



With activities now being scheduled again post-quarantine, many Jersey juniors are hoping and praying they will have opportunity to show their cattle this summer and fall. If that becomes reality, they will need to have all their ducks in a row to participate. One of those “ducks” is documenting ownership on an animal’s registration certificate.

Though rules for exhibiting at fairs and shows vary, most require the junior to be the recorded owner of the animal shown.

In this month’s Jersey Jargon, we will explain how juniors can accomplish this with their Registered Jerseys and highlight regulations for the grandest Jersey show of all—The All American Junior Jersey Show.

The All American Junior Jersey Show

A junior must be listed as the Recorded Owner on the registration certificate, either as the sole owner or as a joint owner, to be eligible to exhibit at The All American Junior Jersey Show, the International Junior Jersey Show, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Junior Jersey Show and the Western National Junior Jersey Show.

As an example, Haley Smith may qualify to show animals if she is identified on an animal’s certificate as: Haley Smith (sole owner); Haley Smith and Benjamin Brown (joint ownership with another person); Haley, Joey and Camryn Smith (joint ownership with family members); or Haley Smith and Green Valley Farm (joint ownership with farm).

To show at The All American Junior Jersey Show, animals must be registered and/or transferred on or before August 1 of the year of the show. For this year’s event, juniors must file paperwork by Saturday, August 1, 2020. The postmark date will be considered the date of recorded registration and/or transfer.

Juniors who are no younger than nine and no older than 20 on January 1, 2020, are eligible to show at this year’s event. Exhibitors are also required to be junior or lifetime members of the AJCA.

Filing a Transfer

A transfer of ownership can be accomplished by mailing the application for transfer (on the back of the animal’s registration certificate) to the American Jersey Cattle Association (AJCA).

A transfer can also be filed online at infoJersey.com. Click “Transfer” in the dropdown field under “Services.” Applications can also be downloaded from the website (https://www.usjersey.com/Portals/0/AJCA/2_Docs/Animal-Applications/Transfer-application.pdf) or requested from the AJCA.

Transfers of ownership must be submitted by the current Recorded Owner.

If animals in your family’s herd must be transferred to comply with the ownership rule, there is a reduced transfer fee for intra-farm transfers to AJCA junior members. An intra-farm transfer is transfer of an animal from one ownership in a herd unit to an AJCA junior member associated with the same herd unit. A herd unit is defined as all AJCA ownership set up to be billed to a common account. The fee for such transfers if processed within 60 days of the date of sale is \$7 per animal.

Other Considerations

With the implementation of the Generation Count (GC) pedigree recording system, juniors may also wonder about eligibility of their animals based on herd register status.

To exhibit in The All American Jersey Show, the International Jersey Show, California Spring Show, Mid-Atlantic Regional Jersey Show and Western National Jersey Shows, animals must be GC {4} or higher. Animals with green-bordered certificates are eligible to show at these events. Animals registered by Jersey Canada with a registry status of 93.75% and greater are eligible to show as well.

Eligibility for other shows is left to the discretion of show management, so it is the exhibitor’s responsibility to check requirements.

This Year’s All American

The 68th All American Junior Jersey Show is scheduled to be held on November 7, 2020, at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville, Ky. Joe Sparrow, Worthville, Ky., will judge the entries and Jared Major, Lebanon, Tenn., will serve as consultant.

To learn more about The All American and view a picture parade of show winners, visit the official website at <https://theallamerican.usjerseyjournal.com/>. Visit the site during the event as well for live coverage.