

## General Summer Synergy Rules & Regulations



- **Ages:** Ages can be aligned with individual partners as it pertains to their respective rules and regulations. Summer Synergy scholarships and awards are aligned with ages including the following: Peewee 6-8, Junior 9-11, Intermediate 12-14, Senior 15-21 as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.
- **Entries:** Fees associated with all Synergy classes are clearly defined within online entry link. Summer Synergy Required Component (Conformation, Marketing, Multi Judging, Herdsmanship and Grooming/Trimming) entry fee will be required for full participation and recognition of special awards and scholarships. This entry is due upon receipt of regular entries and there are No Refunds. Absolutely no late entries accepted. Entry Deadline is as follows:
  - **June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**
- **Marketing:** Marketing topics, specific to each age category, are selected each year to challenge youth to think critically and creatively. Topics can range from industry awareness, community engagement, new product and new market strategy, enhanced communication tactic, fundraising ideas, etc. These topics will be posted on website and Facebook prior to Synergy. More contest guidelines accompany topics.
- **Multi Judging:** Contestants are divided into groups where a group leader will guide you through the contest. These group leaders are more than willing, capable and knowledgeable to assist any contests with questions. All classes will be judged one after the other, once cards are collected, they will not be returned to the contestant. Oral reasons will be given once all classes are judged and excused from the ring. Group leaders will direct contestants to the appropriate judge for oral reasons. Once all designated oral reasons are complete, contestants may leave the ring. Any and all talking and use of cell phones is prohibited – no warnings with any and all abuse of event guidelines will result in an immediate zero for multi judging
- **Team Herdsmanship:** Contestants are divided into pre-determined groups and will work together to accomplish routine farm and ranch tasks; there will be 10 stations where groups will have a number of hands-on tasks to accomplish before moving to the next station
- **4-H Eligibility:** All registered 4-H projects and members in good standing, including out of province projects and members, are eligible to show in the 4-H Alberta Beef Heifer Show and 4-H Alberta Sheep Show
- **Photography:** Refer to Annual Contest Guidelines and Rules
- **Beef & Sheep Herdsman:** Awards are presented to the top Beef & Sheep Herdsman based on overall appeal and professionalism of stall and livestock, entry completion, sportsmanship & attitude
- **Exhibitor Code of Conduct:** All exhibitors commit to demonstrating behavior which validates respect, consideration, understanding, patience, cooperation and honesty. All behavior will be respectful of each stakeholder and its authentic programming as this environment fosters learning, socializing and opportunity. Disrespect will not be tolerated.
- **Ownership:** All breeding livestock entries eligible for Synergy participants must be owned by the exhibitor/family farm effective at time of entry. Registration Papers, Lease Agreement and/or Bill of Sale must be available upon request for all purebred and commercial entries. Random and mandatory tattoo and tag checks will be performed.
- **Apparel:** Designated Synergy apparel will be worn during the conformation shows and must be worn for Scholarship Qualifier Photo. Additionally, all beef exhibitors are required to wear a sized show harness to best assist show ring officials and inform public of class placings. Hip clips not recommended.
- **Class Splits:** If the number of actual exhibits in a livestock class exceeds 8, the class will be split. The purpose is to create a consistent class structure when tabulating aggregate points

- **Bedding:** Initial shavings are provided while additional bagged shavings are available for purchase at \$10/bag. Daily Tie-out straw service is included in entry fees so no additional tie-out bedding is required. All beef cattle in tie-outs require a securely tied neck rope. There is no hay available for sale at ORE.
- **Parking:** All public, livestock trailer and RV parking must adhere to the identified parking areas. Those utilizing designated RV camping spots must also abide by Town of Olds Noise Bylaws
- **Stalling:** Stalling Maps are circulated on website and Facebook prior to the start of the show. No early release unless approved by ORE Event Management. All exhibitors will abide by the stalling map and exhibit with the parameters of their designated space. ORE encourages exhibitors to bring their own additional power (generators, etc.). All exhibitors will keep their stalling and work spaces clean, organized and safe.
- **No Alcohol, Cannabis & Stimulant Consumption:** There will be NO consumption of stimulants whether alcohol, cannabis, vaping permitted during Summer Synergy youth programming. This includes the Calgary Stampede programming where youth have qualified for either/both Champion Display or Scholarships. Awareness and signage via Participant Guide, online entries, buildings will clearly identify no alcohol consumption rule. Those who violate will forfeit their scholarship and prizes.
- **Parent Participation:**
  - Parent participation is not allowed, with recognition of common sense, with the exception of exhibitor or public safety. If assistance is necessary, show committee would be able to assist or find a suitable resource.
  - All participants and their families abide by a respectful and considerate contestant environment. Inappropriate behavior, as determined by the Synergy volunteer committee and ORE Event Management, by participants and their families may result in forfeiting of all prizes and opportunities.
- **Town of Olds - Noise Control Bylaw #1178-80:** This bylaw states that ORE's recreational users will adhere to the following hours in their use of public address, microphone systems and any other noise creating mechanisms (stereos, MP3 players, etc.):
  - Monday through Saturday; No noise after 10:00 pm; No noise prior to 7:00 am
  - Sundays and holidays No noise after 10:00 pm; No noise prior to 8:00 am
  - ORE requests that our visitors and clients adhere to this bylaw in respect to our residential neighbors

