & SHOW STRUCTURES

1. Class breaks will be determined after check-in. The AHA classifications for national shows will be utilized as guidelines.
2. Steer classes will be split by weight.
3. Horned and polled bred-and-owned females will show together.
4. Horned and polled bulls will show together.
5. Horned and polled cow-calf pairs will be combined in one cow-calf show.
6. Horned and polled miniature Herefords will show together.
7. Horned or de-horned animals are eligible for the horned owned breeding show, Polled cattle or cattle with scurs are eligible for the polled owned breeding show.
8. Horned and polled owned females will be shown separately, All HORNED then POLLED.

## BRED-AND-OWNED SHOW RULES

1. To be eligible for the bred-and-owned show, the exhibitor(s) must have owned the entry's dam at the time of conception and must be listed as the breeder and original owner on the registration certificate.
2. Bred-and-owned females calved on or after August 1, 2024 are eligible.
3. Bred-and-owned females may also show in the owned show. This must be declared at the time of the entry. An additional entry fee will be charged.
4. Bred-and-owned bulls calved after August 1, 2024 are eligible.
5. There will not be a class for 2-year-old bulls.
6. Bred-and-owned bulls must have been bred by the junior exhibitor, but may be owned jointly with an adult/farm, provided that the junior exhibitor is listed as the sole breeder, original owner and is officially recorded as a current owner of that bull.
7. All bulls calved before January 1, 2026, must be shown with a nose lead.

## SPECIAL COW-CALF RULES

1. Offered to cows born prior to August 1, 2024.
2. No maximum age for cows.
3. Calf must be her natural calf and no more than 240 days in age as of the day of the show.
4. Calves at the side of cow-calf pairs may show in separate female or bull shows, however, additional entry fees will apply.
5. There will be no nurse cows allowed in the cow-calf pair show or stalled in the barns.

# RULES & REGULATIONS

## HEREFORD STEER RULES

1. Hereford steers do not have to be registered with the American Hereford Association.
2. All steers will be required to weigh and classify on Wednesday, June 10th at 6 p.m.
3. Steer classes will be divided by weight.

## GENERAL RULES

1. Hereford Exhibitors must be 7 years old and not yet 22 years old by January 1, 2026, and a current member of the Junior Hereford Organization of Texas (JHOT).
2. Miniature Hereford Exhibitors must be 3 years old by day of show and not yet 22 years old by January 1, 2026 and a current member of the Junior Hereford Organization of Texas (JHOT).
3. All animals must be registered with the AHA. Exception - Hereford steers.
4. Each entry, except in the bred-and-owned bull show must be owned solely by the junior exhibitor(s) and in his/her recorded ownership before May 15th. Siblings may jointly own animals, provided all are current members of JHOT and meet age requirements.
5. Scurs, if present, must be loose and not firmly attached to the head; they must not be removed or tampered with.
6. Original registration certificate must be presented at check-in.
7. All animals must be tattooed.
8. Tattoos that are missing, illegible, altered, incorrect and/or in any other way disagree with the official AHA records will be justifiable cause for disqualification of entry.
9. Exhibitor must show his/her own animals. Only exhibitors who are in attendance at the state show and are physically unable to show the animals due to illness or injury will be excused.
  - In the case of extenuating circumstances, the family must notify the state show manager, in which case the manager has sole discretion as to whether the animal may be shown by a substitute showman.
  - Owner may secure another junior member to show his/her animals if excused or if exhibitor has more than one entry in the same class.
  - No adult may assist a junior member or be allowed in the showring at any time. (Not applicable to the Miniature Hereford show.)
10. Exhibitor must follow AHA fitting rules as stated in the official Show Rules and Classifications of the AHA.
  - The only "fit" show is the owned female shows.
11. All persons making entries in the show shall agree to abide by all the rules and regulations as outlined and will not hold JHOT or the show organizers responsible for accident, loss or injury to any person, animal or article.
12. The state show is a family event. Any false representation, interference, or unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of any attendee will be dealt with by show organizers.

