

*Missouri Club Calf Association Rule Book Effective January 31, 2021.*

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## **MCCA Rules**

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## **Section 1 – General Terms & Definitions**

### **Section 1.1 – Title**

This association, hereinafter, shall be known as the Missouri Club Calf Association, Inc. (MCCA) and shall at all times operate as a nonprofit organization in accordance with the laws of the state of Missouri.

### **Section 1.2 – Objectives**

The purpose of the MCCA is to be an organization involved in youth activities, livestock showing and other related activities. The organization shall record and preserve the records of sanctioned club calf competitions annually; and publish a summary of the results. It should stimulate competition, promote professional showmanship among exhibitors and promote standard show policies and rules. It is also to award the top individual exhibitors of the MCCA throughout the course of one fiscal year, based on the total number of points accumulated within a given MCCA division.

### **Section 1.3 – Location**

The principle place of business shall be the hometown of the current MCCA adult advisors. However; its members or officers may be residents of any county in the state of Missouri. Business may be carried on at any place convenient to such members or officials that may be participating.

### **Section 1.4 – Memberships**

Members of the MCCA shall be admitted, retained and expelled in accordance with such rules and regulations as the junior board and/or adult advisors may, from time to time, adopt.

### **Section 1.5 – Terms**

Wherever in these rules and regulations the term “member” or “members” shall be used, unless otherwise specified, it shall mean a member or members of the Missouri Club Calf Association (either the heifer, market animal, or showmanship division or all three). The Missouri Club Calf Association, Inc. may, hereinafter, be designated as MCCA.

### **Section 1.6 – Effective Date and Repeal**

These rules and regulations shall become effective January 1, or after MCCA annual meeting, and thereupon, all rules and regulations and parts thereof, heretofore enforced, are hereby repealed, except that the status of all registrations and records made upon previous rules shall remain unchanged. The rules and regulations printed in this MCCA Official Handbook shall be used at all approved MCCA shows and events unless otherwise approved by the MCCA. The MCCA reserves the right to interpret these rules in the best interests of the Missouri Club Calf Association.

## **Section 2 – General Rules and Regulations of Membership**

### **Section 2.1 – Memberships**

Membership shall consist of three divisions: market animal, heifer and showmanship.

### **Section 2.2 – Application**

The application for membership should indicate clearly the name in which the membership is to be recorded, age and address of applying.

### **Section 2.3 – Active Memberships**

**2.3A** – An annual fee of forty-five dollars (\$45) shall be paid for the first membership and forty dollars (\$40) for each subsequent member in the same household. Where two or more members belong to MCCA, only the first membership joined will cost forty-five dollars (\$45) and all subsequent divisions joined by brothers and sisters in that family will cost forty dollars (\$40). This fee shall be due and payable on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, however members may join at any time during the year; points will be earned from the day membership dues are paid forward. A member may show and receive points if they are 21 years and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. (No age minimum)

**2.3B** – The membership year starts on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year or on the day of the first show following. The membership year ends August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**2.3C** – When an active membership becomes delinquent, the membership can be reinstated by simply paying the current year's dues. There is no penalty for reinstatement. However, points earned during the delinquent period will be forfeited.

**2.3D** – An active membership in the market animal, heifer or showmanship division is nontransferable.

**2.3E** – In order for points to be received in either the heifer, market animal or showmanship division, you must be an active member, in good standing of the MCCA. Points will not accumulate prior to the date an active membership application is received by the MCCA and payment is received in full.

**2.3F** – Any member or nonmember may be suspended or denied privileges of the MCCA by the association for the failure to pay charges or fees due. Including any obligation owing to the MCCA; from any sanctioned MCCA event; or for giving a worthless check for entry fees, office charge, stock charges or any other fees or charges connected with the MCCA and its sanctioned shows. When any person continues to remain suspended under this rule for a period of at least ninety (90) days, their name may be published by the secretary of the MCCA. Any suspension or denial of privileges under this section shall terminate upon full payment of the obligation due the MCCA. However, points earned during the delinquent period will be forfeited.

