2021 IJBCA Indiana's Finest Rules

1. Exhibitor Eligibility
Only Indiana Residents who are in the 3rd grade but are not older than 21 years of age as of December 31, 2020 are eligible to accumulate points. Anyone who has reached 22 years of age before January 1, 2021 is ineligible to participate.

2. Nomination Fee and Enrollment
To receive IJBCA points, participants must pay a **$50.00 per member nomination fee**. This is a one-time nomination fee for the show season. **This fee includes one animal. A person wishing to add more than one animal, must pay an additional $10 per animal. If an animal is registered for multiple breeds, each breed counts as its own registration, thus its own $10 fee.** Exhibitors must nominate their animals for the program prior to the start of the first show from which they wish to receive points. Nominations can be made at any participating show. A nomination form must be completed for each animal nominated and may be submitted during registration at the animal's first sanctioned show and ***must be turned in before the conclusion of the show. No exceptions.*** Multiple animals can be entered on one form. ***The first eligible show to accumulate points for the 2020 season will be the 2020 Hoosier Beef Congress with the option to register online or fill out a form in the IJBCA booth.*** Purebred animals must provide a copy of registration papers with the nomination form.

3. IJBCA Membership
To receive points, an exhibitor must be a resident of Indiana and be a member of the Indiana Junior Beef Cattle Association. Membership must be paid before points can be accumulated on a nominated animal. Membership dues are $15 and can be paid at time of nomination of animals. *Participation in the 2020 HBC Showmanship counts as a membership fee.*

4. Show Your Own Animal For Points
To receive points, animals must be shown by their owner. An exception is made if the participant:

a. Owns two or more animals that are in the same class
b. Has two different animals that are both showing simultaneously in adjacent rings

In these two scenarios, another junior may exhibit the second animal and the participant would still receive points for both animals. When the class conflict is over and for championship drives, the actual participant must return to showing his/her own animal to retain the points earned. It is the participant's responsibility to inform the IJBCA committee member in charge of the class conflict, as it happens, not after the show. Participants that are physically unable to show their animal may ask another junior who meets the age and program requirements to show their animal, but the unable participant must be present at the show to earn points. If the participant becomes ill after the cattle have arrived at a show and been checked-in, another junior who meets the age and program requirements may show the animal(s). The participant must seek prior approval from the IJBCA Committee and the participant must be present at the show facility. Should a participant become ill and stay home prior to the cattle leaving for a show, no points will be awarded to the participant's cattle. Family emergencies are at the IJBCA Committee's discretion, but the participant must seek prior approval for points to count. The IJBCA Committee reserves the right to use discretion in administering this rule regarding situations not already covered. All decisions by the IJBCA Committee on points associated with showing your own animal shall be final.

5. Sanctioned Show Requirements
A sanctioned show must be open to all IJBCA Indiana's Finest exhibitors but is not limited to them. A sanctioned show may be open to the world, but only IJBCA Indiana's Finest members will accumulate points.

Sanctioned shows must pay **$150 for a single ring show and $200 for a double ring show** by **November 30th**. ***After November 30th*** commitments are **$200 for a single ring show and $250 for a double ring show**. Each sanctioned show must offer a steer and heifer show and showmanship. **ALL SHOWS ON INDIANA'S FINEST MUST BE COMMITTED BY DECEMBER 31, 2020.** Results from a sanctioned show must be submitted to the committee at the completion of the show. Point standings will posted within 10 days of the conclusion of the sanctioned show.