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Tuesday, June 9th**

12 P.M. DIRECTOR MOVE-IN

**Wednesday, June 10th**

8 A.M. BARN OPEN FOR ARRIVAL  
1 - 3 P.M. SPEECH & FUTURE PROF. CONTEST  
1 - 5 P.M. EXHIBITOR & ANIMAL CHECK-IN  
3 - 5 P.M. MEASURE MINI HEREFORDS  
3 - 5 P.M. WEIGH MINI STEERS  
4 P.M. ROYALTY INTERVIEWS  
4:30 P.M. NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION  
5 P.M. QUEEN & SWEETHEART TEA  
5 P.M. POSTER & DIRECTOR DEADLINE  
5 P.M. ARRIVAL & CHECK-IN DEADLINE  
6 P.M. WEIGH & CLASSIFY STEERS  
6:30 - 9 P.M. BINGO NIGHT

**Thursday, June 11th**

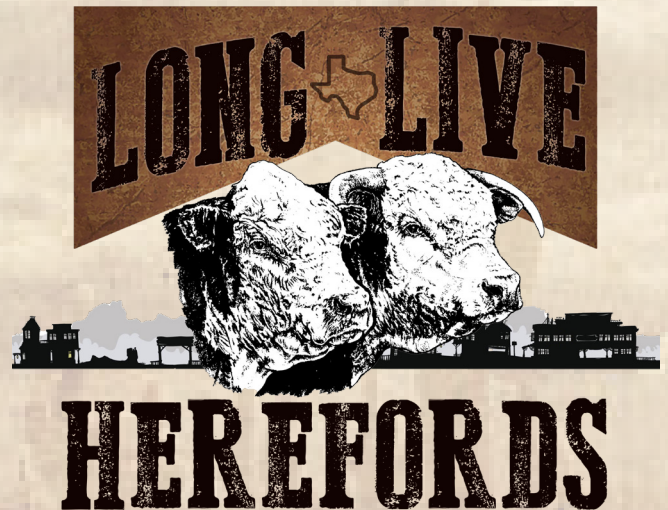
8 A.M. QUIZ BOWL WRITTEN TEST  
9 A.M. OPENING CEREMONIES  
(ALL JUNIORS WEAR STATE SHOW SHIRT)  
9:45 A.M. SHADOW SHOWMANSHIP  
10:30 A.M. SHOWMANSHIP  
RING A - PRE-PEEWEE, PEEWEE, JUNIOR  
RING B - INTERMEDIATE, SENIOR  
2:30 P.M. TEAM FITTING CONTEST  
4:30 P.M. MEMBERSHIP & JNHE MEETING  
6 - 8 P.M. FAMILY FUN NIGHT &  
CHUCK WAGON DINNER

**Friday, June 12th**

8 A.M. BLOW & GO SHOW  
RING A - STEERS  
COW-CALF PAIRS  
B&O BULLS  
B&O FEMALES  
RING B - MINI PROSPECT STEERS  
MINI MARKET STEERS  
MINI COW-CALF PAIRS  
MINI BULLS  
MINI B&O FEMALES  
3 P.M. QUIZ BOWL BUZZER ROUND  
6 P.M. SILENT AUCTION CLOSURE  
6 P.M. AWARDS CEREMONY

**Saturday, June 13th**

8 A.M. FIT SHOW  
RING A - OWNED FEMALE SHOW  
RING B - MINI HEREFORD OWNED  
FEMALE SHOW



**2026 TEXAS HEREFORD STATE SHOW**

# QUESTIONS?

## **Show Manager:**

- Chad Oates: 940-399-8100

## **JHOT Leadership & Advisors:**

- Cade Harris: 254-727-0664
- Mason Roeder: 830-401-9388
- Matt Harris: 979-324-7756
- Deanna Roeder: 830-305-9211

# JUDGES

**Owned Heifers:** Scott Bayer

**Bred & Owned Show, Steers, B&O Bulls:** TBA

**Friday Miniature Hereford Show:** Kase LeRow

**Owned Miniature Hereford Show:** Blane Warnken

**Intermediate & Senior Showmanship:** TBA

**Peewee & Junior Showmanship:** TBA

# FEMALE CLASS BREAKS

## **Cow-Calf Information:**

Cow-calf (any female older than the below ages with a calf at side.)

- Cow must be owned by the exhibitor at time of conception.
- Calf at side older than 240 days of age on the show date is not eligible to show in cow-calf class.
- Calf is eligible for individual classes, but must be entered in the appropriate class.

## **Bred & Owned / Owned Female Class Breaks:**

- March 1, 2026 and later
- January 1 - February 28, 2026

Spring Heifer Calf Division

- December 1 - December 31, 2025
- November 1 - November 30, 2025
- October 1 - October 31, 2025
- September 1 - September 30, 2025
- August 1 - August 31, 2025

Senior Heifer Calf Division

- June 1 - July 31, 2025
- May 1 - May 31, 2025

Intermediate Division

- April 1 - April 30, 2025
- March 1 - March 31, 2025

Spring Yearling Division

- February 1 - February 28, 2025
- January 1 - January 31, 2025

Junior Yearling Division

- November 1 - December 31, 2024
- August 1 - October 31, 2024

Senior Yearling Division

**\*Show Management reserves the right to split any classes as needed\***

# BRED & OWNED BULL CLASS BREAKS

## **Bred & Owned Bull Information:**

Bulls 12 months and older must be shown with nose ring or temporary nose bug.

