



RWDCA

Show Rules

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2025 National Red & White Shows

International Spring R&W Show, NY

Midwest Spring R&W Show, WI

Western Spring National R&W Show, UT

Midwest Fall National R&W Show, MN

All-American R&W Show, PA

International R&W Show, WI

National Show Credentials

- Minimum 70 animals shown.
- Ultrasounding available
- Follow all rules of RWDCA, Junior and Open rules as published.
- Have a breed representative at ringside to help and/or answer any questions.
- Relay all information, fees, and correspondence to the RWDCA Office in proper time.
- If the show falls below 70 animals 2 years in a row, it falls back to "Approved Show" status.

**RWDCA Approved shows are listed on the RWDCA website at redandwhitecattle.com

2025 National Red & White Junior Shows

Int'l Spring R&W Show, NY

Midwest Spring R&W Show, WI

Western Spring National R&W Show, UT

Midwest Fall National R&W Show, MN

All-American R&W Show, PA

International R&W Show, WI

Approved Shows Credentials

- Follow all rules of RWDCA, Junior and Open rules as published.
- Have a breed representative (or Board Member) at ringside to answer any questions.
- Accommodate problems with papers, membership or transfers.
- Collect fees and information at the show and relay to RWDCA Office.
- At RWDCA National and Approved shows, unless otherwise approved, only one person can be on the halter.
 - No youth showing on the end of the strap with an adult.

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**RWDCA Accredited Show information and rules are listed on the RWDCA Website at redandwhitecattle.com

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DCA Show Ring Code of Ethics

The Purebred Dairy Cattle Association Show Ring Code of Ethics

Adopted May 5, 2015

The showing of registered dairy cattle stimulates and sustains interest in the breeding of registered dairy cattle. It is also an important part of the promotion, merchandising and breeding program of many breeders. For these reasons, the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association (PDCA) believes that it is in the best interest of all breeders of registered dairy cattle to maintain a reputation of integrity in dairy cattle shows and to present a wholesome and progressive image of dairy cattle in the show ring. PDCA endorses this Show Ring Code of Ethics for all dairy breed shows and pledges its full cooperative support for its enforcement to show management, show judges, and the national breed associations. The application of this Code of Ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, Exhibitor, fitter or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this Code of Ethics. Dairy cattle exhibitors shall, at all times, deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. It is recognized that there are certain practices in the proper care and management of dairy cattle that are necessary in the course of moving dairy cattle to and between shows that are advisable to keep them in a sound, healthy state so they might be presented in the show ring in a natural, normal condition. At all times, exhibition livestock shall be treated in a humane manner and in accordance with dairy quality assurance practices so as to protect the health, safety and welfare of the livestock and the consuming public. No person shall present for exhibition or exhibit an animal which he or she knows, or has reason to suspect, is affected with or has been exposed to a dangerously contagious or infectious disease, or illegal or non-approved use of drugs, medication and/or prohibited substance, or residue. The position of the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association is that all animals presented for exhibition shall be in their natural conformation and structure, free of any alteration or modification by injection or internal or external administration of any substance or by any involvement in unethical fitting.

Grooming and Preparation

Dairy cattle exhibitions are conducted under standards for evaluating conformation established by the PDCA Unified Score Card (2009), with specific breed characteristics taken into consideration by the show judge. In this connection, animals will be groomed and prepared for the judge's evaluation in order to display the animal's natural contour, conformation, performance and mobility. Specifically:

1. Changing the natural color of the animal is prohibited (effective 6/1/2015). However, external applications of cosmetics that affect only appearance may be used, including by way of example hoof polishes and false switches.
2. The maximum allowable length of naturally growing hair anywhere on the topline is not to exceed 1". Exhibitors will be required to comply with this rule before the animal is allowed to enter the ring.
3. Addition of foreign objects, including but not limited to hair or hair substitutes, cloth or fiber, to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body is prohibited.
4. Externally sealing the teat end with a preparation that does not harm the animal's skin is permissible. Natural teat placement will be given preference over artificially positioned teats.

Violations: False, Deceptive or Unacceptable Practices

These practices are violations of the Code of Ethics and will be reported to show management and may be reported to the respective national breed associations:

1. Misrepresenting the age and/or milking status of the animal for the class in which it is shown.
2. Treating the animal, particularly the udder, internally or externally:
 - a. with an irritant or counter-irritant,
 - b. using a device to artificially create or enhance the udder crease,
 - c. using other substances as detected by testing that causes changes in the udder to artificially improve the conformation.
 - d. plugging of teat canal with foreign substances.
3. Surgical or unethical insertion of any matter under the skin or into body cavities, performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body (e.g., administration of fluid via a stomach tube or other similar apparatus to fill the rumen), though not to preclude practices required or involved in normal management.
4. Criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management or other exhibitors while in the show ring or other conduct

detrimental to the breed or the show.

