

What You Need to Know About Junior Holstein Shows

Interested in exhibiting at Junior Holstein Shows next year? Be sure to read this!

Each year hundreds of young people across the country enjoy the thrill of exhibiting their Registered Holsteins at Junior Holstein Shows. Along with all that fun comes several rules and responsibilities that anyone who may participate in a Junior Holstein Show needs to be aware of.

Here we will try to address several commonly asked questions about the requirements for exhibiting at Junior Holstein Shows. Now is the time to be thinking about getting everything in order for that special cow or calf you may have – not in January or June when you may have already missed important deadlines.

How old does my child need to be to exhibit at Junior Holstein Shows?

Youth must have reached their ninth birthday by the day of the show, but must be no older than 20 as of January 1 in the year exhibiting.

All young people participating in Junior Holstein Shows must be members of Holstein Association USA. Junior membership is a one-time \$15 fee that is good until the youth reaches their 21st birthday.

I would like to put an animal in my child's name to show next year. What are the dates I need to have it transferred by?

For an animal being transferred to a Junior member, or a partnership of Juniors, the transfer application must be **received by** the Holstein Association USA office on or before the following deadlines (the 'received by' date will be printed on the registration paper):

- **January 1** in the year exhibiting for cows (including Junior Two-Year-Old Cows through 125,000 Lb Cows and Dry Cows)
- **June 1** in the year exhibiting for heifers (including Spring Heifer Calves through Milking Fall Yearling Heifers)

Even if an animal has been owned by the family farm, in order for it to qualify for Junior recognition, it must be in the name of the child by the transfer deadlines.

In the case of a partnership, all partners must be members of Holstein Association USA. No Adult-Junior partnerships will be eligible for Junior recognition.



The ownership may not change after the deadlines (including adding Junior members as owners), or the animal will be disqualified from receiving Junior recognition.

I bought a heifer in a public sale, but the transfer deadline is near, how can I ensure she is transferred in time?

In this situation, it is important to take matters into your own hands and clearly communicate your

intentions and the transfer deadline with the sale manager on sale day. Do not simply assume that the animal will get transferred in time. When in doubt, call Holstein Association USA for help.

There are several ways to submit a transfer application; including calling it in to the office or submitting the application online to ensure that it is received by the deadline. It is an option to transfer an animal that you purchased at a public sale yourself to ensure the transfer is received on time.

If it is a Canadian animal, be sure to call Holstein Association USA to ensure we know the animal will be transferred into a Junior's name. The transfer will be sent first to Holstein Canada for processing, then to Holstein Association USA, which may take longer than you anticipate.

Whether doing a family transfer or purchasing an animal at a sale, make sure you have the animal's registration paper in hand and verify the dates are recorded correctly before the deadline – when there is still time to correct any errors that may have been made.

My son or daughter can not be at the show. Can someone else show their animal for them?

It is the owner's responsibility to find an alternate leadsperson and file the Request for Alternate Leadsperson Form with Holstein Association USA by 5 p.m. the evening before the show.

A Junior Holstein member the same age or younger than the owner may exhibit in place of the owner. No exceptions are made, including for siblings, unless the sibling is younger than the owner of the animal. In the event that the animal is owned by a partnership and neither partner will be able to participate, the alternate must be the same age or younger than the oldest partner.

The Alternate Leadsperson Request Form is available online at www.holsteinusa.com/juniors under the National Junior Shows menu.

To give an idea of what would be considered an acceptable excuse for needing an alternate leadsperson at a show, consider it as you would acceptable excuses for a child to miss school, such as illness or other school commitments.

I would like to lease a Registered Holstein to a young person who helps on my farm and has some interest in showing at a Junior Holstein Show. What do I need to do to arrange this?

First, read the rules for the Junior Leasing program at www.holsteinusa.com/juniors, under the National Junior Shows menu. In general, leases need to be arranged by **January 1** to show the following show season.

If it is a new lease, eligible animals would be those that show in the Summer Yearling, Fall Calf, or Winter Calf classes. Spring Calf lease applications (or for any animal born after January 1) will be due **June 1**. **A lease must be initiated when the animal is a calf.** A lease cannot begin when an animal is a yearling (with the exception of Summer Yearlings) or a cow.

Note that a child leasing an animal may not own any other Registered Holsteins, and only two animals may be leased by a youth at a given time.

A complete copy of the National Show Program, as well as dates, locations and show results can be found at www.holsteinusa.com under the National Shows menu. If you have a special scenario, or other questions that were not covered, feel free to contact Holstein Association USA to ensure you will not run into issues down the road. With questions about Junior Holstein Shows, contact Jodi Hoynoski at 800.952.5200, ext. 4261 or jhoynoski@holstein.com.