6. Cattle Age Requirements

Animals eligible for participation must meet the following age requirements:
Steers – born on or after January 1 of 2020
Heifers – born on or after September 1 of 2019

7. Breed Class Qualifications

a. Exhibitors must have original registration papers at time of check in. All registration papers meeting the national breed eligibility requirements will be accepted. No copies will be accepted. Original registration certificates must be in the name of the junior exhibitor who is exhibiting the animal. For points, no family farm names will be permitted. Papers pending participants will be allowed to compete for points in showmanship, but their animal will only receive points as a crossbred until the original registration papers arrive. The sanctioned show reserves the right to evaluate all breed steers and heifers for breed standards.
b. Cattle without registration papers and legible tattoos that correspond to registration papers will be considered crossbred. Tattoos will only be checked one time at a show. If the animal has illegible tattoos they will be placed in the crossbred division. The animal will not be permitted to leave the chute and come back. *Market heifers are only eligible to show once per show, in either the heifer or steer ring, but not both.* Dual registered cattle may only show in one breed at one show.
c. Breed heifers must be shown by age and crossbred heifers by shoulder height or weight. Steers must be shown according to breed and weight. The following breed classes will be offered based on breed minimum percentages as listed. **Note – all high and low percentages must show in their appropriate division.

Breed	**Heifers**	**Steers/Market Animals**
Angus	Purebred	Purebred
Belted Galloway	Purebred	50% with papers
Black Hereford	62.5% or higher with papers	62.5% or higher with papers
Charolais	Purebred	Sire or dam must be registered Charolais
Composite Charolais	50% (sire or dam must be registered)	N/A
Chianina	Papered	Papered
Chi-Angus	Papers must have CHIANGUS denotation	N/A
Gelbvieh	75%	50% Gelbvieh or greater
Hereford	Purebred	Purebred
Limousin	25% Limousin or higher	12.5% Limousin or higher
Maine-Anjou	75% (brown papers)	1/4 (green or brown papers)
Mainetainer	(1/4) – (5/8) (green papers)	N/A
Market Heifer	N/A	Any breed, must be female
Red Angus	87% Red Angus or higher	50% Red Angus or greater
Miniature Hereford	Purebred	Purebred
Red Poll	Purebred	Purebred
Salers	50%	50%
Shorthorn	Purebred(15/16)	Purebred(15/16)

Shorthorn-Plus	50% (green papers)	50% (green papers)
Simmental	76% and up	50% and up
Sim-Solution	50%-75%	N/A
Crossbred		

d. It will be up to the IJBCA Committee's discretion to determine which breeds will be on the list of breed classes for the 2021 season. There will be a one-year probation for breeds that want to be added to the list for future years. At the conclusion of the year, the IJBCA Committee will make a determination if the breed will be added. Among the IJBCA Committee's considerations will be the number of animals exhibited and the number of exhibitors of the breed.

e. An animal can be shown as a crossbred one week and a breed animal the next week and maintain two sets of points. The multiple sets of points will be added together on the animal for Top 10 Heifer and Steer awards. Points for breeds will be treated as two separate animals.

f. Show Schedules will be up at the discretion of each show. **All Sunday shows must start by 10:30 A.M. EST.**

g. All animals will need an RFID ear tag upon receipt of animal's nomination. Purebred steers and heifers will also need breed registration number and tattoo.

8. Showmanship Requirements

Each IJBCA Indiana's Finest show must offer complete showmanship classes (all four divisions) in each ring and place the top five (5) in each age division for points. Showmanship class premiums are at the discretion of the sanctioned show. Age divisions will be: **Novice =** 3rd Grade – 10 years of age as of December 31, 2020, **Junior =** 11-13, **Intermediate** = 14-16, **Senior** = 17 and not older than 21. Anyone who has reached 22 years of age before January 1, 2021 is ineligible to compete. **Participants are encouraged to show their own animal or a sibling's animal. However, a participant can show an animal entered in the show if they do not have anything entered in that show.**

9. Complaint or Protest Procedure

Any exhibitor or their family member that seeks to file a complaint or protest regarding a perceived infraction of a rule or sanctioned show rule must submit a complaint to the IJBCA Committee. The IJBCA Committee will not release the name of the individual filing the protest. IJBCA Committee shall hold a meeting regarding the protest at which time the party making the protest may present evidence or argument in support of the protest. Should other parties be found in violation of the rules, the IJBCA Committee will take appropriate action regarding the situation. Committee action is not limited to the following, but may result in the exhibitor found in violation to lost points for a show, lose multiple show points, and/or be banned from current or future participation in the program. The decision of the IJBCA Committee regarding the protest shall be final.

