

AMERICAN PINZGAUER ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL JUNIOR SHOW RULES

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PREAMBLE:

It is the intent of the American Pinzgauer Junior Show to provide each exhibitor an atmosphere of competitive spirit that promotes an educational experience, as well as honesty and integrity through competition. As an exhibitor, you have spent countless hours caring for your animal(s). Through this project you have gained knowledge in animal husbandry that includes: selection, genetics, nutrition, health, fitting, showing, economics and marketing. By participating in this competitive event, you are putting your hard work and effort on display before judges who will evaluate your Pinzgauer livestock in these shows. You are also on display before the general public, who views the American Pinzgauer Association as an organization preparing you as a future leader in this Association and in life.

Each of you should have the utmost satisfaction in knowing that you are entering this event with a clear conscience, that you did your best, and that you will walk away with more knowledge than you had coming into this competition. This experience is a valuable lesson, that will allow you to gain knowledge and enable you to improve each time you participate. The American Pinzgauer Association (APA) strives to provide each participant an opportunity to enjoy competitive excellence. Remember the choices you make today will determine what you will have, be, and do in the many tomorrows of your life.

The APA expects each youth exhibitor to present an honest exhibit for competition to the best of their ability. There is no place for individuals who incorporate deception, dishonesty, cheating, or sacrifice the humane treatment of animals at the cost of winning a show. Cheating defeats the purpose of the livestock show which is to teach animal husbandry and to improve the genetic pool. Above all, be honest with yourself and fellow livestock exhibitors.

On behalf of all the members of the APA, the President of the APA, the Board of Directors of the APA and the APA region hosting any show, we express to each of you our best wishes during the livestock show. We hope the experiences you gain will be positive and educational; challenge you to continue improving your skills in animal management; provide you with an understanding atmosphere of good sportsmanship and help to promote honesty and integrity in everything you do.

PURPOSE OF THE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK PROJECT

The APA and the National Show Rules Committee encourages the APA Junior members to exhibit their Pinzgauer cattle in the APA National Show, any APA Regional Shows, State shows, County shows, and as 4H and FFA livestock projects. These livestock projects:

1. are tools for development of life skills for APA Junior members
2. provide an opportunity to expand their knowledge of livestock production, animal welfare and management,
3. improve and enhance Pinzgauer production in their region and state.

The purpose of this project is to provide opportunities for young men and women to develop character and life skills. Juniors develop life skills and character traits when they are involved in each phase of the

Livestock Project, from selection-to caring for the animal and on through to the show ring. These skills include leadership, respect, trustworthiness, responsibility, integrity, and dedication.

Junior exhibitors must abide by all General Show Rules and the following:

RULE 1: Exhibitor Eligibility

- (A) Open to all bona fide members but must be a member of the APA as a Junior Member, regardless of gender, race, creed, color or national origin, whose animals meet the minimum standards of quality established for the class and other rules of entry.
- (B) Junior eligibility - The Junior must be between 9 years of age to the end of the year of their 21st birthday.

RULE 2: Entry (Number of Animals) Eligibility

- (A) An exhibitor may enter as many animals as he or she desires; however, no junior will be allowed to enter more than two (2) animals in any class.
- (B) If an exhibitor has more than one animal in a class, only another APA Junior member may assist in showing the animals.
- (C) If any exhibitor has two (2) animals in a class, class division, or Grand Drive, and no other APA Junior member is available to show exhibitors animals, then it will be up to the show judge to determine how he/she wants the animal displayed. The wishes of the judge will be ascertained before the beginning of each event by the National Show Chairperson.
- (D) If any exhibitor wins his or her class division and has more than one animal in the Grand Drive, another APA Junior member may assist in showing the exhibitor's animal.
- (E) Any exhibitor that wins more than one (1) class division will always be allowed to exhibit his/her animals in the Grand Drive.
- (F) An exhibitor is allowed to use only one of his or her animals for Showmanship.
 - a. Exhibitor may use only one animal for Showmanship which was entered and shown in the National Junior Show and must be registered in exhibitor's name. No cow/calf pairs are allowed to be shown in the Junior Showmanship event.
 - b. Exhibitor may only use his or her animal and animal must be registered in exhibitor's name. Exhibitor may not use someone else's animal or any other not entered and shown in the National Junior Show.

