

2026 TEXAS JUNIOR ANGUS SHOW RULES

- **Ownership & Entry Deadline: May 15, 2026**
- **No pending registrations and no substitutions.**
- **All entries will be done on showman.app, no mail-in**
- **TJAA Code of Conduct must be read, signed, and submitted – available at TexasJuniorAngus.com/forms**
- **Entry Fee \$ 75/head, stalls will not be pre-bedded.**
 - Cadence Bank Center requests that you purchase bedding from the facility for \$____/bag.

GENERAL RULES (RED INDICATES UPDATED RULES AS OF JANUARY 2026)

ELIGIBILITY OF EXHIBITORS AND ENTRIES

1. **Exhibitors must be ages 7-21** as of January 1 of the current year with birthdates ranging from **January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2018** and **must be a Junior, Regular or Life Member of the American Angus Association.** Junior membership shall be issued only to an individual and shall expire upon attainment of age 21. Participation is acceptable through the calendar year of the individual's 21st birthday. **Exhibitor must also be a current paid member of the Texas Junior Angus Association.**
2. **Bred and owned animals can be multi-owned provided the name and member code of the junior exhibitor is listed as "breeder" and "first and continuous owner" on the registration certificate.** "Breeder" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time of service. "First Owner" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time the calf is born. "Continuous Owner" is defined as the recorded owner of the animal without history of transfer.
3. **Owned animals can be multi-owned between siblings as long as all siblings own the animal by the ownership date and are within NJAA show rule ages (as of January 1).**
4. Farm or ranch names are not allowed, even if the junior is the sole proprietor of the farm or ranch. **Joint ownerships with farm or ranch names are only allowed on bred-and-owned entries, provided the exhibitor is listed as "breeder" and "first and continuous owner" on the registration certificate.**
5. Applications for registration and transfer of ownership must be recorded in the name(s) of the exhibitor(s) by the ownership deadline. Ownership refers to the process date NOT the sale date. NOTE: If you do not have registration papers in your hands 2 weeks prior to the transfer deadline, please contact the American Angus registration department before the transfer deadline date. No late transfers will be accepted.
6. **Entries will be submitted ONLINE ONLY.** No substitutions will be accepted after the entry deadline. "PENDING" or "APPLIED FOR" will not be accepted under any circumstances. You must have a registration number before completing your online entry.
7. Entry fees MUST be paid online at the time of entry. No refunds will be given after entry deadline.
8. Corrections to an animal's registration regarding ownership or birthdate after entry deadline will be subject to disqualification from the show.
9. **Each TJAA member, along with a parental guardian(s) will need to read, sign and submit the TJAA Code of Conduct prior to the TJAA show, contest or event.** Code of Conduct forms are available at TexasJuniorAngus.com/forms and can be submitted via email to txjrangus@gmail.com. You will not be allowed to compete in the show or contests without a properly signed and submitted Code of Conduct.

FITTING AND SHOWING GUIDELINES

1. This is a "Blow and Go" show – no glues, paints or colorants.
2. All carcass steers must be halter broke to lead and will stall with the other cattle in the barn.
3. Each entry must be shown by its owner. If an owner cannot show his/her own animal due to medical reasons or extenuating circumstances, permission must be granted by a vote of the TJAA Advisor Board.
4. If a junior member can't show his /her own animal due to multiple entries in his/her respective class or division, another **Texas** Junior Angus Association member is allowed to show the additional entry.

