

## **National Junior Santa Gertrudis Association Rules** ***For participating in Junior Shows.***

- A.** All exhibitors and non-animal participants must be bona fide junior members of Santa Gertrudis Breeders International. This means the junior has paid all current dues and fees with no outstanding balances on their accounts.
- B.** Junior member/exhibitors will maintain possession, exhibit and utilize best management practices of their entries from the date of ownership through the final day of the National Junior Santa Gertrudis Show under the supervision of a County Agent; Vocational Agriculture Instructor; Designated 4-H Adult Leader; Home Economics Instructor; Affiliate President; Legal Guardian and/or Family consisting of a relative by blood, marriage, adoption or any person who resides in the same household or as a functional unit in the same household or a bona fide current paid junior SGBI member.
- C.** No participant will be discriminated against because of a physical, emotional, or mental handicap. The only requirement is to specify on the entry form so accommodations can be made.
- D.** All animals must be REGISTERED and PERMANENTLY identified with a brand ID or an ear tattoo. All animals must be registered in the exhibitor's name, not a ranch name or joint names. ***Exhibitors and animals not adhering to this rule will BE DISQUALIFIED.***
- E.** Junior member exhibitors participating in the NJSGS will dress appropriately in collared shirts with sleeves, belts, and with no midribs showing. Appropriate pants and footwear – no tennis shoes. No baseball caps.
- F.** Two-year-old heifers must have produced a calf or be safe in calf as verified by a pregnancy certificate and included in health certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian. The certificate must be presented at the time the animal is checked in. If the animal is open due to being in an embryo transfer program, this fact must be verified by a written statement signed by a license embryo technician to be eligible to show.
- G.** Cow/Calf Pairs – A cow shown with a calf at side, the calf must be her natural calf meeting the SGBI Standard of Excellence, meaning the calf must be registerable. If the cow has a calf that does not meet the Standard of Excellence, possible crossbred calf, the calf is not eligible to enter the show arena with the cow. The cow is eligible to show in her respective class and the judge will be notified as to why her calf is not present. (The cow must be shown by the owner.) Calf **MUST** be exhibited by paid bona fide junior exhibitor
- H.** All bulls 6 months of age and older **MUST** have a nose ring. Bulls in classes 1 and 2 may use a nose clip or a permanent nose ring. Bulls in classes 3-7 **MUST** use a **\*\*permanent\*\*** nose ring.
- I.** Star-Five Female – The Star Five Female Show will follow the same animal age and ownership guidelines as the Purebred Female Show. Clarification of a Star-Five Female by SGBI Rules is as follows. A Star Five Female is a female recorded with SGBI according to the SGBI Rules and must be between 50% and 87.5% Santa Gertrudis. These females will have a recordation certificate indicating they are a Star Five Female.
- J.** Each animal shall be presented in the show ring in its natural conformation and structure without alteration or modification. Alteration or modification shall be defined to include any surgical, chemical, electrical, or other appearance change for cosmetic purposes, save only branding, tattooing, foot trimming or dehorning. Silicon injection or other injections for cosmetic purpose shall be prohibited.
- K.** No pumping or filling of an animal with liquid, air or any other substance is allowed. Violations will result in disqualification and banning from all shows of that exhibitor and/or owner.
- L.** Santa Gertrudis Breeders International and its representatives reserve the right to require any test deemed necessary to verify the accuracy of an entry, classification and/or the pedigree of exhibited Santa Gertrudis animals, including calves exhibited at the side of a Santa Gertrudis female.

## AA. Fitting -

**a. Purebred fitting** – All purebred animals must be exhibited with the hair brushed down on the entire body, legs, and tail with no foreign objects attached to the animal in a manner as to alter the animal's conformation or change its appearance. Exhibitors failing to abide by this rule will not be allowed to show.

Specifically, all hair must be brushed down slick; head clipped smooth; underline clipped blending sides; udder and teats clipped with no long hair to emphasize udder; ears clipped as to environmental and local standards; neck and brisket clipped; body clip using common sense as to season; leg hair clipped and do not leave long from hock or knee to hoof; tail head clipped; pull switch or brush out (no ball, etc.); trim tail to personal preference.

**b. Star Five fitting** – Star Five exhibits are not subject to purebred clipping rules. Entries are to be fitted blow and go. Hair may be brushed according to preference with no foreign substances / fitting materials on any part of the body.

### Standard of Excellence

**Please read and understand:** Purebred Santa Gertrudis must meet appearance standards. For full explanation go to [www.santagertrudis.com](http://www.santagertrudis.com) – look under **Performance** then go to **Breed Standards** this will explain what conditions could cause disqualification of your animal. Please note one of the most obvious problems is Hair color. White outside the underline or other spotting in other parts of the body could cause disqualification. Brindle in any extent could cause disqualification. There should be no more than 50% of the underline white, white must remain behind the front legs and may not extend past the udder or testicles. Any questions please call a member of Breed Standards Committee.

## DISQUALIFICATIONS:

### IMPORTANT

- An exhibitor who has been disqualified from competition in any livestock show or has had a premium withheld or withdrawn on the grounds of rule violation(s) will not be allowed to compete in other shows. This shall include, but not limited to, disqualification for fraud, misrepresentation, unethical fitting or deception.
- Judging procedures will NOT be interrupted for protest investigation. Depending based on the protest, a decision may be withheld until a thorough investigation is completed. No complaint or appeal regarding a judge's decision or method of selection will be considered.
- Show officials may excuse an exhibitor from the ring and exclude them from further competition if an exhibitor, in any way, whether in person or by their representative interferes or shows disrespect to a judge or show official.
- In the event that an exhibitor or animal is disqualified after they have been awarded premiums or awards, the exhibitor or animal placing immediately below them may be moved up to fill the vacated position at the discretion of the Youth Activities Committee.

### PROCEDURES TO FILE PROTEST/APPEAL:

1. File protest or appeal with the Youth Activities Vice President.
2. All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$200.00, cash or check, which will be forfeited if pro- test is not sustained. The protest or appeal must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Youth Activities Committee Chairman within twenty-four (24) hours after the occasion for such protest.
3. Order of hearing a protest or appeal:
  - A. Vice President of the Youth Activities Committee and SGBI Executive Director
  - B. Action of Youth Activities Committee with additional fee of \$100.00 cash or check.
  - C. Final action by Board of Directors with additional fee of \$300.00, cash or check.
4. All rules and regulations that have been properly protested or appealed to the Youth Activities Committee shall be subject to the following penalties.
  - A. Loss of Premium Money
  - B. Loss of awards
  - C. Suspension from showing the subject animal as deemed necessary. Penalty may be for one or more shows as deemed necessary for the