10. Exhibitor Code of Conduct

All Indiana's Finest exhibitors, their family members, and others acting on the behalf of the exhibitor must display good sportsmanship and act in a courteous manner at all sanctioned shows. Unsportsmanlike conduct will be referred to the IJBCA Committee for appropriate action, if the committee deems necessary. Unsportsmanlike conduct may include but is not limited to physical actions, threats, or outbursts of profanity. Committee action is not limited to the following, but may result in the exhibitor found in violation to lose points for a show, lose multiple show points, and/or being banned from current or future participation in the program. The decision of the Committee regarding unsportsmanlike conduct shall be final.

11. Points System

a. Point totals will be kept for each individual animal. If an animal receives points in two different breeds, the points will be treated as two separate animals. Points will be combined on that animal to figure Top Heifer and Steer Points.

b. There will be a 5-day limit to challenge points, once the committee makes a posting or changes a points posting.
c. If an IJBCA Indiana's Finest nominated animal is sold during the show season, the points are not transferable. Animals may be re-nominated under the new owner.
d. All IJBCA Indiana's Finest shows will follow the same point system. Points will be awarded as follows:
Class Placing

1st Place = number of head in a class x 6
2nd Place = number of head in a class x 5
3rd Place = number of head in a class x 4
4th Place = number of head in a class x 3
5th Place = number of head in a class x 2
6th Place to last place = number of head in a class x 1

Breed Champion = 20 points
Reserve Breed Champion = 10 points
Grand Champion = 50 points
Reserve Grand Champion = 45 points
3rd Overall = 40 points
4th Overall = 35 points
5th Overall = 30 points

e. Showmanship (one showmanship class per exhibitor)
Champion = 15 points
Reserve = 13 points
3rd Overall = 11 points
4th Overall = 9 points
5th Overall = 7 points
All other participants = 2 points
Heats (advancing) = 2 extra points

f. Maximum Point Accumulation Cap – For 2021, the maximum number of shows that will count towards the year-end point totals will be 10 shows. As an exhibitor, you may attend more than 10 shows, however only your best 10 sets of points will count.
g. An exhibitor and/or animal must participate at a minimum of 3 shows to receive awards & be in the Final Points Standings and to be eligible to receive awards. An exhibitor and/or animal attending less than three shows will still be considered participants and will be eligible to receive a participant gift.
h. The show season for points will start with Hoosier Beef Congress and will conclude by July 15th, 2021.

12. Top Five Market Animals and Heifers
Each show will pick Top 5 Market Animals and Top 5 Heifers. It is up to the individual show to determine if they give additional awards. Those animals eligible to compete for the Top 5 Heifers and Market Animals will only include breed champions and reserves and the crossbred champion and reserve. Only champions will initially enter the ring for the overall champion competition. Each reserve after that can then enter until the final five have been selected

13. Bred and Owned
Bred and Owned animals will be recognized at the awards banquet. A Top 5 for both heifers and market animals will be recognized. Dam of animal must be in the individual's name and registration must be in the

individual's name to be eligible for this award. Copy of registration paper must accompany nomination form. Crossbred animals are not eligible for this award.

14. Overall Exhibitor
The overall exhibitor contest will be determined by the total of the exhibitor's showmanship and all cattle points of their top 10 shows. A top 20 will be recognized at the banquet.

15. IJBCA Website
During the 2021 show season, current points standings will be posted on the IJBCA website, www.ijbca.org. This site will include information and rules on the IJBCA program and will provide information on each of the sanctioned shows. Also included will be a results section for each sanctioned show.

16. Awards Banquet
An Awards Banquet will be held after the Indiana State Fair to make all award presentations. Time and place to be announced. All participants are welcome.