5. Only one person will be allowed to lead each entry in the showing, except in Pee Wee Showmanship where the pee wee exhibitor may have an assistant showman.
6. Any exhibitor who loses control of his/her entry more than twice in the showing will be asked to remove the animal from the ring.
7. All entries must be on time for their respective class. Once the entries in the exhibitor's respective class have begun walking into the profile view, the exhibitor is too late and ineligible to compete.
8. Bulls 12 months of age or older must be shown with a nose lead.
9. **Bulls are not allowed in showmanship classes.**
10. All entries are subject to Rule 800 Series (including Rule 800-810): Show Rules of the American Angus Association's rules in the American Angus Association's "Breeder's Reference Guide". Rule 800 Series includes identification of animals; confirmation and structure; alteration of conformation and structure; exhibitor conduct as well as other rules pertaining to the exhibition of Angus cattle.
11. Under the Association rules each animal for which entry application (registration) is received, may be subjected to DNA marker typing or blood typing to verify both ACCURACY OF PARENTAGE AND BLOOD TYPE as covered under Association rules. Staff of the American Angus Association must supervise the collection of blood samples. If a recorded parent is excluded (as a parent) as a result of DNA, the owner may request, at his own expense, the Association to determine the actual parent. Failure to determine the sire and dam disqualifies the animal's eligibility in the Angus Herd Book, and the registration certificate becomes null and void.
12. Each exhibitor is responsible for having his/her animal(s) presented in its natural conformation and structure without alteration or modification, except for the grooming of hair and hooves. The exhibition of cattle displaying false hair will not be allowed. Painting of white skin and surgical alteration of an animal's conformation or appearance is prohibited.
Altering the conformation and/or appearance of an animal for exhibition is prohibited. This includes the covering of white skin, false tail heads (or use of any false hair), with the exception of false tail switches. The use of graphite, powders, hemp or other similar substances used externally are also prohibited. Other prohibited products include those used internally such as steroids, illegal or unlicensed pharmaceuticals or artificial filling. Any animal found to be in violation will be barred from showing.
All entries are subject to visual inspection and/or laboratory testing. The exhibitor of any entry found to be in violation of the above rules will forfeit all awards and premiums and may be disqualified from exhibiting at future Association sponsored shows.
13. Any animal, which does not have legible primary identification marks (ear tattoo marks, freeze-branded marks, hot branded marks, or electronic identification tag (EID)) corresponding to the primary identification on its registration certificate, upon checking in for the show is ineligible to show. Once disqualified due to an incorrect, illegible, or absence of a primary identification mark, animals cannot be identified and re-checked at the show.
14. **Exhibitor attire: Tucked-in, collared shirts while in the show ring strongly encouraged.** T-shirts, shorts, athletic shoes, etc. are discouraged. Caps should not be worn.
15. No aerosol products may be used in the designated staging area.
16. No exhibitors, individuals assisting exhibitors or member owners shall be allowed to use any color agents, on any animal exhibited. The Association may adopt and implement various tests designed to monitor this prohibition, including but not limited to a "white towel" or "white glove" test.
17. The use of chin straps to alter the confirmation or appearance of an animal is not allowed in the show ring.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

1. No health papers required

AGREEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY:

1. It is clearly understood and agreed that the American Angus Association, Texas Junior Angus Association, its affiliates and their officials, officers, directors, employees and agents (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Association") shall not be responsible for any damage, illness, loss or injury to any person or property arising out

of or relating to any party's participation in any national, regional, regional preview junior Angus show, and the Texas Junior Angus Show ("Event"), whether caused by the negligence or other conduct of the Association or any third party. The exhibitor, owner, their agents, representatives, parents and/or guardians (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Participants"), agree to indemnify and hold the Association harmless from and against any and all damage, injury, illness or loss suffered during or in connection with any Event. In the event the Association is subject to any expense or liability, including, but not limited to consultant fees, legal or court costs, Association management labor and expenses, expenses and/or costs for blood, tissue, urine, hide and/or carcass sampling and testing incurred as a result of the Association's rules and regulations violations and all agreements thereunder, including, but not limited to unethical fitting, filling, meat tampering, illegal or non-approved use of drugs, medication and/or prohibited substance(s) as a result of participants involvement in the Event, Participants shall indemnify and hold harmless the Association from and against all damage, expenses or liabilities incurred as a result thereof. Participant may also be subject to criminal charges.