- March 1, 2026 and later  
- January 1 - February 28, 2026  
Spring Bull Calf Division

- November 1 - December 31, 2025  
- August 1 - October 31, 2025  
Senior Bull Calf Division

- June 1 - July 31, 2025  
- May 1 - May 31, 2025  
Intermediate Division

- March 1 - April 30, 2025  
- January 1 - February 28, 2025  
Junior Yearling Division

- November 1 - December 31, 2024  
- August 1 - October 31, 2024  
Senior Yearling Division

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# HEREFORD STEER CLASS BREAKS

## **Steer Information:**

Steers do NOT have to be registered with the American Hereford Association.

**\*NEW\*** - Horned & Polled Hereford steers will be shown separately.

All steers will go through classifying. The classifiers decision will be final.

All steers will weigh and be shown by weight.

All efforts will be made to keep class size and weight breaks as uniform as possible.

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# MINIATURE HEREFORD ELIGIBILITY

## **Miniature Hereford Information:**

- Exhibitors must be a current JHOT member.
- Participants must have reached their 3rd birthday by June 10, 2026.
- Participants must not have reached their 22nd birthday by January 1, 2026.
- No participant will be discriminated against due to a physical, emotional or mental handicap. The only request is to specify on the entry form and communicate any accommodations needed in advance.
- Approval will not be given based solely on the age of the exhibitor.
- The name and member code listed on the entry form as exhibitors must also be listed on the animal's registration certificate as owner.
- The exhibitor listed on the entry will need to be the exhibitor for the show and showmanship. Siblings will not be allowed to substitute showing or showmanship participation.
- The exhibitor may have assistance in controlling the animal only. The exhibitor must be engaged at all times and do all the showing.
- All Miniature Hereford animals must be measured, regardless of prior measurement or show.
- The measuring committee's measurements are final.
- All bulls and steers can be no greater than 48" at the hip.
- All heifers / cows can be no greater than 45" at the hip.

# MINIATURE COW/CALF SHOW

## Miniature Hereford Cow-Calf Information:

- There is no maximum age for cows.
- All cows must be registered with the American Hereford Association.
- Exhibitors' name must be listed on the animal's "registration certificate" as owner or co-owner at time of conception.
- Animals may be co-owned with siblings and the family farm name if all names are listed under the MHBA family membership.
- Cows may be no greater than 45" tall at the hip.
- Calf must be natural calf, no more than 240 days in age as of the day of the show. Polled and Horned pairs will be combined in one Cow-Calf show.
- All calves on the side of the Cow-Calf pair must be registered with the AHA and tattooed at time of entry.
- All general rules will apply to the Cow-Calf show (i.e. ownership, participant age, fitting, etc.)

# MINIATURE HEREFORD STEER SHOW

## Miniature Hereford Steer Information:

- Steers must have been born after June 1, 2023 and be registered with the American Hereford Association.
- The registration paper must state steer and be issued in the name of the exhibitor.
- No steer certificates will be accepted, only registration papers.
- Steers must also have DNA on file with AHA.
- Steers may be no greater than 48" at the hip.
- Steer classes will be divided by weight. Classes will be determined after check-in.

### Divisions:

- Market Steer (steers weighing 700 lbs and up)
  - Prospect Steer (steers weighing 699 lbs and under)
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- We will select a Grand Champion Prospect Steer & a Grand Champion Market Steer
  - All general rules will apply to the Steer Show (i.e. ownership, participant age, fitting, etc.)

# MINIATURE HEREFORD HEIFER SHOW

## Miniature Hereford Heifer Information:

- Heifers must have been born after August 1, 2024 and prior to May 15, 2026.
- All heifers must be registered with the American Hereford Association.
- The registration certificate must be issued in the name of the exhibitor.
- Owned heifers are defined as entries in which the registration certificate issued solely in the name of the junior exhibitor before May 15, 2026.
- Bred & Owned heifers are defined as entries in which the registration certificate lists the exhibitor as the breeder and the owner of the entry before May 15, 2026.
- No animal is eligible to compete if recorded in joint ownership, farm name or family name. In doing so, will result in false entry rendering it ineligible.
- All general rules will apply to the Heifer Show (i.e. ownership, participant age, fitting, etc.)
- Heifers may not be greater than 45" at the hip.

