

## **ABHA National Show Rules**

1. Animals competing in the Black Hereford Show must be registered in the American Black Hereford Association herd book and recorded in the name of the exhibitor/ownership 30 days prior to the show registration deadline.
2. To be eligible to exhibit in the Junior division, exhibitors must be a current Junior member of the ABHA, being seven (7) years of age and not more than twenty-one (21) years as of January 1 of the current year.
3. All animals must be properly tattooed and will be inspected at the show. Tattoos must be legible and must match registration papers. Any animal upon check-in, which does not have legible permanent identification mark (ear tattoo) corresponding to the permanent identification on the registration certificate is ineligible to show. Once disqualified due to an incorrect or illegible permanent identification mark, animals cannot be re-tattooed and rechecked at the show.
4. Altering the conformation or natural appearance of the animal is prohibited. This includes the alternation of the animal's natural hair color and the use of artificial tailheads, switches, or the adding of hair to the animal. Other prohibited products include illegal or unlicensed pharmaceuticals, or artificial filling. Any animal/exhibitor found in violation will be removed from the entered show and will be subject to disciplinary action.
5. Any winning animals in any and all divisions may be subject to DNA Parentage Verification (sire and dam only). If discrepancies in parentage are found the animal may be subject to forfeit its winning position and prize money premiums.
6. All cattle must meet the health requirements set out by the Show Management. Any deviation will be just cause for immediate disqualification from the show.
7. All bulls above one year of age must show with a nose lead. The right to disqualify from the show any animal deemed unmanageable is reserved by the Show Management.
8. Any person found guilty of misrepresentation by the show and/or ABHA Show Committee including the age of the animal, or not abiding by the show rules, will be disqualified and denied the privilege of show. Case may be referred to the ABHA for further action according to association procedure.
9. The registered owner and/or exhibitor must be a member in good standing with the ABHA.
10. Classes are subject to change based on the number of entries.
11. Interpretation and/or administration of rules and regulations: If there is a conflict between show rules published in any national Black Hereford show premium rule book and the ABHA National Show rules, the ABHA National show rules will govern.
12. PROTESTS: All protests must be in writing and be accompanied by one hundred and fifty (\$150.00) dollars cash or certified check plus cost of protest (testing, etc.), which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be

delivered to ABHA Staff or ABHA Show Committee immediately after the occasion for such protest. Protests must be submitted either prior to judging or immediately after the conclusion of class judging. Once an animal reaches championship judging, no protest will be accepted. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation; and depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a thorough investigation is completed. No complaint or appeal that Judges overlooked an animal will be considered.

13. Health Requirements: Specific health requirements for each show should be followed. Exhibitors must refer to applicable show health requirements for more information.

Special Show Rules:

**FEMALE COW/CALF SHOW**

- Females can be F-1, HX, Percentage or Purebred with calves at side being HX, Percentage or Purebred to be eligible to show.
- F-1 and HX females must have an HB calf at side.
- Calves on the side of cow-calf pairs **MUST BE** the cow's natural calf and no older than 240 days.
- Calf is eligible for individual classes but must be entered in the appropriate class.

**Overall Champion Selection**

- F-1, Percentage and Purebred females are eligible to compete in the overall champion selection.
- The winner will represent the breed at a Supreme drive at participating National shows.