

2026 IOWA JUNIOR HEREFORD PREVIEW SHOW

May 30-31, 2026

Warren County Fairgrounds

1400 W 2nd Ave, Indianola, IA 50125

(IJBBA Sanctioned Show- Rules will be enforced)

SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS Horned and Polled Animals

1. Exhibitor must be seven years old and not yet 22 years by January 1, 2026. The exhibitor must be a member of the Iowa Junior Hereford Association (IJHA) and the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) by May 15, 2026. Only juniors that have residence in Iowa are eligible to show.
2. All animals must be registered with the American Hereford Association (AHA). Each entry must be owned by the junior exhibitor(s) and in his/her recorded ownership by **May 15, 2026**. Entries may be co-owned by siblings, provided each is an individual IJHA and NJHA member.
3. Polled or scurred animals are eligible to show in the Polled show. Horned or de-horned animals are eligible to show in the Horned show.
4. All entries must be made online through Showman.app. Entry fees are \$35.00 per head. Please ensure you are entering correctly as either Polled or Horned for the heifer show.
5. **Entries must be made no later than May 15, 2026.** Please ensure registration numbers are entered correctly; no entries with "pending" listed as the registration number will be accepted. All registrations will be verified through AHA MyHerd prior to the show. Please bring registration papers to the show for verification. *Please note: if you are attending JNHE, representatives from AHA will be available to check and certify papers.*
6. NO LATE ENTRIES! Entry fee is non- refundable.
7. All cattle must be in place by **12:00p.m. on Saturday, May 30, 2026**. Cattle may arrive and be stalled at the fairgrounds any time after 7:00a.m. on Saturday, May 30. Bedding will be supplied in the stalling area. No straw allowed! Failure to obey the above rules will result in forfeiture of premiums.
NEW IN 2026: Stalling will be pre-assigned. A stalling map will be sent before the show – please do not take more than your allotted stall space. Extra stalls can be purchased with entries; if space is not available for extra stalls you will be refunded.
8. Check-ins will begin at **8:00 AM on Saturday, May 30, 2026**. **Exhibitors can check in as they arrive, or anytime before 1:00p.m. Required at Check-In:** Registration certificate (electronic or paper) and Health Papers. All Steers/Bulls will be weighed; tattoos will be checked on all animals. Tattoos that are missing, illegible, altered, incorrect and/or in anyway disagree with the official AHA records will be justifiable cause for disqualification of entry.
9. Entries must meet Iowa health regulations and all animals must have an official health certificate. Contact your local veterinarian to be sure health papers meet state requirements. Health papers will be checked.
10. Exhibitors must show their own animal(s) unless he/she has two animals in the same class or has approval from the Iowa Junior Hereford Advisors before the show has begun. All substitute showmen **MUST** be members of the IJHA.

11. We will be using the same show shirts as previous years for showing. If you need a new shirt, please include your \$15.00 along with the size with your entry form to ensure availability. The IJHA Board will also have new shirts for sale for JNHE or any who want one.
12. 2026 premiums will be paid as follows:
Class Premiums: First \$30.00; Second \$25.00; Third \$20.00; Fourth \$15.00; Fifth and remaining places \$5.00 (in class).
Division Champions: \$30.00, Division Reserve Champions: \$20.00
Grand Champions (Polled and Horned Grand Champion Heifer, Bred and Owned Champion Heifer, Cow/Calf, Bull and Steer): \$100.00 cash award, Reserve Champions: \$50.00.
13. All people making entries in the show shall agree to abide by all the rules and regulations as outlined and will not hold the Iowa Junior Hereford Association, organizers or members of the Warren County Fairgrounds responsible for accident, loss or injury to any person, animal or article.
14. The show will start at **9:00 A.M. on Sunday, May 31, 2026**. Show order is:
Bred and Owned Cow/Calf, Standard Cow/Calf, Bulls, Horned Heifers, Steers, Polled Heifers, Supreme Overall Animal.
NEW IN 2026: Showmanship will be on Sunday, May 31, 2026 following the conclusion of the show.
Showmanship order will be Senior, Intermediate, Junior, PeeWee.
15. Exhibitors cannot leave until the show is complete. Any exhibitor taking cattle home early will forfeit their premiums. Instructions regarding stall bedding clean-up will be provided at the show, and exhibitors will be required to clean up stalling areas accordingly. Failure to do so will forfeit premiums. (This WILL be enforced).
16. If there are any questions, the NJHA Rules will be followed and enforced.