## Divisions:

- March 1, 2026 and after
- January 1 - February 28, 2026

### Spring Heifer Calf Division

- December 1 - December 31, 2025
- November 1 - November 30, 2025
- October 1 - October 31, 2025
- September 1 - September 30, 2025
- August 1 - August 31, 2025

### Senior Heifer Calf Division

- June 1 - July 31, 2025
- May 1 - May 31, 2025

### Intermediate Division

- April 1 - April 30, 2025
- March 1 - March 31, 2025

### Spring Yearling Division

- February 1 - February 28, 2025
- January 1 - January 31, 2025

### Junior Yearling Division

- November 1 - December 31, 2024
- August 1 - October 31, 2024

### Senior Yearling Division

**\*Show Management reserves the right to split any classes as needed\***

# MINIATURE HEREFORD BULL SHOW

## Miniature Hereford Bull Information:

- Bulls must have been born after August 1, 2024 and prior to May 15, 2026.
- All bulls must be registered with the American Hereford Association.
- Bulls must also have DNA on file with AHA.
- Horned and Polled bulls will show together.
- The registration certificate must be issued in the name of the exhibitor.
- A bull over one year of age on day of show is required to have a ring in his nose. If not, he will be excluded from the show.
- All general rules will apply to the Bull Show (i.e. ownership, participant age, fitting, etc.)
- All bulls may not be greater than 48" at the hip.

## Divisions:

- March 1, 2026 and after
- January 1 - February 28, 2026

### Spring Bull Calf Division

- December 1 - December 31, 2025
- November 1 - November 30, 2025
- October 1 - October 31, 2025
- September 1 - September 30, 2025
- August 1 - August 31, 2025

### Senior Bull Calf Division

- June 1 - July 31, 2025
- May 1 - May 31, 2025

### Intermediate Division

- April 1 - April 30, 2025
- March 1 - March 31, 2025
- February 1 - February 28, 2025
- January 1 - January 31, 2025

### Junior Yearling Division

- November 1 - December 31, 2024
- August 1 - October 31, 2024

### Senior Yearling Division

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# CONTEST INFORMATION

## Texas Hereford State Show Contest Age Breaks:

- Ages are as of January 1 of the current year.
- Exhibitors must enter each contest online via the online entry.
- Entries are due May 15th online.

<b>Contest</b>	<b>Pre-PeeWee</b>	<b>PeeWee</b>	<b>Junior</b>	<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>Senior</b>
Advanced Speech	Not Offered	Not Offered	Not Offered	14 - 17	18 - 21
Illustrated-Speech	3 - 6	7 - 9	10 - 13	Not Offered	Not Offered
Future Professionals	Not Offered	Not Offered	Not Offered	14 - 17	18 - 21
Hereford Bowl	Not Offered	Not Offered	7 - 13	Not Offered	14 - 21
CHB Cooking Challenge	3 - 6	7 - 9	10 - 13	14 - 17	18 - 21
Team Fitting	Not Offered	7 - 9	10 - 13	Not Offered	14 - 21
Showmanship	5 - 6	7 - 9	10 - 13	14 - 17	18 - 21
Photography	3 - 6	7 - 9	10 - 13	14 - 17	18 - 21
Promotional Poster	3 - 6	7 - 9	10 - 13	Not Offered	Not Offered

# PHOTOGRAPHY RULES

**The purpose of this contest is to help members increase their photography skills through the creative spirit found through the lens of a camera.**

- A panel of qualified judges will critique the entries.
- The bases of the critique will depend on the following:
  - 60% - composition of photo, uniqueness of photo, creative look and overall communicative power
  - 40% - sharpness, color, exposure, cropping and overall technical quality
- Winners will be selected in each age division (Pre-PeeWee, PeeWee, Junior, Intermediate, Senior)
- Contestants will only be allowed to enter a total of 2 photos!
- All work must be that of the entrant.
- **All entries must be submitted online through the Showman.app Entry before June 1st.**
- Photos must be submitted in 8 X 10 size.
- Photos must be taken by the contestant during the past year. Photo cannot be altered or image enhanced in anyway.
- Photos cannot have been presented for competition at a previous State Show.

There will be two categories offered: Hereford Cattle and Hereford People

- Hereford Cattle: Photographs that highlight Hereford Cattle on the farm, ranch or at a Hereford event. The cattle should be the dominant focus of the picture. Photos must not be enhanced or edited.
- Hereford People: Photographs that show people. A Hereford junior or family, friends, fellow junior members, etc., either involved in activities on the farm or ranch or at a Hereford event. Photos must not be enhanced or edited.

All photographs will be displayed during the duration of the state show in lobby area of the equine/livestock center.