2. Participants understand the inherent risk and danger of the Event and the potential for injury and illness that exists when participating in any Event. Participants assume all risk of and responsibility for any injury, illness, death, property damage, or property loss that they may suffer in connection with participation in any Event — whether caused by the negligence or other conduct of the Association, third parties, or otherwise. The Association shall not be liable for any consequences of Association's medical treatment of any Participant or Association's decision(s) relating to medical treatment for any Participant.
3. The Participant will have full control, custody, care and feeding of any animal(s) and/or personal property, which are brought on or about the premises of the site of the national, regional, and regional preview junior Angus shows. It is clearly understood and agreed between the parties that, as a material condition to any Participant entering or showing at the national, regional, and regional preview junior Angus shows, Association will at no time have control, custody, or care of any animal(s) and/or personal property, which are brought on or about the national, regional, and regional preview junior Angus show site.
4. For the overall working of the show, the Participant will maintain control, custody, care and feeding for any and all animals and/or personal property in accordance with rules and regulations of the national, regional and regional preview junior Angus shows, and in no way will the Association be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur or be caused by any animal or personal property.
5. By submitting an application for entry, Participants agree to be bound by and comply with these General Rules and all the rules and regulations governing the Event as published in the rules and governed under the American Angus Association rules and Texas Junior Angus Association rules. Further, these provisions include total ownership of the entry for the prescribed number of days, continuous possession and care and provisions against unethical fitting, filling, and/or alteration of conformation and color of animals(s), meat tampering and illegal or non-approved use of drugs, medication and/or prohibited substance.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- **Stalls will NOT be pre-bedded in 2026.**
 - Cadence Bank Center requests bedding to be purchased from the facility at \$___ /bag.
- **No alcohol on grounds.** Please respect the Cadence Bank Center's policy.
- **No dogs on grounds.** Please respect the Cadence Bank Center's policy. No dogs allowed around the showing.
- **Silent Auction Donation Items:** Contact: Tanya Peterson at 817 716-1673 or txjrangus@gmail.com
- **TJAA t-shirts:** One complimentary t-shirt per exhibitor will be provided with your welcome bag. Additional t-shirts may be pre-ordered for \$25 each. Please use online entry to indicate sizes needed.
- **Oldtimers Showmanship** - Nominations for Oldtimers Showmanship can be made at the State Show for \$10. An oldtimer is any one 21+ who can no longer show as a Junior. Once nominated, an Oldtimer can forfeit their nomination by paying a \$20 fee. Those Oldtimers brave enough to show will have the opportunity to win a suitable prize. Oldtimers can compete with any angus already registered to show.
- No nursing cows are allowed on the fairgrounds except those properly entered in accordance with the rules governing the cow-calf classes.

SHOW CATEGORIES:

1. There will be classes for registered Angus steers, bred-and-owned bulls, cow-calf pairs, bred-and-owned heifers, owned heifers and PGS heifers. Champions will be selected in each category. PGS heifers may also be entered in the owned or bred-and-owned show.
2. **Carcass Steer contest will follow all TJAS rules, deadlines for entry and ownership, and the contest specific rules published on the TAA website.**
3. Phenotype & Genotype Show (PGS) – please review the specific rules for this show.
4. Entries will be listed in the show program in order of age (youngest to oldest) and led into the show ring in that order.
5. Classes will be broken with no more than 15 head in any class. Classes will be broken by the American Angus staff in attendance. *PGS classes may be bigger and have a larger spread than traditional classifications.
6. Show classifications for owned and bred-and-owned heifers: **05-01-24 to born after 12-31-25.**
7. Show classifications for bred-and-owned bulls: **09-01-24 to born after 12-31-25.**
8. Show classifications for steers: **01-01-25 through 12-31-25**
9. Any cow-calf pair may be exhibited provided the calf is bred-and-owned by the junior exhibitor and the following rules are met:
 - a. Cow must be solely owned by the exhibitor. The issue date on the recorded transfer of the cow must precede the breeding date of the cow for the calf at side. The cow must be continuously owned by the exhibitor until show time.
 - b. Calf must be the cow's most recent natural calf and must be born on or after **9-01-25.**
 - c. Calf must be registered and tattooed by show date and have original registration certificate. Please enter the calf information (registration #, sire, age and name) on your entry form.
10. There will be a class for calves born after **1-1-26.** All calves born after **1-1-26** will be shown together, bulls and heifer calves.