RULE 3: Entry (Animal) Eligibility

- (A). Junior exhibitor shall be allowed to show only animal(s) registered with the American Pinzgauer Association. The original registration certificate must include the name of the junior exhibitor as owner (and if co-owned name of co-owner must be on certificate along with a junior member) and date of possession must be in certificate.
- (B) Junior exhibitors must have animals in their possession and under their personal care 60 days prior to any National Junior Show.
- (C) All heifer entries must be, at least, 87.5% Pinzgauer. All entries must be red or black and solid faced, with white underbelly and predominately white tail.
- (D) All entries must have legible tattoos that agree with their original registration certificate.
- (E) Tattoos and original registration certificate may be checked and verified by officials, at the barn. All registration certificates will be checked for ownership dates no less than 120 days prior to show. Any registration certificate that does not have ownership dates or that has not been in the possession of the junior for 60 days will not be allowed to show in the National Junior Show. If ear tattoos are unreadable or the numbers do not match the registration certificate, then the animal will not be allowed to show in the National Junior Show.

RULE 4: Exhibitor Responsibilities

- (A) Exhibitors must show their own animals. Exceptions will be made only in the following cases and with proper approval. In all cases, when the exhibitor cannot show his or her own animal, the exhibitor must have a bona fide APA Junior Member to show in his or her place.
- 1) Exceptions at National Junior Show:
 - a) In the event that an exhibitor, during the course of the Show, becomes incapable of showing his/her animal, due to the exhibitor's illness, personal injury, or a death in the exhibitor's family, the exhibitor is allowed to arrange for a bona fide junior member of the APA to show his or her animal(s).
 - b) Exhibitors' animals will be allowed to show in class, division and in the Grand Drive, only if the exhibitor cannot show due to illness, personal injury or death in the family. The exhibitor will arrange for a bona fide junior member of the APA to show his or her animal(s).
 - I. The exhibitor or representative shall make a request, in writing, to the National Show Rules Committee or the National Show Chairperson for the National Junior Show, for permission to allow an alternate Junior member to show the exhibitor's animal(s)
 - II. The National Show Rules Chairperson and the National Show Chairperson have the authority to approve or disapprove such requests.
 - c) The exhibitor or representative shall make the request in writing to the National Show Rules Committee or the National Show Chairperson, for the National Junior Show. The National Show Rules Chairperson and the National Show Chairperson have the authority to approve or disapprove last minute requests.
 - 2) Any Junior exhibitor who uses the above rule A is ineligible to participate in the Junior Herdsman Awards for that show.
- (B) Exhibitors are required to keep their animals and exhibit area clean at all times.
- (C) Exhibitors are required to feed, water and care for their animals in timely manner.
- (D) Exhibitors are required to keep the aisle and walkways clean.

RULE 5: Exhibitor Privilege

- (A) No one will be allowed in the judging ring other than the judge, contestants and show officials except in an emergency.
- (B) If it is determined that any exhibitor or his or her parents, guardians, or chaperones have in any public manner taken exception to the judgment of the judge, the National Show Chairperson or any other official of the host facility of the livestock show, the National Show Chairperson may expel the exhibitor and/or parents, guardians and/or chaperones from the competition, from premiums, or from exhibiting at the livestock show.
- (C) If it is determined that an exhibitor has knowingly made any false statements in regard to any animal or if any exhibitor attempts to interfere with the judges in the performance of their duties, the exhibitor shall be excluded from competition.
- (D) The National Show Chairperson shall have the right to exclude animals from competition if there is any unnecessary delay on the part of the exhibitor in bringing the animals into the show ring. The National Show Chairperson and/or the judge in the show ring, shall have the right to excuse any animal that has demonstrated unruly behavior in the show ring in order to assure the safety for all exhibitors. If the situation permits, the National Show Chairperson will give warning to the exhibitor prior to excusing an animal. However, in attempting to maintain a safe atmosphere, **PROVIDING A WARNING TO THE EXHIBITOR MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE.**

RULE 6: Livestock Grooming Rules

- (A) Junior exhibitors are expected to care for, feed, water, exercise, groom, fit, and show their own animals while on the grounds at any APA National Junior Show. Junior exhibitors will be allowed to receive assistance from family members and other APA Junior exhibitors. Exhibitors' animal(s) being cared for, fed, exercised,

groomed or fitted by anyone other than the above, will be barred from showing at the next APA National Junior Show.

