



# National Junior NJBA Braford Association

## 2026 JUNIOR NATIONAL BRAFORD SHOW RULES

United Braford Breeders (UBB) reserves to its Youth Activities Committee the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the show, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. An exhibitor who violates any of the following rules will forfeit all privileges, prizes, and premiums.

### REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY

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#### Registration, Entry and Fees

1. Individual entry forms and required fees (\$55 exhibitor registration fee and \$25/head entry fee) must be submitted online by the entry deadline to participate in the Braford Junior National. The areas of competition in which an individual will participate must be designated at the same time.
2. Entry fees must be paid for all exhibitors and cattle entered and no refunds or credits will be issued with the exception of peewee showmen and adult photography contestants. No substitutions will be accepted.
3. Junior National entries must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. Central Time on Friday, May 1, 2026**. Junior National \$55 exhibitor registration fees required to participate in events, must be submitted by May 15, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. central time. Entries received May 2, 2026, to May 15, 2026, will pay a \$60 exhibitor registration fee.
  - Braford & Braford Base show entry fees of \$25/head are due May 1, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. central time. Entries received June 2 until June 10 will pay \$50/head. Exhibitors must have also paid the exhibitor registration fee by May 15, 2026.
4. All entries must be submitted online <https://showman.app/shows/#/2024-braford-junior-nationals-1739>. Payment must be submitted online at time of entry.
5. Exhibitors must be current junior members of the United Braford Breeders at the time of online entry for entries to be accepted.
6. *Each exhibitor is to find a \$75 sponsor that would be required in conjunction with the 2026 Junior National entry (Adopted in July 2022 by NJBA).*

#### II. Eligibility

1. All participants in the 2026 Braford Junior National must be paid United Braford Breeders junior members.
2. Participants must be at least seven years old as of June 1 of the show year and must not have reached their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday on the day of competition.
3. No participant will be discriminated against as a result of a physical, emotional, or mental handicap. Should special arrangements need to be made, please specify on the entry form so accommodations can be made.

## CATTLE SHOW

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### III. Cattle Show General Rules

1. All animals must be classified as Braford or Percentage Braford and registered in the records of the United Braford Breeders in the name of the junior exhibitor. UBB records must indicate that the junior exhibitor owned such animals on or before May 1 in the year of the show.
2. Percentage Brafords are UBB registered animals that do not meet "Braford" purebred qualifications because of breed composition percentage.
3. All calves showing at the side of their dams, purebred Braford or percentage, must be registered with the UBB. If a calf is less than two weeks old at check-in time and has not been registered, a completed UBB registration application and appropriate fees must be presented at the time of show check-in.
4. Animals must arrive at the show with legible identification numbers matching the IDs shown on the registration certificates. Animals with incorrect registration papers or illegible permanent identification will not be allowed to show. This information must be in order upon arrival at the show.
5. Exhibitors must have purchased and otherwise prepared the entry for the show.
6. All entries must be exhibited by the individual owner, with the following exceptions: when an exhibitor has more than one entry in one class or is not able to show due to sickness, temporary physical handicap, or extreme family emergencies. In these specific instances, another UBB Junior Member may be allowed to show as a substitute. With the exception of an exhibitor having two animals showing at the same time, show officials must approve the showing of any animal by someone other than the registered owner. Failure to obtain such approval prior to the beginning of the show will disqualify such entry from all premiums and prizes. Parents or other individuals will not be allowed to enter the show ring to assist or help show UBB members' animals. \* Please see showmanship rule 2 regarding Peewee showmanship.
7. The exhibitors, not a substitute or relative, must be on the halter and in control in the show ring, and all official photos of champions taken for the Braford News.
8. Nurse cows are not permitted on the grounds.
9. All bulls, one year or older on show day, must be shown with a nose ring or nose clip with lead. Neckties and control halters are required for all bulls while they are in their stalls. Any entry that is wild at time of showing will be dismissed from the show arena.
10. Entries will be listed in the show program in order of age (youngest to oldest) and will be led into the show ring in order of log entry number.
11. The decision of the judge shall be final in all cases. In cases where fraud, misrepresentation, error, or collusion is discussed after awards have been given, the show may make a decision regarding final placement.
12. If any exhibitor or his representative interferes in any way with the judge or shows disrespect to the judge or to the show, the exhibitor may be dismissed from the ring and the management may withhold from each exhibitor any premium moneys or prizes that may have been awarded or take other steps deemed necessary.
13. Judging will not be delayed for animals entering the show ring late. Any exhibit not presented promptly at the required time is barred from competition in the class. Protests that the judge overlooked exhibits will not be considered.
14. All owners and those in charge of property or livestock shall care for, guard, protect, and preserve the same. The show will not be held responsible for any loss or damage.
15. Exhibitors must remove feed and water buckets from the stall after the animals are cared for morning and evening. Exhibitors are required to keep the area around their stalls neat and clean at all times.
16. Arrival of Entries: Entries should arrive at the show site no earlier than 12:00p.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2026. All entries should be in place & must be checked-in by 10:00a.m. on Thursday, July 16th, 2026.