**2.3G** – Privileges may also be denied for any conduct deemed unethical by the MCCA. Any person denied privileges based on a finding of unethical conduct may request an opportunity to address the MCCA at a meeting. At that time, said person may appeal the denial or suspension of privileges. The resulting MCCA decision regarding the suspension and/or appeal will be final.

**2.4 – Junior Board Guidelines** All Junior Board Members must have paid MCCA dues in full. They must be a member in good standing and attend 2 mandatory events each year. Jr. Board members are responsible for raising sponsorship money, hosting the annual Battle of the Breeds cattle show, organizing year end award ceremony, and promoting MCCA in the best light possible. If a Jr. Board member fails to raise the minimum amount of sponsorship money voted on by the Jr. Board of that year, will result in one-year probation. This individual may be an MCCA member, however, they cannot run for the Jr. Board the following year. Any Jr. Board member serving will receive 5 additional points to any animal at the end of that current year.

### **Section 3 – General Rules & Regulations of Exhibition & Sanctioning**

**3.1** – Organizations or individuals planning to sponsor or stage a club calf show and wishing to be sanctioned by the MCCA, must obtain the prior approval of the MCCA if the results of such events are to be entered into the MCCA's records and points awarded to the exhibitors. Approval does not carry over from year to year but must be obtained for each individual show or event. Dates are first come, first serve and may overlap if the two or more shows are 60+ miles apart. They must follow the formal show schedule.

**3.2** – Show results must be turned into the MCCA within fifteen (15) days of the show.

**3.3** – The MCCA reserves the right to set up a booth at all sanctioned shows at no additional charge to the MCCA or its members. This booth shall be used to sell MCCA merchandise, enroll members and distribute literature and publications.

**3.4** – When promoting or advertising an MCCA sanctioned show, the show sponsors or officials must publicize, prior to the event. This may be done by publicizing a percentage, a breakdown of entry fees or any other similar means.

**3.5** – The MCCA requires that shows allow exhibitors 21 years of age and under as of January 1 of the current year; to exhibit at MCCA sanctioned shows, but does not set said show's overall age limits.

**3.6** – The MCCA requires that show managers require all exhibitors to show their own animals in the ring. The only exception being if the member is injured and physically unable to lead the animal into the ring, but is in attendance at that particular event, or if the exhibitor has two (2) or more animals in the same class.

**3.7** – A heifer may be shown in MCCA heifer shows if it falls between September of the previous two years and November of the previous year. *Ex: Current year 2021 (9/2019-11/2020)*

**3.8** – With regard to “blow and go” shows, the MCCA encourages show managers to leave the option of fitting or not fitting up to each individual exhibitor. Show rules, including those that prohibit exhibitors from fitting, are among the items reviewed when the MCCA meets annually.

**3.9** – The MCCA will not be responsible for the formulation of or enforcement of any individual show rules. With the exception of requirements, mentioned in this rulebook, these are the sole responsibility of the show management. However, they are expected to adopt all MCCA rules.

### **3.10 – Breed Categories**

**3.10.A** – For a show to be approved and points awarded, a market animal or heifer show will be required to use the official MCCA breed format, unless prior approval is obtained from the MCCA. The show may place a required minimum number of head per breed. Exhibitors will still receive breed points in their respective breeds.