# PROMOTIONAL POSTER RULES

**The objective of this contest is for youth to create a poster promoting the current year's state show. Posters are judged during the state show each year.**

- The theme of the Promotional Poster Contest is the same as the theme of the current state show (Long Live Herefords).
- Only Pre-PeeWee, PeeWee and Junior aged exhibitors are allowed to compete.
- Posters must include:
  - Event
  - Date
  - Theme
- Judging will be based on: creativity, originality, personal design and personal handiwork.
- Poster dimensions must be at least 14" X 22" and not more than 22" and 28" (standard poster size)
- Only one entry will be accepted from each junior member.
- Each contestant's name, address and age must be clearly indicated on the back of the poster.
- All posters will be judged and displayed at the state show.
- Posters may be brought to the state show and turned in at the registration booth before the close of the contest registration.
- Contestants must enter online on the online entries.

# HYBRID CHB COOKING CHALLENGE

**The objective of this contest is to give juniors a chance to showcase their skills in the kitchen and highlight Certified Hereford Beef. Contestants are encouraged to use their creativity, communication skills and knowledge of Certified Hereford Beef to create a cooking show episode!**

- Individuals will compete in their corresponding age divisions.
- Contestants must enter online on the online entries.
- Contestants will create a pre-recorded video where you prepare a home created dish featuring CHB or home-raised Hereford beef.
- Assistants and family members may help with the show, however, the entrant must be the main chef and assistants will not be judged.
- Participants must be current members of JHOT.
- All entries must provide full recipes at time of entry with instructions, ingredient & spice needs, supplies & utensil requirements.
- No matter how long it takes to prepare the entire meal the video may only be 8 - 10 minutes long.
- No alcoholic beverages may be used in the recipe or presentation.
- Editing and video assistance is allowed.
- The entire process must be on video, except the waiting for baking or long time grilling/cooking times.
- We encourage the chef to talk through the process as a true cooking show host would.

## Judging Procedures:

- Showmanship - 30%
- Recipe - 40%
- Knowledge - 30%

## Submission Instructions:

- Videos must be emailed as a Youtube link or an .mp4 file to [info@texasherefordstateshow.com](mailto:info@texasherefordstateshow.com)
- Label video files with your name and age division. i.e. Doe\_JuniorCookingChallenge.
- If submission issues arise please email Chad Oates for assistance with your name, division and state in the message field. His email is [info@texasherefordstateshow.com](mailto:info@texasherefordstateshow.com)

# ILLUSTRATED SPEECH RULES

**The purpose of this contest is to encourage public speaking and leadership abilities in youth, to develop character and leadership in Hereford youth and promote interest in the beef industry and project Herefords in a positive image.**

- PeeWee & Junior contestants only are eligible to compete.
- Contestants must enter online on online entries.
- The speech topic should be related to the beef industry.
- A minimum of one illustration, visual aid or presentation must be prepared and used. Types of illustrations contestants are encouraged to use are slides, videos or electronic presentations but not excluding charts, diagrams, props, inanimate models, puppets and posters.
- A TV/projector will NOT be provided, individuals must bring all necessary equipment for their presentation.
- The speech must be presented orally.

## PeeWee Contest Details:

- Speech length must be 2 - 4 minutes
- No points will be deducted for speech lengths of 1 1/2 minutes to 4 1/2 minutes. After that, each 30-second period over or under will result in a 10-point deduction.
- An additional 2 - 4 minutes will be allowed following the oral presentation for judge questions.

## Junior Contest Details:

- Speech length must be 3 - 5 minutes
- No points will be deducted for speech lengths of 2 1/2 minutes to 5 1/2 minutes. After that, each 30-second period over or under will result in a 10-point deduction.
- An additional 2 - 4 minutes will be allowed following the oral presentation for judge questions.

## Judging Procedures:

- Content - 25%
- Delivery - 40%
- Handling of Questions - 20%
- Quality/Pertinence of Visual Aids - 15%

# HEREFORD BOWL RULES

**The objective of this contest is to provide opportunity for juniors to demonstrate their knowledge of Hereford beef cattle. The Hereford bowl competition will allow contestants to demonstrate good sportsmanship and that the contest will provide an educational experience for both participants and spectators.**

- The senior division will consist of members who are 14 years of age and older as of January 1st.
- The junior division will consist of members who are 7 - 13 years old.
- Contestants must enter online on online entries.

## Preliminary Competition (Written Test):

- The preliminary round will consist of a 50 question multiple choice test. All individuals must take the test.
- There is not a time limit for the test.
- The tests will be graded and the individuals with the highest scores will compete in the buzzer round.

## Quiz Bowl Buzzer Round:

- The buzzer round will consist of three rounds.
- The first round will be a 10 question round, the first member to buzz may answer the question.
- The second round will be an eight question round consisting of one-on-one questions, matching Chair 1 of Team 1 against Chair 1 of Team 2 and so on.
- The third round, the Final Jeopardy Round, allows teams to work together to answer the final jeopardy question.
  - Teams may wager as many or as few points as they have earned up to now.
  - Teams will write down the answer and the correct answer will earn the points risked, with a wrong answer deducting the points risked. Highest end score wins.

