

NATIONAL JUNIOR MILKING SHORTHORN SHOW RULES

1. **Eligibility:** Participation in this show is open to youth with registered Milking Shorthorns. Exhibitors must be a minimum of nine years old by January 1st of the current year but not have reached their 21st birthday by January 1st in the year competing. Members who become 21 years of age during the current year will be allowed to compete in Junior activities until December 31st of the current year. Youth must be a member of the American Milking Shorthorn Junior Society by August 1st of the current year. If the youth is not a member by August 1st, they must join before the show by paying the \$25 junior membership fee and an additional \$5 late fee to become a junior member payable to the American Milking Shorthorn Junior Society and turned into the AMSS Executive Secretary. Juniors are expected to follow the PDCA showmanship scorecard for all National Junior Shows.
2. **Registration:** All animals must be registered in the full herdbook of the American Milking Shorthorn Society and have registry certificates issued by the American Milking Shorthorn Society. The certificate should be white and does not have the word "Not eligible to show" near the Executive Secretary's signature or as a watermark across the page. Animals with a prefix of GI and GE are not eligible to be shown. Tattoo numbers, Fair Tags and/or RFID tags must correspond with the registry certificates. Registration papers will be checked at the show by show management.
3. **Ownership:** Ownership of the animal must be recorded in AMSS herdbook in the name of the junior exhibitor(s) by August 1st of the current year. Animals may be owned in partnerships, however all members of the partnership must be paid junior members of AMSJS and animal must be owned by August 1st. Acceptable wording of Farm or other entity should read: Junior member's name **of** Farm name or other entity (EX: Nicholas Achen **of** Cherrywood Farm). The following will disqualify an animal from Junior show participation and recognition in current year: Transferring an animal in or out of a Junior's name after August 1st of the show year or adding/dropping a junior member and/or adult as an owner after the deadline.
4. **Participation:** Up to two animals may be exhibited by each exhibitor in any one class. One animal must be shown by an owner listed on the registration certificate who is a paid National Junior Member. The second animal may be shown if the alternate leadsperson form is completed. All rules for the alternate leadsperson form apply. A Junior can own multiple animals in a given class, but only two may be exhibited. If animals are owned in a partnership, the animals can be exhibited by another member of the partnership.

5. Alternate Leadsperson: The Junior who owns the animal is to show her. If the owner cannot attend the show, an Alternate Leadsperson must be a National Milking Shorthorn Junior member, who is the same age or younger or up to three years older than the owner **OR** who is a sibling (full, half, step, foster) of the owner. All Alternate Leadspersons must meet the age guidelines of a minimum of nine years old by January 1st of the current year but not have reached their 21st birthday by January 1st in the year competing. Alternate Leadsperson may show the animal with approval of the Executive Secretary or board appointed delegate known as the "Breed Representative." Form is required to be filed if exhibiting multiple breeds exhibiting at the same time. A Request for Alternate Leadsperson form must be submitted to the AMSS Executive Secretary by email to executive-secretary@milkingshorthorn.com or hand delivered by five o'clock (5 p.m.) the day before the show to either the Executive Secretary or Breed Representative. Requests must be submitted by this time or the animal is ineligible to show, unless there is an unforeseen circumstance. The owner of the animal is to show at least on national qualifying Junior show, to receive Junior All American recognition. The Request for Alternate Leadsperson form is available at www.milkingshorthorn.com or from show management. *The only exception to this rule is for an alternate leadsperson for showing/leading in the Champion Classes (Junior, Intermediate, Senior and/or Grand). Alternate Leadsperson in the champion classes must meet junior age guideline but does not have to be a National Milking Shorthorn Junior member.*
6. Bred & Owned: As of January 1, 2025, To be eligible for Junior Bred & Owned, at least one of the Junior owners must be listed as a breeder on the registration paper. All owners listed must be AMSJS members.
7. The AMSS Hair Color Regulations must be followed.
8. According to the AMSS DNA Policy dated June 20, 2023: National Show Champions: Animals winning one of the following titles at an AMSS National Show must be genotyped and/or DNA typed to maintain their title. This includes both Junior and Open divisions. All expenses to be paid by AMSS.
 - a. Junior Champion
 - b. Reserve Junior Champion
 - c. Intermediate Champion
 - d. Reserve Intermediate Champion
 - e. Senior Champion vi. Reserve Senior Champion
9. Only the AMSS Executive Secretary or AMSS National Show Representative shall have authority in determining the eligibility of animals and ownership for numbers 1-8.