Remember to bring your registration certificates and be certain that all permanent identification marks are correct and legible. If they are incorrect, illegible, or absent, the animal will not be allowed to show. If you have any problems concerning permanent identification, contact the American Angus Association at (816) 383-5100 PRIOR to leaving home. WE WILL CHECK TATTOOS AT CHECK-IN! Tattoos/ID cannot be added at the show.

PREMIUMS & AWARDS:

1. Each entry shown will receive a ribbon.
2. Division awards, banners and buckles will be awarded to champions.
3. Premiums will be paid as follows: **TBD**
4. Other Awards:
 - a. **Premier Exhibitor** includes the three highest placing animals shown by an exhibitor. Champions will be used only in the case of a tie. The winner, to be determined at the conclusion of the show, receives an award.
 - b. **Newcomer Award** will be given to a first-time show participant who not only has an animal or animal(s) in the show, but also enters showmanship and at least one other contest (sales talk, photography, poster, writing, graphic design, prepared public speaking, extemporaneous public speaking, or quiz bowl). Please check the box on the entry form if this is your first Texas Junior Angus Show.
 - c. **Educational Sweepstakes** – A grand and reserve sweepstakes prize will be awarded to the two individuals who accumulate the top two scores in our educational contests. You must be a member of the TJAA to be considered. You do not have to show cattle to be considered. Points will be accumulated in photography, creative writing, graphic design, extemporaneous public speaking, prepared public speaking, quiz bowl, and sales talk. Only the individuals highest placing photograph will earn points (though you may enter in each category).

SHOWMANSHIP:

1. **Showmanship** Each contestant entered in the showmanship competition must have cattle entered in the Texas Junior Angus State Show, the exception being Pee Wee and NJAS Showmanship Qualifier competitors.
Bulls are not allowed in showmanship.

Showmanship age divisions:

- Peewee age is **less than 7** years-old as of Jan 1
 - **Novice are 7-9 as of Jan 1**
 - **Juniors are 10-13 as of Jan 1**
 - Intermediates are 14-17 as of Jan 1
 - Seniors are 18-20 as of Jan 1
2. **National Jr. Angus Show (NJAS) Showmanship Qualifier** is a separate showmanship class where the judge will select two TJAA showmen to represent Texas at the National Showmanship Competition at NJAS. Two alternate showmen will also be chosen.
 - In **2026**, National Qualifier contestant's birth date must be from **January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2011**
 - This person must be a current paid Texas Junior Angus member for two (2) years prior to their competing and a current member of the American Angus Association.
 - Showmanship contestant must adhere to all National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest rules, including dress code of white collared shirt and black pants.
 - Each contestant may compete only once at the National Showmanship Competition.
 - Contestants in National Qualifier Showmanship may also enter and compete in their respective age division for showmanship as well at TJAS.

PHENOTYPE AND GENOTYPE SHOW (PGS) SPECIFIC SHOW RULES:

The objective behind the Phenotype and Genotype Show (PGS) is to create another avenue for juniors to show their animals in an additional competition while providing an educational opportunity to learn about the value of Expected Progeny Differences (EPDs) and economic selection indexes (\$Values) as a part of the process in selecting seedstock. Animals entered in the PGS will be evaluated by a judge under a system that requires both genotypes and phenotypes to be considered. The results will be a composite score where the genotype (EPDs & \$Values) placing, and phenotype placings will be equally weighted at fifty percent.

- **PGS OVERVIEW:** For the PGS, the same judge will evaluate the EPDs/\$Values and the phenotype classes. Before the show, the PGS judge will receive judge's cards split into classes that include entry number, birthdate, and the complete set of EPDs and \$Values. He/she will place the classes based on his/her preferences. In the showing, the judge will receive a judge's card with birthdates only for phenotype classes. The phenotype placings will be recorded and compiled with the genotype placings. The composite score will be made up of 50% genotype placing and 50% phenotype placing. In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken based on the phenotype placings. The judge will then receive a judge's card with the composite placings and respective EPDs to talk the class. During Divisions, the Grand Drive, and Supreme PGS Drive the judge will also receive judge's cards.
- **DNA TESTING:** ALL PGS HEIFERS MUST HAVE GENOMIC ENHANCED-EPDs by the Friday before check-in. DNA tests require approx. 4-weeks for processing and up to two additional weeks for the GE-EPDs to update in the National Cattle Evaluation database. Additional delays can occur in shipping, sample failure, file errors, etc.
- Instructions for DNA testing: https://www.angus.org/AGI/global/agi_factsheets.pdf

