

**MARYLAND JUNIOR HEREFORD ASSOCIATION**  
**2026 PREVIEW SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS**

1. Exhibitors must meet the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) youth age guidelines and must be a member in good standing of the Maryland Junior Hereford Association (MJHA). If 2026 MJHA dues have not been paid, exhibitor must enclose \$10 dues with entry form.
2. Entries must be postmarked by March 21<sup>st</sup>. Entry fees are \$25 per exhibitor. Exhibitors wishing to submit entries after the March 21<sup>st</sup> deadline must first email [michelle@grimmelfarms.com](mailto:michelle@grimmelfarms.com) for late entry approval. Approved late entries will be charged a late entry fee of \$50 per exhibitor. No entries are accepted after April 25<sup>th</sup>. All entry fees are non-refundable.
3. Substitutions and additions to existing entries may be made up to April 25<sup>th</sup>.
4. All cattle must have health papers to be allowed on the grounds and for show eligibility. All cattle must meet current Maryland Health Regulation rules. For current Maryland Health Regulations, visit: <https://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Shows.aspx>.
5. All cattle must remain on the fairgrounds after Saturday's check-in until they are done showing on Sunday. Cattle may not leave the fairgrounds at any time.
6. The MJHA Preview Show is a no-fit or "blow & go" show. Daily hair care products such as Sheen, Pro-Charge, Revive, Final Bloom, etc. may be used. Paint and products that hold hair in place may not be used such as fitting adhesives and glues, foam and shaving cream, hair sprays, etc.
7. Exhibitor must show their own animals, with the exception of Showmanship. Exhibitors may secure another junior member to show their animal if the exhibitor has more than one entry in the same class or championship drive. Only exhibitors who are in attendance at the Preview Show and are physically unable to show the animals due to illness or injury will be excused with approval of the Show Committee.
8. Exhibitors may not receive assistance with their animals in the show ring, with the exception of exhibitors in the Pre-PeeWee Showmanship class, who may receive assistance from another MJHA member. No adults may assist a junior member in the show ring at any time.
9. If an animal gets loose in the showring, an exhibitor will be given two chances to regain control of said animal throughout the duration of that particular class. After the third instance, the exhibitor and animal will be dismissed from the show ring.
10. A dress code is in effect. Exhibitors must wear the provided show t-shirt. Be sure to mark your size on the entry form. Exhibitors must wear boots to show. No tennis shoes, Twisted-X's, Hey Dudes, etc. may be worn.
11. There will be four age divisions in the Showmanship Contest: PeeWee (7-9), Junior (10-13), Intermediate (14-17), Senior (18-21). Age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year. Once an exhibitor has won their age division, they must move up to the next division. Once an exhibitor has won the Senior division, they are no longer eligible to compete in the Showmanship Contest.
12. Pre-PeeWee Showmanship is open to youth 5 to 7 years old as of the day of the Showmanship Contest who are not yet old enough to show as a junior member. Pre-PeeWee exhibitors must be pre-registered by the entry deadlines and be members in good standing of the MJHA.
13. Bulls may not be used for showmanship.

14. Original American Hereford Association registration papers must be presented at check-in for all cattle. Steer Certificates are not accepted. Steers must have a registration paper.
15. Tattoos must be clearly legible and in agreement with animal's registration papers. Any animal whose tattoo does not agree exactly with that of the registration paper at the time of check-in is ineligible to show.
16. Bred & Owned animals must have been bred by the junior exhibitor and be listed as such on the registration papers in order to show in the Bred & Owned classes.
17. Only Bred & Owned bulls may be jointly owned with an adult/farm, provided that the exhibitor is the sole breeder, and is officially recorded as a current owner of the bull.
18. Each entry, except Bred & Owned Bulls, must be owned solely by the exhibitor. Siblings may jointly own animals, providing both are members of the MJHA and meet MJHA age requirements. No animal is eligible to compete if recorded in a joint ownership (other than the sibling rule and B&O Bull rule), and no joint ownership with farm name or family name. The owner in the AHA Database must match the entry information.
19. Bulls six months and older must be shown with a nose ring and a lead attached to the nose ring.
20. Horned and Polled cattle will show together.
21. Cows in the Cow-Calf Division must be born prior to August 1, 2024. No maximum age for cows. Calf must be her natural calf, no more than 240 days of age as of the day of the show. Calves must be born on or after September 5, 2024. Cows must be shown at halter with natural calf at side. All calves at side must be registered and tattooed. The exhibitor must be the breeder of the calf. Calves at the side of cow-calf pairs may show in separate heifer or bull shows, and must be entered as a separate entry on the entry form.
22. All steers will be shown by weight.
23. The Maryland Hereford Breeders Cup Championship for steers takes place at the Preview Show. If you have a Maryland bred and born steer, please contact Ashley Schaeffer to enter this class: [marylandherefordassociation@gmail.com](mailto:marylandherefordassociation@gmail.com) or 301-514-7459 by March 21<sup>st</sup>.
24. Bedding is not provided. All stalling areas, fitting areas, feed aisles, walkways, etc. must be cleaned before leaving the show and your stall must be checked by your neighbor prior to leaving.
25. Per our agreement with our hired photographer, and out of professional courtesy and respect, there cannot be any other professional photographers taking pictures at our show or on the fairgrounds, including mini-sessions. Offering similar photography services during the event not only undermines the contracted photographer, but also jeopardizes our ability to retain their services in future years. We kindly ask for your cooperation.
26. NO DOGS are allowed on the fairgrounds at any time.
27. The Preview Show Committee reserves the right to interpret the Preview Show rules and to fairly and impartially settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences. The Preview Show Committee also has the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine necessary. The Maryland Junior Hereford Association has the right to refuse any entry deemed ineligible.

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