## Junior National Hereford Expo Representation:

- Team Texas at JNHE will be determined by the JHOT advisors and Quiz Bowl committee. Scores from written test and buzzer round answers will be taken into consideration.

# TEAM FITTING RULES

**The objective of this contest is to encourage team participation for the preparation of an animal for the showing.**

- The Senior contestant must be a member who is 14 years of age and older as of January 1st.
- The Junior contestant must be a member who is 10 - 13 years old.
- The PeeWee contestant must be a member who is 7 - 9 years old.
- Contestants must enter online on online entries.
- Teams will be comprised of three members.
- The teams will be chosen by drawing after signups are completed.
- Team members may be substituted accordingly: a PeeWee may substitute for a junior or senior, or a junior may substitute for a senior. Seniors may not substitute for another age division.
- Each team must provide its own animal for the contest.
- All supplies needed (blower, adhesive, paint, etc.) must be provided by the team.
- NO CLIPPING ALLOWED.
- Each team will be allowed 40 minutes to fit their animal.
- When time is up, one team member will parade their animal before the judges. The judges will make comments and announce the winners.

Junior National Hereford Expo Representation:

- The top individual of each age category (peewee, junior and senior) will be eligible to compete on Team Texas at the JNHE. The judges will determine the top individual of each age category.

# ADVANCED SPEECH RULES

**This contest is designed to encourage interest in promoting the beef industry and projecting Herefords in a positive image through public speaking. The emphasis on the Advanced Speech contest is to develop leaders who can not only speak in a prepared setting, but also with little time to prepare.**

- Intermediate & Senior contestants only are eligible to compete.
- Contestants must enter online on online entries.
- The contest will mimic an extemporaneous speech contest and finalists will select a topic at random and have 30 minutes to prepare their speech for the judges.
- A binder of written notes and research as well as laptops, phones or digital devices may be brought to use for research for the presentation. The topics will not be known until entering the holding room.
- A holding room will host all of the finalists who will each pick a provided topic in intervals and be given 30 minutes to prepare before speaking to the judges.
- The schedule will show the time of each contestant's presentation as well as the time assigned for you to enter the prep room and begin your 30 minutes.
- Speeches will be 3 to 8 minutes in length. Speakers who finish before the 3 minutes have elapsed or who have run past 8 minutes will be penalized 1 point for each minute over/under.
- Following the speech, time will be allowed for questions from the judges.

## Judging Procedures:

- Subject Knowledge - 30%
- Organization - 10%
- Presentation - 30%
- Response to Questions - 20%
- General Effectiveness - 10%

# SHOWMANSHIP RULES

**The objective of this contest is to evaluate youth on their ability to show their animal. Contestants will be judged primarily on their own appearance (neatness) and showmanship ability.**

- Contestants must enter online on online entries.
- Contestants do not have to show their own animal.
  - EXCEPTION - PeeWees must show their own animal or one owned by family member
- All animals exhibited in showmanship, must be entered in the show.
- Bulls cannot be shown in showmanship.
- Animals are not to be fitted for showmanship.

# SHADOW SHOWMANSHIP RULES

**The objective of this contest is to encourage Pre-PeeWee exhibitors to ask an older exhibitor to assist them in the show ring to gain one-on-one experience in the actual show ring environment.**

- Contestants must enter online on online entries.
- Contestants need not enter a heifer or steer to participate.
- Each contestant needs to ask an exhibitor to borrow an animal.
- If the contestant does not know an exhibitor, ask an advisor for assistance.
- All contestants must be accompanied by an older exhibitor for safety purposes.

# FUTURE PROFESSIONAL RULES

**The objective of this contest is to give juniors an opportunity to create a resume based on factual work, experiences, education, etc. that can be used for future career and educational purposes.**

## RULES

- Intermediate & Senior contestants only are eligible to compete.
- Contestants must enter online on online entries.
- The Intermediate division is for youth 14 -17 and the senior division is for youth 18-21 as of Jan. 1st.
- All work must be of that entrant.
- A PDF of the entry must be uploaded on the state show entry form by June 1st.
  - File name must include first initial and last name, i.e. JDoe\_Resume or JDoe\_Coverletter
- Please submit your most up to date current resume and cover letter.
- An upload of the job description in some format is required for those in the senior age division.

## PROCESS

- A panel of qualified judges will critique the entries on the following:
  - Organization
  - Content
  - Grammar
  - Categories Used
  - Relevance
  - Layout & Format
- The top senior and intermediate applicants will be required to attend the state show for a live interview with industry leaders and professionals.
- Contestants are encouraged to wear business professional clothing.