## Beef Summer Synergy Rules & Regulations

- **Beef Conformation:** Classification of each entry will be approved by the respective breed representative prior to the start of the show. Those entries not qualifying for a breed show will be repositioned to the AOB classes. All purebred and commercial entered females must show with their natural calf at side. For Purebred entries, all entries must be able to provide a valid registration number and provide proof of ownership. A Registered Purebred female with their natural calf at side that is either unregistrable or a commercial, will show in the respective Commercial Breed section. Peewee Pursuit participants are not eligible to enter in the Open Junior Beef Classes.
- **Beef Showmanship:** Exhibitors must qualify to the Showmanship Semi Finals based on their Conformation classes. If qualified with more than one animal, exhibitors can choose which of their own animals to take into semifinals. All exhibitors must show their own single animal in their showmanship class, semifinals and/or finals and must not switch for any reason. Non-livestock competing participants may be designated an animal to show. Beef Showmanship is NOT a dry brush show.
- **Beef Team Grooming:** Teams of two constitute a grooming team where the oldest member of the team determines the age category. Participants can select their own partners or committee can assign one to you. Non-livestock competing participants may be designated an animal to groom. Blocking chute, blower and one power source will be provided while all other grooming materials (clippers, adhesives, etc.) are the responsibility of each individual and placed in the designated Grooming area. Teams will be given 20 minutes. More contest rules will be posted at programming time.
- **Beef Show Team Judging Finals:** Teams will consist of one Acting Judge and one Acting Ringman, working together to complete: placing of the class, working of the ring, oral reasons to the public

on a microphone and removing the class from the show ring. Classes will be close but NOT be identical for each contestant team. Qualified judges will recognize the inconsistent nature of classes focusing more on the complete show ring management and quality justification of oral reasons. If you do not identify your partner at time of online entry, there will be a process at time of program registration for you to be partnered. More contest rules will be posted at programming time.

- **Peewee Pursuit:** Programming available to youth aged 6 – 8 where industry relevant topics and exercises are taught and facilitated; may cap number of participants; more programming details shared with entered youth; Peewee Pursuit participants are not eligible to enter in the Open Junior Beef Classes.
- **Breed Minimum Number:** Recommended minimum number for a breed show is 15 head. This is up to the discretion of the Breed Association and full communication with Olds Regional Exhibition.
- **All Other Breeds Show:** Olds Regional Exhibition will support and manage the “All Other Breeds or AOB” component to allow smaller beef breeds who either are not functioning associations or do not host provincial junior shows to participate in Synergy.
- **Summer Synergy Jackpot Yearling Classic:** This class will be open to all females whom have been entered in their respective breed shows or AOB class. Entries will be available online only. Purebred and commercial females will be shown by all breeds with classes split by age showing youngest to oldest. All prize monies paid to division winners and overall Champion & Reserve. Calendar year bull and steer calf classes will be repositioned to Jackpot Show. No Synergy aggregate and scholarship points accumulated from any Jackpot classes.
- **Aerosol/Paint Free Zone:** Exhibitors must abide by any identified “Ringside” Aerosol & Paint free zone.
- **UFA Youth Supreme Quest/National Young Cattlemen/Western Canadian Show Team Judging Finals:** Summer Synergy will qualify the following for each of these events.
  - Supreme Quest: Each Purebred and Commercial Beef Breed Champion
  - NYC: Top 3 Junior and Senior Teams as per event guidelines (1<sup>st</sup>: 4-H; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Synergy; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Breed Associations)
  - Show Team Judging: Top 3 Junior and Senior Teams as per event guidelines (1<sup>st</sup>: BHS; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Synergy; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Breed Associations)
  - All entries must abide by All-Breeds Rules & Regulations in order to be a full participant
- *All participants abide by Synergy rules as determined by each respective Junior Breed Association and 4-H Alberta. Copies of these rules are posted on the Synergy website. All questions, comments or concerns must be directed to ORE Event Management for clarification and resolve as per the ORE Conflict Resolution Policy.*

