

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 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 penalty to become a junior member payable to the American Milking Shorthorn Junior Society and turned into the AMSS Executive Secretary.
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, GI2, GR and GE are not eligible to be shown. Females with a 36000 or 37000 registration number 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. **Lease:** Animals that are leased through the American Milking Shorthorn Junior Society Lease Program are also eligible to be shown by juniors. Leases must be on file with the AMSS office by August 1st of the current year. Lessee must be a paid American Milking Shorthorn Junior Member. The Junior who leases the animal must show her. Alternate leadsperson are not permitted for leased animals except for an unforeseen circumstance.
5. **Participation:** Only one animal may be exhibited by each exhibitor in any one class. A Junior can own more than one animal in a given class, but may only exhibit one. Additional animals must be leased by another Junior or if animal is owned in a partnership can be exhibited by another member of the partnership.
6. **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 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. A Request for Alternate Leadsperson form must be submitted to the AMSS Executive Secretary by email to registrations@milkingshorthorn.com or hand delivered by five o'clock (5 p.m.) the day before the show. Requests must be submitted by this time or the animal is ineligible to show, unless there is an unforeseen circumstance. 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.*

7. Bred & Owned: To be eligible for Junior Bred & Owned, one of the breeders must be listed as one of the current owners. Where a herd is registered in the names of different members of an immediate family (grand/parents, spouse, siblings, grand/children), and one of those family members is an owner, that entry may be considered as Bred and Owned. If a breeder was part of a partnership and remains as an owner then the animal is considered Bred and Owned. All current owners of the animal must be juniors. No adults can be listed as current owners of the animal.
8. The AMSS Hair Color Regulations must be followed.
9. According to the AMSS DNA Policy dated June 16, 2016: National Show Champions: Animals winning one of the following titles at an AMSS National Show must be genotyped or DNA typed to maintain their title. This includes both Junior and Open divisions. All expenses to be paid by AMSS.
 - i. Junior Champion
 - ii. Reserve Junior Champion
 - iii. Intermediate Champion
 - iv. Reserve Intermediate Champion
 - v. Senior Champion
 - vi. Reserve Senior Champion
10. 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.