5. Challenging, threatening or interfering with an ethics committee appointed by show management to monitor the animals on exhibit on the show grounds.

Exhibitor Responsibility

The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, Exhibitor, fitter and/or absolutely responsible person (hereinafter referred to as "Exhibitor") for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, milk, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Materials may also be collected by ultrasound and photographic methods and by direct examination of animal.

The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, Exhibitor, fitter and/or absolutely responsible person (the "Exhibitor") to have disciplinary action for violation of this Show Ring Code of Ethics taken by show management, the state in which the show occurs, and/or the national dairy breed association without recourse.

Show Ethics Committee

Each show should have an Ethics Committee. The make-up of this committee should include official breed representatives, representative(s) of show management (e.g., dairy cattle show superintendent, General Manager), the official show veterinarian, and Extension representative.

The Ethics Committee will be responsible for monitoring violations of the Show Ring Code of Ethics. The Ethics Committee will investigate the report of any violation and determine the accuracy of the allegation. The Ethics Committee will have the authority to inspect animals and related material to determine if violations have occurred.

Violations: Reporting and Investigation

Complaints of alleged violations can be reported to the breed superintendent, the show superintendent, show management, and/or the Ethics Committee. **Before An Animal is Shown**

If the Ethics Committee suspects that a violation of the Show Ring Code of Ethics will occur if the animal is shown, and that violation is reasonably well established before the animal is shown, the Ethics Committee will submit a report to show management.

Show management will discuss the violation with the Exhibitor:

1. If, at the Exhibitor's discretion, the animal in question is not shown, no violation will have occurred.
2. If the Exhibitor wishes to challenge that a violation occurred, he/she/they will have opportunity to appeal to the Ethics Committee. If its decision is not changed, the Exhibitor will be denied opportunity to exhibit the animal in question.

During and After An Animal is Shown

All animals are subject to examination during judging. The judge and Ethics Committee are instructed to examine the top five (5) animals in each class closely for violations of the Show Ring Code of Ethics. When a violation may have occurred, a milkout may be called for. This call may be by breed association rule, or by request of an authorized representative of the national breed association, the judge, the Ethics Committee, or show management.

If an animal is exhibited and a violation of the Show Ring Code of Ethics is subsequently suspected, investigated, and determined to have occurred, the violation will be reported to the Ethics Committee and show management for action. The Exhibitor will be notified of the violation and the supporting evidence and invited to defend or explain the allegations. Violations are subject to the disciplinary provisions of show management, the state in which the show occurs, and the national dairy breed association.

Sanctions may include any one, or combination of the following:

- forfeiture or return of awards, prizes, premiums or proceeds;
- written letter of reprimand to the owner, Exhibitor, fitter and/or absolutely responsible person (the "Exhibitor");
- disqualification of the exhibition livestock from an exhibition;
- disqualification of the Exhibitor from the show; publication of offense. Disqualification may include any or all shows and classes and may be for any number of years.

BRED & OWNED:

To be considered for Bred & Owned awards, one of the original owners must be listed as one of the current owners. Where a herd is registered in the names of different family members and where the herd is one unit (with the same prefix), all entries may be considered exhibits of one breeder.

BRED & OWNED – JUNIOR:

To be eligible for Junior Bred & Owned, one of the original Junior owners must be listed as one of the current Junior owners on the registration certificate. Adult-Junior partnerships are not acceptable. Family unit or farm partnerships will not qualify for Bred & Owned awards unless all partners are Jr. Members and listed on the certificate and at least one of them is an original breeder/owner.

PREMIER BREEDER AND PREMIER EXHIBITOR:**Premier Breeder**

The owner of the Dam at the time of service shall be considered the breeder of the animal. Where the herd is registered in the names of different family members, and where the herd is one unit (with the same prefix), all entries may be considered exhibits of one breeder. Otherwise, when animals are bred in partnership, each unique partnership is considered a unique breeder. The Exhibitor winning the most points (for a maximum of six animals exhibited in the open single classes by him/herself and/or other exhibitors) shall be designated the Premier Breeder.

Premier Exhibitor

The Exhibitor must be the owner. In case a herd is registered or bred in the names of different members of a family, residing on one farm or breeding establishments. Where the herd is one unit (with the same prefix), all entries may be considered as a single exhibitor for all group classes. However, members of one family, where cattle are not housed as one unit will not be considered as a single exhibitor. When animals are owned in partnership, each unique partnership is considered a unique exhibitor.