**3.10.B** – The MCCA requires that approved market animal shows use the following breed categories and format as outlined in this section: ANGUS, CHAROLAIS, CHIANINA, CROSSBREDS, GELBVIEH, HEREFORD (POLLED, HORNED and MINI COMBINED), LIMOUSIN, MAINETAINER, MAINE-ANJOU, RED ANGUS, SALERS, SHORTHORN, SHORTHORN PLUS, SIMMENTAL, AND MARKET HEIFER. Shows not following the required breed format must obtain approval from the MCCA prior to sanctioning of the show and must publicize the format to be used and the number of head required to make a breed. (must be done by February 1<sup>st</sup> of that year)

**3.10.C** – The MCCA requires that approved heifer shows use the following breed categories and format as outlined in this section: ANGUS, CHAROLAIS, COMPOSITE CHAROLAIS, CHIANINA, CROSSBRED, GELBVIEH, GELBVIEH BALANCER, MINI HEREFORD, HEREFORD (POLLED, HORNED COMBINED), LIMOUSIN (COMBINED), MAINETAINER, MAINE-ANJOU, RED ANGUS, % RED ANGUS, SALERS, SHORTHORN, SHORTHORN PLUS, SIMMENTAL AND FOUNDATION SIMMENTAL. Shows not following the required breed format must obtain approval from the MCCA prior to sanctioning of the show and must publicize the format to be used and the number of head required to make a breed. (Must be done by February 1<sup>st</sup> of that year)

**3.10.D** – Additional breeds may be established in either the market animal or heifer division. The establishment of a breed is \$150 for heifers and \$150 for market animals. The cost of establishing a breed must be paid by February 1<sup>st</sup> and the notice of the new breed must be publicized on the official website of the MCCA. In addition, the MCCA

may delete a breed from the market division, the heifer division or both divisions at the discretion of the MCCA.

**3.11** – The MCCA requires that approved showmanship contests use the following age division format:

**Novice Division- 7 and under**

**Junior Division – ages 8 to 11**

**Intermediate Division – ages 12 to 16**

**Senior Division – ages 17 to 21**

Age divisions will be determined by the age of the exhibitor as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current show year and this will be their division for the entire show year.

**3.12 – Sanctioning Fees**

**3.12.A** – Sanctioning fees are \$1/head exhibited at each show payable to the MCCA when show placing is reported. There is no charge for sanctioning a showmanship class.

## **Section 4 – Guidelines for Shows**

**4.1** – The MCCA makes the following recommendations for MCCA shows.

**4.2** – All sanctioned shows must adopt MCCA rules as stated above and below.

**4.3** – A sanctioned show must have a heifer division, a market animal division and a showmanship division to be eligible to be an MCCA sanctioned show.

## **Section 5 – Awards**

### **5.1 – Breed Division Awards**

The MCCA will make awards to the MCCA market animal, heifer and showmanship division members accumulating the greatest number of points and members receiving the second greatest number of points will also receive awards.

Awards will be given in the following breed divisions within a given year for the market animal division: ANGUS, CHAROLAIS, CHIANINA, CROSSBRED, GELBVIEH, HEREFORD (POLLED, HORNED, MINI COMBINED), LIMOUSIN, MAINETAINER, MAINE-ANJOU, RED ANGUS, SALERS, SHORTHORN, SHORTHORN PLUS, SIMMENTAL, AND MARKET HEIFER. To qualify for the breed division awards, the member must earn points by exhibiting animals that are owned by the exhibitor.

Awards will be given in the following breed divisions within a given year for the heifer division: ANGUS, CHAROLAIS, COMPOSITE CHAROLAIS, CHIANINA, CROSSBRED, GELBVIEH, GELBVIEH BALANCER, MINI HEREFORD, HEREFORD (POLLED, HORNED), LIMOUSIN (COMBINED), MAINETAINER, MAINE-ANJOU, RED ANGUS, % RED ANGUS, SALERS, SHORTHORN, SHORTHORN PLUS, SIMMENTAL, AND FOUNDATION SIMMENTAL. To qualify for the breed division awards, the member must earn points by exhibiting animals that are owned by the exhibitor.

### **5.2 – All Around Awards (all subject to participation and MCCA funds for that year)**

**5.2.A** – The MCCA will award Top 10 All-Around Exhibitor to the market animal division member who accumulates the greatest number total of “market” points. This award will be a year-to-year award depending on availability of sponsors. To qualify for the All-Around Points Award, the MCCA member must earn points by exhibiting animals that are owned by the exhibitor. These points may be earned in one or more breed divisions. MCCA will count up to 3 market animals.