17. Release of Entries: Entries will be released upon completion of the show and the after show grounds have been completely cleaned. An animal or exhibit may not be removed from the grounds prior to the release time without special permission of the show officials. Any entries that leave the show prior to the conclusion of the show and complete cleanup will forfeit all awards.
18. Officials of the Braford Junior National Show reserve the right to mouth, DNA type, and weigh any or all animals they so choose. Exhibitors agree to these procedures by submitting a completed entry form with fees.
19. No animal may be shown that has had any foreign objects glued to or otherwise attached in a manner so as to alter its conformation or change its appearance.
20. Any rules not covered in these rules will be the same as the UBB National Show rules, such as alterations of cattle conformation, etc. No animal can show whose sheath, navel, etc. has been altered for any reason whatsoever by cutting, branding, constricting, etc.
21. In submitting an entry form for the Braford Junior National Show, the exhibitor agrees to allow show officials, at their sole discretion, to use his/her animal(s) for programs including, but not limited to, judging contests and other educational activities.

#### **IV. Health Requirements for Cattle**

1. All cattle must meet the health requirements for the state where the event is held. Health inspection certificates issued by your local veterinarian must bear the animal's ID, age, and breed description. Any and all questions regarding health requirements should be directed to your local or state veterinarian.

### **CONTESTS**

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#### **V. Age Division Eligibility**

1. Junior: Contestants must be at least 7 years old and not yet 11 years old as of June 1, 2026.
2. Intermediate: Contestants must be at least 11 years old and not yet 15 years old as of June 1, 2026.
3. Senior: Contestants must be at least 15 years old to 2026 high school graduates.
4. Super-Senior: Contestants must have completed high school in 2026 or prior years but not yet be 21 years old as of the day of the competition.

#### **VI. Sales Talk Contest**

The Sales Talk is intended to be an informal interaction between the contestant and a pair of judges who will evaluate the effectiveness of the presentation. Judges are encouraged to interact with the contestant in a discussion based format.

1. The Sales Talk uses a live setting complete with animals and potential buyers. The purpose of this contest is to evaluate the effectiveness of the presentation and the contestant's ability to merchandise cattle.
2. Contestants must use their own animal for the Sales Talk. The contestant may have another junior member hold the animal during the selling process. The animal is not to be fitted.
3. The judges will be provided with copies of the online pedigree for the animal being "sold". The judges will use the performance pedigree to evaluate the accuracy of pedigree and performance information provided by the contestant and to also ask questions. Contestants are allowed to use a copy of the performance pedigree for reference during their presentation but no additional notes, written or printed, are allowed.
4. Sales Talk will be no more than seven minutes in length. Time elapsed will be indicated during the contest so that contestants are aware of the time constraints.
5. Contestants will be judged on their knowledge of the animal they are selling (25 percent), their ability to relate important information about the heifer/cow (organization and style – 25 percent, poise and delivery – 25 percent), and their overall effectiveness in convincing the judge to buy the animal (25 percent). Ties will be broken by first the score on animal knowledge and second on the ability to relay important animal information.