Step 1. Order blood cards from www.angus.org/AGI/SeedStockOptions.aspx or through your AAA Login.

Step 2. Collect sample. How-to video: <https://youtu.be/490nI9ExR8c>

Step 3. Order AngusGS or HD50K Tests (choose one) through your AAA login, checkout and print order confirmation to mail with your DNA samples.

Step 4. Mail sample(s) and test order confirmation(s) after allowing blood card samples to fully dry for 24 hours.

Step 5. Allow approx. 6-weeks for results to update to your AHIR account. There is no way to rush DNA results.

If your animal already has AngusGS or HD50K data on file at the association, you do NOT need to repeat the test, even if the test was completed by another owner or breeder. You can verify Genomic testing status at the top of the online version of your animal's pedigree, in your AHIR account, or by contacting the American Angus Association.

If DNA has been submitted previously on your heifer for parentage verification, but did NOT have AngusGS or HD50K testing done, please follow the steps to collect and submit a new sample as this will be a faster and more reliable way to process your tests than to choose the option to use the old DNA sample on file.

TO ENTER PGS:

1. Enter online by entry deadline
2. All PGS females must have been genomic tested, with a DNA sample on file with AGI, by the ownership deadline. The animal must be tested with Angus GS or HD50K. (Basic parentage testing alone does not generate the GE-EPDs required for this show.)
3. The Genomic Enhanced-EPDs must have updated in the National Cattle Evaluation by the Friday before check-in. Any animal with interim EPDs or EPDs not enhanced with genomic results by check-in will NOT be allowed to show.

PGS SHOW CATEGORIES:

1. Only females are allowed to enter. Bred-and-Owned and Owned heifers will show together in the PGS.
2. Owned & Bred-and-Owned Females: **05-01-2024 to born after 01-01-2026. Heifer calves born after 01-01-2026** can show and compete with Division I.
3. Heifers are allowed to be dual entered in PGS and their respective Owned or Bred-and-Owned shows.
4. Entries will be led into the showing in order of age (youngest to oldest).
5. Class breaks will not necessarily follow formal American Angus Association classifications.

PGS PREMIUMS & AWARDS:

- Each entry shall receive a ribbon. Class premiums will follow TJAA State Show premium guidelines.
- Division Champions and Reserve Champions will be awarded for both owned and bred-and-owned.
- Grand and Reserve Champion PGS Owned and Bred-and-Owned Females will be awarded banners & buckles.

EDUCATIONAL CONTESTS

All contests must be entered online through the show entry portal on Showman.app

Age divisions: **Novice are 7 – 9** as of Jan 1

Juniors are 10-13 as of Jan 1

Intermediates are 14-17 as of Jan 1

Seniors are 18-20 as of Jan 1

Contestants may choose to compete in Educational and National Qualifying contests at an age division higher than their current division but not lower. Once an age division is selected, it cannot be changed once online contest entries close.

All online submissions must be received by the entry deadline, if not, you are not entered in the contest. If you need to make any changes to your online submissions, please email txjrangus@gmail.com

Photography:

- ENTER ONLINE by contest deadline.
- **ALL PHOTOGRAPHY WILL BE SUBMITTED ONLINE by contest deadline.** No minimum file size. However, as a guideline, files should be at least 2 MB in size. The photo should be saved in a JPEG format with a minimum of 300 psi at a 4x5-in. or 5x4- in. size. 300 psi at an 8x10-in. is preferred.
- Photos must be taken by the contestant during the past year. Photo cannot be altered or image-enhanced in any way
- Reference NJAS contest rules, guidelines and score sheets. <https://www.angus.org/njaa/get-involved/contests>
- **Photo categories** (each contestant may enter one photo per category):

Angus Cattle – Photographs that highlight Angus cattle on the farm or ranch or at an Angus event. The cattle need to be the dominant focus of the picture.