**5.2.B** – The MCCA will award Top 10 All-Around Exhibitor to the heifer division member who accumulates the greatest number total of “heifer” points. This award will be a year-to-year award depending on availability of sponsors. To qualify for the All-Around Points Award, the MCCA member must earn points by exhibiting animals that are owned by the exhibitor. These points may be earned in one or more breed divisions. MCCA will count up to 3 heifers.

### **5.3 – Top 10 Awards**

**5.3.A** – The MCCA will award Top 10 awards to MCCA showmanship division members accumulating the top ten greatest number of points within a given year. These top 10

winners will be selected from the total pool of showmanship exhibitors (all age divisions combined). To qualify for the Top Ten awards, the showmanship division member must earn points by exhibiting animals that are owned by the exhibitors.

#### **5.4 – Rookie Award**

**5.4.A** – Beginning in 2011, one exhibitor will be awarded the Rookie award. Exhibitor will be a first-year member to the MCCA and have the highest number of combined points.

#### **5.5 – Overall Exhibitor**

**5.5.A** – One exhibitor will be awarded the Overall Exhibitor category per year, as able due to sponsorship. This exhibitor will have the highest number of combined points, calculating up to 3 animals and showmanship points.

**5.6** – Awards will be presented during the MCCA Awards Ceremony held each year. This may change as voted by the junior board.

**5.7** – Beginning in 2016, the MCCA Junior Board will nominate and vote on the **Herdsmen Award**. This award will go to an MCCA Member who is a mentor to others, presents their livestock to the best of their ability at all times, and participates in a numerous of MCCA sanctioned shows.

**5.8**- One exhibitor can qualify to win one of the three Overall Awards in the same year.



## Section 6 – Point System

### 6.1 – Rules for Determining Points

**6.1.A** – Points shall be earned on the following basis in order for qualified members of the MCCA to receive yearly awards in each division. Points will accumulate starting with the next sanctioned show following January 1 and ending July 31. Points will be calculated as follows for market animal, heifer and showmanship divisions.

| Class Size | Placing Points |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |
|------------|----------------|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|
|            | 1              | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 1-2        | 5              | 3  |    |    |    |   |   |   |
| 3          | 10             | 5  | 3  |    |    |   |   |   |
| 4-5        | 15             | 10 | 5  | 3  | 1  |   |   |   |
| 6-10       | 20             | 15 | 10 | 5  | 3  | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 11-15      | 25             | 20 | 15 | 10 | 5  | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 16+        | 30             | 25 | 20 | 15 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 1 |

**6.1.B** – In addition, bonus points are awarded by the MCCA for each breed and reserve breed champion at each sanctioned show where the approved breed format is used. A member shall receive 5 points more than any other animal in the breed for breed champion and the reserve champion shall receive 2 points more than any other animal in the breed for reserve. This will be added to his/her point standings in that particular breed category. Overall Champion will receive an additional 45 points and the Reserve Champion will receive an additional 30 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall- 20 points, 4<sup>th</sup> Overall- 15 points, 5<sup>th</sup>- Overall 10 points.

**6.1.C – Showmanship Points** – MCCA will award showmanship points to the champion and reserve in each division. Champion will receive 10 points and reserve will receive 7 points.

### 6.2 – General Rules Regarding Points

**6.2.A** – Points will be accumulated at all sanctioned shows and recorded, individually, based on the number of animals that are actually shown in the class. The MCCA will not be responsible for “no shows” at the gate. Members will receive only the exact number of points as indicated in the points table in paragraph 6.1.A. Points earned for individual classes will be calculated by including out of state exhibitors. For example, if an MCCA member places 1<sup>st</sup> out of a class of 10, they will receive 20 points no matter how many of the exhibitors in that class are from Missouri or other states.