## TOPICS

- Intermediate contestants will submit a cover letter and resume tailored towards applying for a scholarship through the Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA).
- Senior contestants will apply for any job position of their choice. In the objective of your resume/cover letter please list the job title/explain the job you are applying for.

# ALL AROUND HIGH POINT INDIVIDUAL

**The state show will award all around high point individual awards to the top overall exhibitors in each age division who accumulate the most points.**

- Exhibitors must participate in cattle classes, showmanship and public speaking (Illustrated or Advanced Speech) to be eligible for the all around high point individual award.
- There is no limit to the number of contests exhibitors can compete in; however, only 5 contest scores will be tabulated for all around high point individual.
- The high point individuals in each age division will be recognized prior to the selection of the Grand Champion Owned Female selection.
- In addition, an overall high point award will be given to the individual with the most overall points across all divisions.
- Each exhibitor will be awarded points in their respective age divisions based on their placings in contests.
- In cattle classes, exhibitor will only receive points for their highest placing animal, regardless of how many they entered.

**Mandatory for All Around Consideration:**

- Cattle Classes
- Showmanship
- Illustrated or Advanced Speech

**Must Participate in at least 2 of the following:**

- Hereford Bowl
- Photography
- Poster
- Hybrid CHB Cooking Challenge
- Team Fitting

**Point Distribution Scale:**

- 1st Place - 50 points
- 2nd Place - 40 points
- 3rd Place - 30 points
- 4th Place - 20 points
- 5th Place - 10 points

Tie Breakers will be announced at a later date.

# ROYALTY INFORMATION

## Texas Hereford Queen & Sweetheart Rules & Guidelines

1. Junior Hereford Organization of Texas (JHOT) members, age 15-22, who have been members prior to February 1, are eligible to compete for Texas Hereford Queen.
2. The Texas Hereford Queen will be assisted by a Texas Hereford Sweetheart, aged 11 - 14, which will be chosen in the same manner as the Queen.
3. Applications for the Texas Hereford Queen & Sweetheart can be found at [www.texashereford.org](http://www.texashereford.org) and must be submitted by June 1, 2026.

# **JHOT DIRECTOR INFORMATION**

## **Junior Hereford Organization of Texas Director Requirements**

1. Junior Hereford Organization of Texas (JHOT) members, age 14 - 21 as of January 1st are eligible to be elected.
2. Candidates are required to submit a nomination form to the JHOT State Show manager by June 1st.
3. Four new directors will be elected each year at the annual membership meeting held at the Junior State Show. Those elected will serve three-year terms, beginning as soon as elected.

For candidate guidelines and other information please visit [www.texasherefordstateshow.com](http://www.texasherefordstateshow.com)

# **JHOT JR AMBASSADOR INFORMATION**

## **Junior Hereford Organization of Texas Junior Ambassador Requirements**

1. Junior Hereford Organization of Texas (JHOT) members, age 10 - 13 as of January 1st are eligible to be elected.
2. Candidates are required to submit a nomination form to the JHOT State Show manager by June 1st.
3. Six new junior ambassadors will be elected each year at the annual membership meeting held at the Junior State Show. Those elected will serve one-year terms, beginning as soon as elected.
4. Ambassadors cannot serve successive terms.
5. Ambassadors who have previously served as junior ambassadors, who are otherwise qualified to be junior ambassadors may be re-elected at the annual meeting.

For candidate guidelines and other information please visit [www.texasherefordstateshow.com](http://www.texasherefordstateshow.com)

# SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Scholarships can be applied for at [www.texasherefordstateshow.com](http://www.texasherefordstateshow.com)

1. Auxiliary Scholarship
2. Horace Stevens Memorial Scholarship
3. Texas Hereford Youth Foundation
4. Texas Hereford Association
5. Texas Polled Hereford Association
6. Junior Hereford Organization of Texas Scholarship
7. Thomas Smith Memorial Scholarship
8. South Texas Hereford Association Scholarship
9. Texas Poll-Ette Scholarship
10. Lindy Wright Scholarship
11. Patsy Workman & Jessica Cleveland Scholarship
12. Don Metch Memorial Scholarship

All scholarship applications open on April 1st and are due by May 15th.  
Please read each scholarship application to determine eligibility.

# SILENT AUCTION INFORMATION

Each family attending the 2026 Texas Hereford State Show is encouraged to bring an item for the silent auction. The silent auction is held annually during the state show and proceeds go to support the 2026 and future Texas Hereford State Shows. Items can be turned into the show office on Wednesday, June 10th and Thursday, June 11th before 12 p.m.