The Exhibitor winning the most points (for a maximum of six which him/herself owns and exhibits in the open single classes) shall be designated the Premier Exhibitor.

GROUP CLASSES:

Junior Best Three & Best Three Females: Entries in the group classes must be entered and shown in their individual animal classes. All must be bred by the Exhibitor and at least one animal must be owned (solely or in partnership) by the Exhibitor. Senior Best Three Females must show in milking form.

3. Premier Breeder & Exhibitor Point System

Milking Females									
1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH	6 TH	7 TH	8 TH	9 TH	10 TH
40	38	36	34	32	30	28	26	24	22
11 TH	12 TH	13 TH	14 TH	15 TH	16 TH	17 TH	18 TH	19 TH	20 TH
20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2
Junior Females, Dry Cows & Bulls									
1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH	6 TH	7 TH	8 TH	9 TH	10 TH
20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11
11 TH	12 TH	13 TH	14 TH	15 TH	16 TH	17 TH	18 TH	19 TH	20 TH
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Show Specifications

Classes may be eliminated but not added. However, individual classes offered must follow what is listed below. A letter from the show management requesting approved status and stating they will adhere to these rules is required to be an approved show for the All-American contest.

1. These are separate shows using RWDCA classes and for Red & Whites only.
2. The RWDCA will accept original registration papers and/or a certificate of identification (CID) from Holstein Association USA. Other registration papers accepted will be from RWDCA, Holstein Association USA showing the suffix "RED" and Holstein Canada.
3. Owners must be a member in good standing of RWDCA.
4. Animals must be Red and White in physical color. Any animal in question of this color status must submit a DNA sample to an accredited lab for a full genomic panel to prove color and identification of the animal in question. Results must be shared with RWDCA.
5. **If for any reason an animal is in question for eligibility, the RWDCA management will be contacted before a final decision is rendered.**
6. Eligibility of animals and RWDCA members will be determined on a show-to-show basis.
7. In order to enter/exhibit at any national and/or approved shows, Red & White animals must carry 87% dairy bloodlines as designated by RWDCA guidelines. Dairy bloodlines include: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein (Black & White and Red & White), Jersey, Milking Shorthorn, Angler, Swedish Red, Aussie Red, Lineback, and Rouge Flammande
8. RWDCA will assist show management in determining membership status with a list of entries one week before the show.
9. All requirements listed above must be met 24 hours before the start of the show.
10. Ultrasounding available for National Shows
11. Following the show, show management must provide RWDCA with a report that lists all placings, champions, etc. If an official book is not submitted, the show placings will not be counted for the All-American Contests.
12. After RWDCA receives the official show report, with individual class placings and champion information, the results will be entered into the animal's permanent record.
13. With entries pertaining to World Dairy Expo, International Red & White show. If an animal is exhibited in the Junior Holstein Show, said animal, regardless of ownership, will be unable to participate in the International Red and White show. However, this animal will have the option to compete in the Holstein Show. The International Red & White show encompasses the Junior show. Therefore, even if the said animal has been sold, it has competed in a different breed and has eliminated itself from the International Red & White Show.
14. Questions about the above-said rules, contact RWDCA staff.

Official Red & White Classes 2025

1. Spring Heifer Calf, Born March 1, 2025 through May 31, 2025
2. Winter Heifer Calf, Born December 1, 2024 through February 29, 2025
3. Fall Heifer Calf, Born September 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024
4. Summer Yearling Heifer, Born June 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024
5. Spring Yearling Heifer, Born March 1, 2024 through May 31, 2024
6. Winter Yearling Heifer, Born December 1, 2023 through February 28, 2024
7. Fall Yearling Heifer, Born September 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023

JUNIOR CHAMPION AND RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE

8. Junior Best Three Females, all must be bred by the Exhibitor and at least one animal must be owned
9. Unfresh 2 yr old, Born March 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023 (Spring Shows only)
10. Dry Cow
11. Fall Yearling in Milk, Born September 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023 (Fall Shows only)
12. Summer Junior 2-Year-old Cow, (must have freshened) Born June 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023 (Summer & Fall Shows Only)
13. Junior 2-Year-Old Cow, (must have freshened) Born March 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023
14. Winter Senior 2-Year-Old Cow born December 1, 2022 – February 28, 2023*
15. Senior 2-Year-Old Cow, (must have freshened) Born September 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023*
16. Junior 3-Year-Old Cow, Born March 1, 2022, through August 31, 2022*
17. Senior 3-Year-Old Cow, Born September 1, 2021, through February 28, 2022*