**6.2.B** – In all divisions, heifers and steers must be entered in the name of the individual MCCA member and must be shown by the member in order for the points to be accumulated in his/her name.

**6.2.C** – To ensure proper tabulation of points, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to completely and legibly complete each class card and to see that show management accurately records the placing in each class. If an animal is reclassified in a different breed upon arrival at the show by the official classifier then what it is designated as in the MCCA, no points will be awarded, or points will begin at zero in the new breed.

**6.2.D** – Once points have been recorded on an individual member within any one of the breed divisions, for market animal or heifer division competition, those points are nontransferable to any other breed division. Incorrect breed information is the fault of the exhibitor and the MCCA will assume no responsibility therefore, recorded results will not be changed.

**6.2.E** – An exhibitor may not show an animal in multiple breeds or divisions at an individual show. For example, a heifer may not show as both a breed heifer and a crossbred heifer, or in both a heifer class and market animal class. If an animal is exhibited in different breeds or divisions at different shows, points for that animal will be calculated individually for each division or breed and will count as separate animals when calculating top ten and overall point standings. For example, if a heifer is showed as a maintainer heifer at two shows and a crossbred heifer at three shows, the points will be calculated for her in each breed separately, and will count as two of three animals that can be counted toward the overall point categories.

**6.2.F** – Anytime a member violates a rule, the following action will be taken: the MCCA member will lose all points, premiums and awards for the day.

**6.2.G** – All protests must be submitted in writing to the MCCA office within 30 days of the show in question or publication of points on the MCCA website.

**6.2.H** – Beginning in 2012, each member voted to the Junior Board, will receive 5 points for their service and 1 point for each meeting attended.

### **6.3 – Heifer Rules**

**6.3.A** – All heifers must be in the name of the exhibitor and meet all breed guidelines as stated by the breed association. It will be the responsibility of all exhibitors to know their animals' eligibility with their respective breed associations. See paragraph 6.2.E for additional information.

**6.3.B** – In the heifer division, individual members may only be awarded points by exhibiting heifers that are owned by said exhibitor. "Loaned out" heifers may not be used to accumulate points. Registered heifers must be registered in the name of the exhibitors. Exhibitors have ninety (90) days from the date of sale to obtain official registration papers.

**6.3.C** – Participants in the MCCA heifer division program will be able to exhibit crossbred heifers. The heifer may be registered, but of too low percentage to be eligible to be shown in their respective breed.

#### **6.4 – Market Animal Rules**

**6.4.A** – All market animals must be in the name of the exhibitor and meet all breed guidelines as stated by the breed association. It will be the responsibility of all exhibitors to know their animals' eligibility with their respective breed associations. See paragraph 6.2.E for additional information.

**6.4.B** – In the market animal division, individual members may only be awarded points by exhibiting market animals that are owned by said exhibitor. “Loaned out” market animals may not be used to accumulate points. Registered market animals must be registered in the name of the exhibitors. Exhibitors have ninety (90) days from the date of sale to obtain official registration papers.

#### **6.5 – Showmanship Rules**

**6.5.A** – In the showmanship division, individual members may only be awarded points by exhibiting animals that are owned by the said exhibitor. “Loaned out” animals may not be used to accumulate points. These animals must be presented ready for the show ring (blow & go or fitted, show halter and appropriate dress for exhibitor) but fitting will not be part of the criteria for judging. Age of the exhibitor must be noted on results for points to be awarded.

### **Section 7 – Scholarship**

**7** – The Missouri Club Calf Association will award (1) \$500 scholarship each year based on applications and funds for that year. The recipient must be at least a senior in high school or older and must be current on dues. Board members are eligible to receive and the recipient can only receive the scholarship once. The recipients of these scholarships will be decided by three to five (3-5) industry professionals that will be chosen by the MCCA adult advisors. The applications must be received (not postmarked) by August 1<sup>st</sup>. This scholarship will be sponsored by the Jeff Higgins Memorial Fund.