COW-CALF RULES

1. Cows born prior to August 31, 2024. No maximum age for cows. Must be owned by the junior member and recorded ownership by May 15, 2026. Calf must be her natural calf, no older than nine months of age as of the day of the show, and registered with the AHA by May 15, 2026.
2. Entry fee for the pair is \$35.00. Bull and Heifer calves on cow/calf pairs are eligible to show in individual classes. They must be entered individually and pay the additional fee of \$35.00.

BRED-AND-OWNED HEIFER RULES

1. For eligibility in the bred-and-owned divisions, the exhibitor(s) must have owned the entry's dam at the time of conception and must be listed as the breeder on the registration certificate.
2. Bred-and-owned heifers born after August 31, 2024 and all of 2025 and offspring of cow/calf are eligible. Bred-and-owned heifers will show after the Grand and Reserve Heifers are chosen. Please mark the entry form if your calf is bred-and-owned. There is NO ENTRY FEE for the bred-and-owned class, but a \$100.00 cash award will be given to the Champion and \$50.00 to the Reserve Bred-and-Owned heifer.

BRED-AND-OWNED BULL RULES

1. For eligibility in the bred-and-owned divisions, the exhibitor(s) must have owned the entry's dam at the time of conception and must be listed as the breeder on the registration certificate.
2. Bred-and-owned bulls calved after August 31, 2024 are eligible.
3. Entry fee is \$35.00.
4. All bulls calved before January 1, 2026 must be shown with a nose lead.
5. Bulls must have been bred by the junior member, but may be owned jointly with an adult/farm provided that the junior is the sole breeder, and is officially recorded as current owner of that bull.

STEER RULES

1. All steers showing at the IJHA Preview Show must be registered by the American Hereford Association and out of a registered sire and dam. No steer certificates will be accepted, only registration papers.
2. **NEW IN 2026:** Steers will NOT be required to be DNA certified. *However, please note that any steers that will be exhibited at JNHE will be required to be parent verified to both sire and dam, therefore, a DNA profile of the steer, the sire and dam must be completed through the official AHA lab by the May 15 JNHE entry deadline. To request a DNA kit for your animal, access your MyHerd or contact AHA customer service.*
3. Steer classes will be determined after the weigh in.
4. All Steers (horned and polled) will be shown together.

HEIFER RULES

1. Heifers must be born after August 31, 2024 and all of 2025 and offspring of cow/calf, if so desired.

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

NEW IN 2026: Showmanship will begin following the completion of the show on Sunday, May 31, 2026

1. There will be four (4) showmanship classes:
 - Senior – 18 thru 21 years of age as of January 1, 2026
 - Intermediate – 14 thru 17 years of age as of January 1, 2026
 - Junior – 10 thru 13 years of age as of January 1, 2026
 - Peewee- 7 thru 9 years of age as of January 1, 2026
2. Peewees must show their own animal or one owned by immediate family members.
3. All other members do not have to show their own animal, but the animal exhibited in the Showmanship contest has to be entered in the Iowa Junior Hereford Show.
4. There is NO FEE to participate in showmanship and no premiums will be paid. Awards will be presented to the champion and reserve of each division.
5. Bulls cannot be shown in any showmanship classes.

CONTEST INFORMATION

All contests (with the exception of the Fitting Contest) will have four age groups for competition:

PeeWee – ages 7-9 as of January 1, 2026

Junior – ages 10-13 as of January 1, 2026

Intermediate – ages 14-17 as of January 1, 2026

Senior – ages 18-21 as of January 1, 2026

Awards will be presented to champion and reserve winners in each division of the contests below.

Please mark your Exhibitor Information form if you plan to participate in any contests. Some contests may not be conducted if there is no interest.

ILLUSTRATED SPEECH CONTEST

Saturday, May 30, 2026 (We will announce an approximate time Saturday morning if there is enough interest)

The contest is open to all IJHA/NJHA members between the ages of 7 to 22. This is an excellent opportunity for all juniors to practice their speaking and leadership skills. The objective of the contest is to develop character and leadership and to promote interest in the beef industry. While you do not have to give your speech at the state preview show to qualify for Nationals, this is a great opportunity to practice and receive feedback from judges.

