



Indiana Junior Beef Cattle Association

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Dear Indiana Junior Beef Cattle Association Membership,

We write today to share with you changes we have made to the 2019-2020 Indiana's Finest points program and IJBCA banquet with regards to COVID-19. The IJBCA Board of Directors have been actively pursuing alternatives to recognize and reward our members for their successes this year, regardless of the situation.

As you all know, many of the Indiana's Finest shows were cancelled this show season, however, some shows have still been rescheduled. The IJBCA will be honoring those rescheduled shows for the 2019-2020 season and will collect points, as long as the rescheduled date is prior to August 1, 2020. Shows that were cancelled without rescheduling will be receiving a credit with the IJBCA for the 2020-2021 show season.

Similarly, participants of the 2019-2020 Indiana's Finest points program will be receiving a \$50 credit for the 2020-2021 show season. This \$50 credit includes *one calf*. An important change is that each additional head will be \$10. For example, if an exhibitor registers four head for points and they were a participant in 2019-2020, their cost will be \$30 with the credit. This change was implemented for the 2020-2021 show season in February, and we are still going to honor it for the coming year. Indiana's Finest participants that are aging out are the only members who will receive a \$50 refund. All other exhibitors will be credited.

The IJBCA Banquet is an event we look forward to hosting every year, and this year is no different. Instead of the traditional format, however, we will be hosting this year's banquet virtually. At this virtual event, we will be recognizing the Indiana's Finest Overall Heifers, Steers, and Exhibitors, as well as winners from the junior contests and the retiring board directors. Even though the banquet will be held virtually, we are still looking into a potential social gathering for our members and their families this fall. The environment is ever-changing, meaning that nothing is set in stone, but we are actively looking for a way to celebrate our members.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we navigate these uncertain times. While this is not the outcome any of us wanted, it is our responsibility to keep everyone safe. We are fortunate to have such a great group of members and are excited to still recognize your hard work and dedication to the IJBCA.

Sincerely,

The 2019-2020 IJBCA Board of Directors