The silent auction will close on Friday, June 12th at 6 p.m.

# HOTEL INFORMATION

1. LaQuinta by Wyndham Belton - Temple South

Address: 229 W Loop 121 Belton, TX 76513

Phone: 1 (800) 505-2057

2. Comfort Inn & Suites & Suites Belton Temple South I-35 (old Expo Inn & Suites)

Address: 235 W Loop 121 Belton, TX 76513

Phone: (354) 613-5289

3. Stagecoach Inn - Salado

Address: 416 S Main St. Salado, TX 76571

Phone: (254) 221-7991

4. Days Inn by Wyndham - Salado

Address: 10825 S Interstate 35 Salado, TX 76571

Phone: 1 (800) 329-1992

5. Holiday Inn Express Salado - Belton

Address: 1991 N Stagecoach Rd, IH-35 North, Salado, TX 76571

Phone: (877) 859-5095

6. Holiday Inn Temple - Belton

Address: 5247 S General Bruce Dr. Temple, TX 76502

Phone: (877) 859-5095

# RV INFORMATION

1. Bell County Expo Center

- Offers power and water hook-ups for RV and trailers.
- Given on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- No reservations are accepted.
- Electrical: 30/50 Amps

2. Belton RV Park - next to Expo

Address: 2905 SN Interstate 35 Frontage Rd. Belton, TX 76513

Website: [beltonrvpark.com](http://beltonrvpark.com)

# SERVICE PROJECT INFORMATION

## The Saddle Light Center

The Saddle Light Center is a non-profit organization that offers professional equine therapy to the disabled population of a wide range of ages in the San Antonio area to improve both their self-esteem and quality of life. Their mission is to provide professional equestrian therapy for children, teenagers and adults with neurological, orthopedic, learning, emotional or other disabilities.

The best way to support is through a donation on the entry site. All donations collected will be given to the Saddle Light Center so they can put the money where they need it most.

If you would like to support in other ways, here are some other avenues.

- Shop to Give: Do the online shopping that you were going to do anyways, but put some of the proceeds to their organization.
- Sponsor a Horse: Interested in sponsoring one of their amazing therapeutic riding horses for one year?

Sponsor a Rider: Many of their riders depend on the scholarship program to help with the cost of their services. Would you like to sponsor someone to be able to experience the benefits of therapeutic horsemanship of Hippotherapy?

For more information please visit [www.thesaddlelightcenter.com](http://www.thesaddlelightcenter.com)



# MEET YOUR JHOT DIRECTORS & ROYALTY

## **Directors:**

Co-President: Cade Harris

Co-President: Mason Roeder

Co-President-Elect: Ainsley Williams

Co-President-Elect: Jarrett Worrell

Co-Vice President: Abbey Wohleb

Co-Vice President: Layna Ottmers

Secretary: Avery McInvale

Treasurer: Lilly Leal

Co-Reporter: Caly Blacksher

Co-Reporter: Zeb Murphree

Parliamentarian: Paisley Miller

Senior Directors: Augustus Sexton, Brody Brogan, Carlisle Braman, Aidyn Barber, Ryli Hollis, Aubrey Lockhart, Gabe Swallow, Lexi Foster, Kinleigh Guidry, Katherine Newton

Junior Directors: John Dauer, Beckett Barber, Henley Barber, Graham Creamer, Braxton Lockhart, Channing Borgstedt

Texas Horned Queen: Kennedy Schatte

Texas Horned Sweetheart: Ella Macias

Texas Polled Queen: Reese Pinkerton

Texas Polled Princess: Kynadi Hjelmervik

Texas Polled Princess: Georgia Vance

Texas Polled Princess: Rylee Harris

## **Advisors:**

Matt & Stephanie Harris, Beau & Sarah Williams, James & Shannon Worrell, Rylee Matheny, Missy Coffelt, Deanna & Randy Roeder, Tim & Erin Lockhart, Hoyt & Crystal McInvale, Chad Oates

## **State Show Junior Assistant Advisor:**

Wyatt Tackett

# THINGS TO DO

## Belton Area:



Places to eat:

1. Mexicano
2. Miller BBQ
3. Scheophs BBQ
4. Whataburger

Activity:

1. Summer Fun Waterpark  
1401 Waco Road  
Belton, TX

## Salado Area:

Places to eat:

1. Johnnys BBQ
2. The Shed

Activity:

1. Salado Winery  
841 N. Main St.  
Salado, TX
2. The Shoppes of Main  
Main Street  
Salado, TX

## Temple Area:

Places to eat:

1. Raising Canes
2. Texas Roadhouse
3. McAlister's
4. Chick-Fil-A
5. Taco Cabana



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