For a complete list of rules and topics visit the national junior's web site, <https://hereford.org/youth/junior-national-hereford-expo/resources/>

Nationals entry deadline June 1, 2026

PHOTO CONTEST

Photos must be turned in by Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 1:00p.m.

The contest is open to all IJHA/NJHA members between the ages of 7 and 22. Please bring an 8"x10" printed photo on backing board for submission to the Iowa preview show contest. Contestant's name, age and division should be printed on the back of the photo. All photos within each division will be judged together (no separate categories), and a champion and reserve will be award in each division.

For a complete list of rules visit the national junior's web site <https://hereford.org/youth/junior-national-hereford-expo/resources/>

Nationals entry deadline is June 1, 2026.

POSTER CONTEST

Posters must be turned in by Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 1:00p.m.

The contest is open to all IJHA/NJHA members between the ages of 7-14 – there will only be a PeeWee and Junior division for the Poster contest. Posters must include: (a) Event (b) Date (c) Location (d) Theme for the 2026 Junior National Hereford Expo.

For a complete list of rules visit the national junior's web site <https://hereford.org/youth/junior-national-hereford-expo/resources/>

Nationals entry deadline is July 9, 2026 by noon. If you are NOT attending the JNHE and would like to participate in the Poster contest, entries must be sent to AHA, Department of Youth Activities, by June 1, 2026.

FITTING CONTEST (*pending interest/entries*)

Saturday, May 30, 2026 – time TBD pending interest.

All contestants must be members of both the IJHA & NJHA. Age breaks for this contest will be: peewee (7-9), junior (10-13) and senior (14-21). Teams will consist of three members: 1 peewee, 1 junior, 1 senior. Team members may be substituted accordingly: a peewee may substitute for a junior or senior, or a junior may substitute for a senior. Seniors may not substitute for another age division. Each team must provide its own animal for the contest. All supplies needed (chute, blower, clippers, adhesive, etc) must be provided by the team. Each team will be allowed 40 minutes to fit their animal. When the time is up, one team member will parade their animal before the judge. The judge will make comments and announce the winners.

If there is not enough interest, contest will not be held.

FOR MORE CONTESTS, RULES, AND ENTRY DATES GO TO:

<https://hereford.org/youth/junior-national-hereford-expo/resources/>

IOWA JUNIOR HEREFORD MEETING

NEW TIME IN 2026: Saturday, May 30

We will be electing 2026-2026 officers and directors. 2026 dues MUST BE paid for you to vote at this meeting.

JUNIOR NATIONAL EXPO MEETING

Following our Iowa Junior Hereford Meeting on Saturday, we will hold a brief meeting to discuss JNHE in Louisville, KY. *IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT EVERYONE WHO IS GOING TO JNHE ATTENDS!* We will discuss plans for the State Food & Fun Night, coordinating shared meal sponsors, and more details about the show.

IOWA HEREFORD BREEDERS ASSOCIATION WEB PAGE

Please visit our state web page for important information about the juniors and activities.

<https://iowahereford.org/juniors.php>

***Please check the Iowa Hereford Breeders Association web page often to look for updates. Any changes made to the schedule or new information will be posted there. ***

NJHA Dates & Deadlines:

May 15, 2026

JNHE Early Bird Entry Deadline

June 1, 2026

JNHE Final Online Entry, Ownership Deadline (No late entries accepted.)

Contests Deadline (CHB Hybrid Cooking Challenge, Advanced Speech Contest, Future Professionals Contest, Hybrid Illustrated Speech, Hybrid Individual Sales, Sales Academy, Judging Contest, Photo Contest and Showmanship Contest)
NJHA Board Candidate Online Application Deadline

July 1, 2026

Final Faces of Leadership Registration Deadline

JNHE Hereford Bowl Contest Entry Deadline (Advisors will submit)

JNHE Team Fitting Contest Entry Deadline (Advisors will submit)

JNHE RSVP's Due (Bridging the Gap, Membership Meeting)

July 12-18, 2026

Junior National Hereford Expo – Louisville, KY