- (B) Exhibitors, family members, and Pinzgauer members are encouraged to report any violation of this rule, to the National Show Chairperson. Where incidents of violation of the above rule occur, exhibitors, family members, or APA members may report the violation with proof of its occurrence without an official protest to the National Show Chairperson.
- (C) Exceptions only for juniors on Rule 4: Exhibitor Responsibilities.
- (D) Exceptions only for juniors on Rule 9-C.

RULE 7: Animal Welfare

- (A) Any mistreatment of animals will be considered grounds for disqualification. Mistreatment includes, but is not limited to, physical abuse.
- (B) All animals shall be attended to in a prudent manner while at the livestock show. They shall be fed and watered at recommended intervals while on the show grounds. Pen and/or tie space and aisles shall be maintained clean and neat at all times.

RULE 8: Fitting of Animals - Code of Ethics

NOTE - *The National Show Rules Chairperson and the National Show Chairperson reserve the right to disqualify anyone from showing, in the National Junior Pinzgauer Show, for just cause or any violation of show rules.*

- (A) Any person or ranch showing unethically fitted livestock or livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered is expressly prohibited. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of any method altering the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body. Animals showing signs of having been operated on or tampered with for the purpose of concealing faults in conformation or with intent to deceive relative to the animal's soundness, will be disqualified. If an animal is found to test positive for anabolic steroids administered by injection, diuretic or any other administration, then that animal will be banned from ever showing in any APA National Pinzgauer Show.
- (B) Any person who furnished the birthday of the animal to the APA (whereby that birthday information is transferred to the registration certificate) and that animal is exhibited in an APA approved show with an incorrect age and the age determined by the show designated veterinarian exceeds the age listed on the registration certificate, the person furnishing the birthday above and such person furnishing said information to the APA for inclusion on the registration certificate shall be barred from participating in showing or exhibiting all animals in the next National Junior Show.
- (C) Every exhibitor, in consideration of his or her entry being accepted, agrees to submit any animal, so entered, to inspection and agrees to have the animal submitted to any test as may be designated and requested by the National Show Chairperson and agrees that the conclusion reached to whether such animal is unethically fitted or overage, shall be final without recourse against the American Pinzgauer Association. Any animal not allowed to be inspected or tested upon request will be disqualified.
- (D) The items listed below are specifically prohibited:
 1. No animal may be shown that has been artificially filled with any amount of liquid at any time once the animal enters the grounds of a show.
 2. Surgery, including cutting or tearing of hide or subcutaneous tissue, in an attempt to alter natural contour, shape or appearance of the animal's body, hide or hair or silicone injection or other injections for cosmetic purpose.
 3. Attempt to disrupt or change normal dental development
 4. Any dying or coloring of an animal to alter or enhance its color
 5. Incorrect age registration
 6. Tails are not to be "balled".
 7. No false tail heads (or use of any false hair), use of graphite, powders, hemp or other similar substances externally.

8. Steroids, growth stimulants or artificial filling internally, which would include stomach pumping, drench tubes, or any other method per os (by esophagus).
 9. If any Junior exhibitor has willingly shown or entered an animal and any ranch or person has willingly participated in a deception of the Junior not having said animal in his or her possession and care (within the 60 day possession rule), then the individual ranch, person, and Junior shall be banned from showing all animals in any show for breaking possession rule and shall fall under suspension rule.
- (E) If an exhibitor's animal manifests signs resulting from a violation of the Code of Ethics rules (above), in the opinion of the National Show Chairperson or National Show Rules Chairperson, the exhibitor will forfeit all awards and premiums for the animal. Furthermore, the exhibitor will be banned from participating in showing or exhibiting all animals in any National Junior Pinzgauer Show
- Second violation-** If an exhibitor has a second violation of the Code of Ethics rules, the exhibitor will be banned from participation in showing or exhibiting all animals at all National Junior Pinzgauer Shows for a period of three (3) years.
- (F) Any false representation, interference or unprofessional conduct on the part of any exhibitor will be dealt with by the National Show Rules Committee or the National Show Chairperson, according to the equity of the case.
- (G) Exceptions: In the case of severely sick or severely dehydrated animals, the exhibitor may have fluids or electrolytes administered by a licensed official show veterinarian with the approval of the National Show Chairperson. This exception is not applicable on show day.