## Olds Regional Exhibition General Livestock Rules:

- ORE will not be responsible for damage, injury, loss or theft of or to any exhibit, irrespective of the cause of such damage, injury, loss or theft. This shall indemnify ORE against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto.
- An exhibitor shall, if required, make a statutory declaration to ORE Event Management that the livestock exhibited are exhibited in accordance with and in all respects comply with the rules and regulations of the ORE. In case any exhibitor refuses to make such declaration, all scholarships and awards awarded him/her shall be forfeited and all such livestock shall be removed forthwith is so ordered by Management.
- Each livestock exhibit must have a CCIA tag upon arrival or will be excused.
- Exhibitors may be excused from competition before or during the 2022 program, or suspended from future involvement based on inappropriate behavior as determined by ORE Event Management and show officials.
- ORE reserves the right to remove from the grounds, animals that may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable, without assigning any reason. If any exhibit has obtained admission through misrepresentation the exhibitor will forfeit any money paid for the unexpired term for space or stalls and ORE shall be exonerated from any claim on the part of the exhibitors.
- ORE Event Management relies on the volunteerism of committee members and breed representatives. In the event of any potential conflict, a defined protocol is outlined in the Conflict Resolution Policy. Summarized the policy states that ORE Event Management will be engaged in any potential conflict.
- Any exhibitor lodging a protest must make it in writing. It must be delivered to ORE Event Management on the day of the show and receipt must be obtained. A protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$100.00 which shall be forfeited to ORE if the said protest is not sustained. ORE shall also have the power to interpret the rule and make new rules if the printed rules do not cover any dispute or point.
- ORE does not permit dogs onsite with the exception of service dogs
- ORE exhibitors also abide by the IAFE National Show Ring Code of Ethics
- ORE reserves the right to decide any point not covered by the rules.

## Calgary Stampede General Rules:

- Special attention is called to the Calgary Stampede General Rules and Conditions.
- Exhibitors are responsible to carry their own liability insurance (see Liability under General Rules).
- Only exhibitors will be allowed to groom/prepare the entries participating in the show.
- Exhibitors may be excused from competition before or during the 2022 program, or suspended from future involvement based on inappropriate behavior as determined by the Calgary Stampede International Youth Livestock Committee and show officials.
- **No Alcohol & Cannabis Consumption:** There will be NO alcohol and cannabis consumption permitted during Summer Synergy youth programming which includes all Calgary Stampede display programming where youth have qualified for either/both Champion Display or Scholarships. Awareness and signage via Participant Guide, online entries, buildings will clearly identify no alcohol consumption rule. Those who violate will forfeit their scholarship and prizes
- All Champions must be on display at Calgary Stampede for the final Saturday and Sunday and agree to remain on park for the specified time. Calgary Stampede International Youth Livestock Committee endeavor to make this stay as accommodating as possible by potentially arranging for transportation to and from Olds, additional feed, etc.
- All livestock must have a neck tie on and secured when the steer is tied in their assigned stall in the barn from 6pm to 6am. Steers found to be without a neck tie while in their assigned stall within the designated hours will result in forfeiture of all prize money and scholarships awarded to that entry. Exhibitors are responsible for providing their own neck ties.
- The International Youth Livestock Committee reserves the right to decide on any point not covered by any of the regulations

## Alignment with 4-H Alberta Rules & Regulations

## Alignment with each Alberta Junior Breed Association Rules

I hereby make the following entry subject to the Rules and Regulations. I acknowledge that costs incurred as part of the entry will be deducted from the Credit Card Information provided. Summer Synergy will not be responsible or liable for any loss, damage, or injury. I agree that my name may be published, used or referred to in connection with any photos taken by Summer Synergy, or words published with them; unless I otherwise agree, such photos or words will not be attributed to me personally. Summer Synergy staff and volunteer leaders provide high quality, supervised programs for Summer Synergy participants. The participants are expected to actively contribute in these programs in a responsible manner. The program staff, including any and all of the above mentioned programmers may give participants additional directions and expectations at the program.

### Program participants must not:

1. Arrive at the program, or during the program be, under the influence or in possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs.
2. Use any tobacco product (cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, and so on.)
3. Interact with participants inappropriately.
4. Disrupt the effectiveness of the program.

**If a participant fails to comply with this agreement**, he (or she) will lose the privileges of this program; his/her parent or guardian will be contacted, and he will return home at his/her own expense. The member's program registration fee will be retained. The member may/may not be eligible to attend future Summer Synergy programs.

**Entry conditions outlined in these rules are effective upon signing.** The behaviour agreement is effective from the time the participant arrives at the program site. It remains in effect until each program is complete and the participant leaves the program site or is no longer under the supervision of a designated adult.

**Permission to release delegate's name and photograph:** The Summer Synergy participants name and photograph may be published in media coverage and promotion of the Summer Synergy program. Further, the Summer Synergy participants name and address may be printed in programs.