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION AND RESERVE INTERMEDIATE FEMALE

18. 4-Year-Old Cow, Born September 1 2020, through August 31, 2021*
19. 5-Year-Old Cow, Born September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020*
20. Aged Cow 6 Years and Over, Born before September 1, 2019*
21. 125,000 lbs. Milk, Lifetime (proof of production must be presented at the time of check-in)*

SENIOR CHAMPION AND RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE

GRAND AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE, from each of the female championship classes

BEST UDDER OF SHOW, best udder winner from each of the milking classes

BEST BRED & OWNED OF SHOW, OPEN: 1 breeder must be a current owner

BEST BRED & OWNED OF SHOW, JUNIOR: Breeder and Owner Exact

22. Senior Best Three Females, all bred with the same prefix with at least one owned by Exhibitor
23. Produce of Dam, produce of one Cow to consist of two animals, any age, need not be owned by one Exhibitor. Dam must be named.
24. Dam/Daughter need not be owned by one Exhibitor

Premier Exhibitor, based on six placings

Premier Breeder, based on six placings

Premier Sire, based on six placings

Junior show classes consist of all females classes except Best Udder of Show

There will be no junior show classes for group classes.

* Classes require production records to be presented by the Exhibitor at the time of check-in.

Classes may be eliminated but not added. However, individual classes offered must follow what is listed above.

A letter and application from the show management requesting approved status and stating they will adhere to these rules is required to be an approved show for the All-American contests.

RWDCA Junior Show Rules

1. The Junior Red & White Show will be held simultaneously as the open show. Juniors will be recognized, placed, and presented with awards by stepping forward in their respective open show class with the exception of the Premier National Junior Show-Harrisburg, PA & Mid-East Fall Red & White Show-Louisville, KY.
2. Exhibitors may participate after they reach nine years of age, as of Jan 1, and until December 31 of the year they turn 21 years of age.
3. Animals must be Red and White in physical color. Any animal in question of this color status must submit a DNA sample to an accredited lab for a full genomic panel to prove color and identification of the animal in question. Results must be shared with RWDCA.
4. To enter/exhibit at any national and/or approved shows, Red & White animals must carry 87% dairy bloodlines as designated by RWDCA guidelines. Dairy bloodlines include Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein (Black & White and Red & White), Jersey, Milking Shorthorn, Angler, Swedish Red, Aussie Red, Lineback, and Rouge Flammande.
5. If for any reason an animal is in question for eligibility, the RWDCA management will be in contact before a final decision is rendered.
6. The RWDCA will accept registration papers and/or a certificate of identification (CID) from the Holstein Association USA. Other registration papers accepted will be from RWDCA, Holstein Association USA showing the suffix "RED" and Holstein Canada.
7. LEASE: The Junior must own or lease all animals by **July 15** of the current year.
8. TRANSFER: For an animal (cow or heifer) being transferred to a Junior or a partnership of Juniors, the transfer application must be received by the Holstein Association USA office on or before July 15.
 - Except for animals purchased by and/or leased to a Junior at the RWDCA National Convention Sale.
9. OWNERSHIP: Two or more juniors may own an animal. One junior must be on the halter to receive junior recognition. Awards will be presented as one unit, to all owners equally.
10. All entries must be shown by the Junior owner in all cases, except by prior written approval.
 - ***Alternate Leadsperson:*** *An alternate leads person request form handwritten, email, or fax is required to be submitted **24 HOURS** before the start of the show explaining in specific your reason for the absence and final approval by the RWDCA. Any alternate lead person form can be turned into the RWDCA in advance if you know of upcoming conflicts.*
 - *Included in the statement- Name, age, and signature of the Junior owner. Cell phone number of contact person. Class of animal. Name and age of alternate leads person (**Up to three listed**) — the reason the junior owner needs an alternate. If approved, the alternate must be the same age or younger as the junior owner.*
 - *The alternate must also be an RWDCA Junior Member. Adults are not allowed to show in any case. If more than one animal owned by the same Junior is eligible for the championship class, another Junior may lead the other animal. Final approval will be decided by RWDCA staff and/or an RWDCA Board of Directors member.*
 - The Junior requesting this form **MUST** have led their animal once at a national, state, or county show before approval at any Fall show.
10. The dress code will be strictly enforced for juniors. White pants with an official show shirt must be worn, or the Junior will not be allowed to show (World Dairy Expo-Madison, WI & Premier National Junior Show-Harrisburg, PA & Mid-East Fall Red & White Show-Louisville, KY).
11. Junior show classes consist of all female classes except Best Uddered of Show. There will be no Junior show classes for group classes except Junior State Herd.