RULE 9: National Junior Show Date and Schedule

- (A) Effective January 1, 2004, the National Junior Show shall and will be held a minimum of one (1) day before the National Open Show.
- (B) Any judge assigned to judge the National Junior Show will not be the same judge as the National Open Show.
- (C) Only after the National Junior Show is completed (classes and showmanship) may a Junior get assistance from anyone to help trim, groom, clip their animal(s) including other cattle owners, help from professional fitters, and any member or non-member of the APA. Anyone exercising this rule before the National Junior Show is finished will be disqualified.
- (D) All Junior exhibitors participating in the Show, will vote on, either, an all natural (blow and go) or full fit show. The majority vote will rule.

RULE 10: APA Junior Show

- (A) Applicable class divisions may be subject to the Show host facility rules.

RULE 11: Bred and Owned by Exhibitor

- (A) Bred and owned animals are defined as those which the exhibitor has solely and continuously owned from conception until the time of the show. Therefore, the Junior exhibitor must be the only owner listed on the dam's registration certificate at the time of conception of the calf being shown.
- (B) Bred and owned by exhibitor class is open only to Juniors 9 years old to 21 years old. Bred and owned heifers must be designated as such on the original Certificate of Registration of the APA (Junior must be listed as Breeder and Owner of animal on the Registration Certificate) to be entered in the Bred and Owned Exhibitor Show.

RULE 12: APA Junior Showmanship

- (A) Showmanship is open to all APA Junior members who are entered in the National Junior Show. Only Juniors showing in the Junior Show may enter the showmanship competition.
- (B) Exhibitors must show their own animal. No exhibitor may use someone else's animal for showmanship.
- (C) Classes will be judged and shown youngest to oldest and posted prior to the showmanship contest.

- (D) Juniors are required to be 9 years old on January 1 of the current calendar year in order to be eligible to exhibit their animals in the National Junior Show and will become ineligible on the last day of the year that they have their 21st birthday.
- (E) Junior Showman will be ages 9-12 on show day, Intermediate Showman will be 13-16 on show day and Senior Showman will be ages 17-21 on show day.
- (F) Junior Showmen will be properly attired as follows: Collared shirts, no shorts, no tennis shoes, no bare midriff.

RULE 13: Herdsmanship

Herdsmanship awards will be offered in the same age division as Junior Showmanship Premier Herdsman (Will be chosen from Junior, Intermediate and Senior winners).

The Herdsman Awards and the Premier Herdsman Award are to be determined using the following scoring system:

- (A) COOPERATIVE EFFORT 35%
 - 1) Individual willingness to cooperate with show management.
 - 2) Courtesy and willingness to support and abide by show regulations.
 - 3) General courtesy and educational assistance to the general public.
 - 4) Friendliness and cooperation towards other exhibitors.
 - 5) Clean and neat appearance of individuals.
- (B) STALL AND PEN AREA 30%
 - 1) Aisles kept clean and free of debris for spectator walkways.
 - 2) Stalls and pens kept neat, clean and dry.
 - 3) Exhibitor cards neatly presented and displayed.
 - 4) Feed and bedding materials kept in orderly manner, in designated areas.
 - 5) Show equipment properly stored.
- (C) ANIMALS 35%
 - 1) Arriving to care for animals in timely manner.
 - 2) Animals properly fed and watered on a regular basis.
 - 3) Animals presented to the general public in the best possible manner.
 - 4) Animals kept clean at all times.
 - 5) Animals properly bedded on clean bedding materials at all times. Booths are not part of judging for the Herdsman award.