Angus People - Photographs that show an Angus junior and/or family, friends, fellow junior members, etc., either involved in activities on the farm or ranch or an Angus event.

Angus Landscape – Photographs that focus on scenery around the farm or ranch. Angus cattle need to be included in the photo. Angus People – Photographs that show an Angus junior and/or family, friends, fellow junior members, etc., either involved in activities on the farm or ranch or an Angus event.

Around the Farm or Ranch – Photographs that highlight activities and scenes around the farm or ranch. An Angus connection is not necessary.

- TO COMPETE AT NATIONALS, YOU WILL NEED TO STILL SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES TO NJAA on the NJAA portal by their entry deadline. See the NJAA contest rules before submitting to make sure you are following their guidelines.

Creative Writing:

- ENTER ONLINE by contest deadline.
- Reference NJAS contest rules, guidelines and score sheets. <https://www.angus.org/njaa/get-involved/contests>
- What to submit for all age groups
 - Submitted entries need to have the word count calculated on their cover sheet.
 - A cover page should include the junior member's name, address, phone number, birth date and member code. No mention of the contestant's name should be on any of the other pages.
 - All pages should be numbered

- 2026 Creative Writing Contest Topics:

Novice Topic: **Write about your favorite Angus animal(s).** Novice entries should be between 150-300 words. Novice entries can either be typed, double spaced and in 12-point font, or printed in ink, double spaced.

Junior Topic: **Write about an experience you had with a calf during the halter breaking process.** (300-500 words. Junior entries can either be typed, double spaced and in 12-point type or be printed in ink, double-spaced).

Intermediate Topic: **Describe a moment you are most proud of, especially because no one was watching.** (600-800 words, typed, double-spaced, and in 12-point type).

Senior Topic: **Write about raising Angus cattle in a changing world.** (1,000 – 1,200 words, typed, double-spaced, and in 12-point type)

- TO COMPETE AT NATIONALS, YOU WILL NEED TO STILL SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES TO NJAA on the NJAA portal by their entry deadline. See the NJAA contest rules before submitting to make sure you are following their guidelines.

Graphic Design:

- ENTER ONLINE by the contest deadline.
- All Graphic Design entries will be submitted online by the contest deadline. Do not bring printed material to the show.
- Reference NJAS contest rules, guidelines and score sheets. <https://www.angus.org/njaa/get-involved/contests>
- 2026 Graphic Design Contest Entry Themes:
 - Novice: **Design a farm logo**
 - Junior: **Design your dream Grand Champion belt buckle.**
 - Intermediate: **Create a new label for your favorite fitting or grooming cattle product.**
 - Senior: **Your state is hosting the National Junior Angus Show in 2028. You are tasked with designing the potential logo**
- TO COMPETE AT NATIONALS, YOU WILL NEED TO STILL SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES TO NJAA on the NJAA portal by their entry deadline. See the NJAA contest rules before submitting to make sure you are following their guidelines.

Beef Science Poster:

- ENTER ONLINE by contest deadline.
- Turn in posters at check-in
- ONLY Pee Wee, **Novice** and Juniors may compete in Poster contest
- Reference NJAS contest rules, guidelines and score sheets. <https://www.angus.org/njaa/get-involved/contests>
- This is an educational, research-based contest. Contestants will pick a veterinary science or animal science-based topic that relates to beef cattle production. Contestants will research, and create a poster describing the topic, background, and conclusion for the beef science topic. The contestants of this contest will create a poster prior to TJAS and present an overview of their topic to a panel of judges and present a 1-minute overview of their topic to a panel of judges. Judges will have 3-5 minutes to ask questions
 - The posters must be the contestant's current year's work and cannot have been presented for competition at a previous NJAS.
 - Contestants may only enter one poster about a veterinary science or animal science-based topic that relates to beef cattle production. A poster may be exhibited by only one contestant; posters with more than one contestant will be disqualified.
 - Tri-fold boards will not be allowed.