Bred & Owned: To be eligible for Junior Bred & Owned, one of the original Junior owners must be listed as one of the current Junior owners on the registration certificate. Adult-Junior partnerships are not acceptable. Family unit or farm partnerships will not qualify for Bred & Owned awards unless all partners are Jr. Members and listed on the certificate and at least one of them is an original breeder/owner.

RWDCA Junior Lease Program

Objectives:

1. To provide the opportunity for both non-farm youth and youth from farms with other breeds to work with Red & Whites.
2. To increase participation in RWDCA's Junior Programs.

Guidelines:

1. The recorded owner must be a member of the RWDCA.
2. The youth (lessee) must be a junior member of the RWDCA.
3. The owner and lessee should be clear on the responsibilities regarding the leased animal.
4. The lessee shall file a completed lease agreement and registration paper and a \$15 filing fee to the RWDCA (Lifetime Lease \$45).
5. The lease agreement must be postmarked by JULY 15th of the program year (Except animals leased to a junior at the RWDCA National Convention).
6. Once the lease is approved, a signed copy and the registration paper will be provided to the lessee.
7. The owner will still be listed as the owner, and the leasing information will be included on this form.

Terms:

1. The program year will coincide with the calendar year.
2. The lessee must follow the Junior Show Rules.
3. The lessee must show entries in all cases except by prior written approval.
 - *Alternate Leadsperson: An alternate leads person request form handwritten, email, or fax is required to be submitted 24 HOURS before the start of the show explaining in specific your reason for the absence and final approval by the RWDCA. Any alternate lead person form can be turned into the RWDCA in advance if you know of upcoming conflicts.*
 - *Included in the statement- Name, age, and signature of the Junior owner. Cell phone number of contact person. Class of animal. Name and age of alternate leads person (Up to three listed) — the reason the junior owner needs an alternate. If approved, the alternate must be the same age or younger as the junior owner.*
 - *The alternate must also be an RWDCA Junior Member. Adults are not allowed to show in any case. If more than one animal owned by the same Junior is eligible for the championship class, another Junior may lead the other animal. Final approval will be decided by RWDCA staff and/or an RWDCA Board of Directors member.*
 - *The Junior requesting this form MUST have led their animal once at a national, state, or county show before approval at any Fall show.*
4. To lease a cow, the Junior must have leased the animal as a calf or heifer.
5. Leased animals will qualify for the Junior All-American contest.
6. **The lease may be renewed for additional program years by filing a new lease agreement and paying the \$15 filing fee with the RWDCA, or it can be renewed as a lifetime lease agreement for \$45.**
7. **The lease will automatically terminate at the end of the program year unless a new lease agreement is filed.**
8. The lessee is limited to two animals per year.

The Full Lease Agreement can be found at www.redandwhitecattle.com under the Junior Tab.

RWDCA Junior Membership Agreement

The Junior Red and White Dairy Cattle Association is open to membership for those persons under 21 as of January 1 of the membership year. Proof of age must accompany the application along with the proper fee. If a parent or guardian is a member of the Association, their name should also be given. The fee for Junior membership is \$25, which includes a one-year subscription to *The Red Bloodlines*. The purpose of this organization is to encourage youthful interest in the promotion of the Red and White Dairy Cattle industry. To be eligible for membership, all applicants must agree to abide by the rules hereinafter set forth. Failure to honor any of these rules will subject the junior member to immediate revocation of membership status. This includes the opportunity to participate in Association-sponsored activities and events, including the Junior All-American Red & White Contest.

The following rules shall apply to all Junior RWDCA members:

1. Use or possession of any alcoholic beverage or controlled substance is strictly prohibited.
2. No member shall engage in any behavior prohibited by state statute, local ordinance, or Board Policy (which shall include but not limited to vandalism, theft, truancy, assault, threats to personal safety or property, and flagrant misconduct).
3. Members, at all times, shall demonstrate good citizenship and recognize the value of setting and adhering to the highest standards of conduct and performance.
4. The rules of conduct apply to all Junior members at all association-sponsored functions, activities, and trips.
5. Members and/or their parent/guardian shall accept any financial responsibility for enforcing the provisions herein.
6. Junior membership does not entitle the Junior member to voting privileges
7. After a Junior member's eligibility has expired, he/she may become a regular member of the Association by paying the proper fee.