- There is no limit as to the use or style of drawings or lettering, provided they are the design and handiwork of the entrants. Photographs, magazine clippings, stencils and adhesive letters may be used.
- Three dimensional posters are not allowed. Poster must be a flat surface.
- The poster itself will be judged on presentation, accuracy of information, organization, cleanliness and overall effort.
- TO COMPETE AT NATIONALS, YOU WILL NEED TO STILL SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES TO NJAA on the NJAA by entry deadline. See the NJAA contest rules before submitting to make sure you are following their guidelines.

Prepared Public Speaking:

- ENTER ONLINE by contest deadline.
- TJAS specific rules and scorecard for this contest are posted on [TexasJuniorAngus.com/contests](https://www.texasjuniorangus.com/contests)
- Prepared Public Speaking is NOT a contest at NJAS this year, but the TJAA Advisors voted to keep this contest available at our state show to continue to give our TJAA members the opportunity to speak in front of a panel of judges and gain valuable feedback for one of life's most critical skills.
- **2026 Topic (all ages): Anything Angus!** If you have something to say about Angus (cattle, history, careers, science, food, experiences, people, current events, etc.) we are all ears!

Extemporaneous Public Speaking

- ENTER ONLINE by the contest deadline.
- Reference NJAS contest rules, guidelines and score sheets. <https://www.angus.org/njaa/get-involved/contests>
- This contest is designed to develop the ability of all TJAA members to express themselves on a given subject without having prepared or rehearsed its content in advance

NATIONAL QUALIFYING EDUCATIONAL CONTESTS

Contestants will compete in the following contests as Individuals and the results will determine who will compete as a team representing Texas at the National Junior Angus Show.

Reference NJAS contest rules, guidelines and score sheets. <https://www.angus.org/njaa/get-involved/contests>

You do not have to be going to Nationals to compete in these contests, however, team members will be selected from the contestants who will be attending Nationals.

Written Quiz Bowl test:

- ENTER ONLINE by contest deadline.
- You MUST compete at TJAS in order to receive a place on the team at nationals.
- Texas will field 3 teams at Nationals. The four top Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors will make up our Texas teams at Nationals. A coach will be assigned to the national team.

Fitting Contest:

- ENTER ONLINE by the contest deadline.
- You MUST compete at TJAS in order to receive a place on the team at nationals.
- The contestant will fit one side of his or her animal for judging. Please see national rules for additional information. Judges will select a team of 4 to advance to Nationals where they will compete as a team representing the state of Texas. Per NJAA rules, the team will consist of one Senior, one Int., one Junior and the fourth team member can be from any age category. A fitting coach will be assigned to the national team.

Individual sales talk:

- ENTER ONLINE by the contest deadline.
- You MUST compete at TJAS in order to receive a place on the team at nationals.

The objective of the contest is to gain a working understanding of performance, physical characteristics and pedigree information. Emphasis will be placed on content of sales pitch, communication skills, organization and flow, total effectiveness, and knowledge and ability to answer questions. The contest will follow NJAS Sales Talk Contest Rules/Objectives with the exceptions that 1) the Senior division scenario is provided below and 2) Individual time limits at the State Show will be 3-5 minutes for all age divisions. There are point deductions for going over/under time limits, registration papers missing, and or failure to follow contest guidelines. Following the conclusion of the presentation the individual will be allowed up to 3 minutes to answer questions from the judges. The national team will be made up of the top placing individuals from each age division – a minimum of three and a maximum of four individuals will make up each team. National qualifying individuals who accept a spot on the Texas team for Nationals will be assigned a team coach and will be expected to practice as a team to prepare for the contest at Junior Nationals.

- **2026 Senior Division Sales Talk Scenario** (Applies to SENIORS ONLY):
 - ***A Texas registered Angus breeder is looking for a heifer or bull to improve maternal traits and longevity in their herd without sacrificing carcass merit.***