## **VII. Promotional Poster Contest**

1. Posters should promote the attributes and breeding of Braford cattle.
2. Posters will be evaluated as potential advertisements to persuade cattlemen to consider buying or utilizing Brafords. Promotional impact, creativity, originality, personal design, and handiwork will be considered in year judging
3. Posters must be 14" x 22" (half of a sheet of standard poster board). No other sizes will be accepted.
4. Only one entry will be accepted from each contestant.
5. The contestant's name, address, age, and class age division must be clearly indicated on the back of the poster. No identification of the participant is allowed on the poster front.
6. Posters become the property of the UBB at the time of entry and cannot be reused from year to. The UBB will not be responsible for lost or damaged posters.
7. Posters should be brought to the Braford Junior National Show and must be turned in at the check-in desk during check-in times. Those not attending the Junior National show can participate in this contest by mailing their posters to the below address postmarked by June 1, 2026.

Katelin Rice  
% National Junior Braford Association  
PO Box 656  
Foreman, AR 71836

8. All posters will be judged and displayed at the Braford Junior National Show.
9. Class age divisions are based on age as of June 1, 2026:
  - a. Junior (Contestants age 10 and younger)
  - b. Intermediate (Contestants age 11-14)
  - c. Senior (Contestants age 15 to 2026 high school graduates)

## **VIII. Judging Contest**

1. The Judging Contest will consist of three to five cattle classes.
2. Placings of classes will be worth 50 points per class.
3. No contestants, parents, or advisors shall be allowed in the judging contest area to inspect the livestock prior to the contest.
4. While the contest is in progress, there shall be no conferring between contestants or between parents and/or advisors and contestants. Any violation of this rule will result in disqualification of the contestant.
5. Contestants will be allowed 10 minutes to place each class. There will be a two-minute time warning in each class to signal contestants to hand their cards into the group leader.
6. Cattle will be judged unaltered in pens or haltered. Close inspection will not be allowed unless directed by the official committee.
7. Contestants must remain with their assigned groups throughout the entire contest unless otherwise directed by their group leader.
8. Contestants must provide their own note-taking materials for use while judging.

## **IX. Braford Photography Contest**

1. Other than adults, who pay no fees, you must pay the show registration fee to enter photographs.
2. Photographs must include Braford cattle. Photos that indicate who took the photo will be disqualified.
3. Photographs cannot contain people.
4. Photographs must be taken by the contestant.
5. Photos can be black and white or color.
6. Other than cropping, photos that have clearly been digitally altered in any way will be disqualified. Please

do not enter photos with digital date or time stamps.

7. A maximum of two (2) photographs may be entered per contestant. All photos become the property of the United Braford Breeders at the time of entry. The UBB will not be responsible for lost or damaged photos.
8. All photos must be submitted by email to [brafords.njba@gmail.com](mailto:brafords.njba@gmail.com) by June 1, 2026 (Photos will be on display at the Junior National via slideshow, no photos need to be printed and mounted)

**Photo file must be saved (renamed) as the exhibitor's age division, exhibitor's name, and name of your photo, in this order.**

**(Example; Intermediate -John Smith- Big Bubba)**

9. All photos will be judged before the Braford Junior National Show and displayed at the banquet.
10. Classes are based on age as of June 1, 2026:
  - a. Junior (Contestants age 10 and younger)
  - b. Intermediate (Contestants age 11-14)
  - c. Senior (Contestants age 15 to 2026 high school graduates)
  - d. Adult\**There is no registration fee for adult photography contestants*

## **X. Quiz Bowl**

Youth will learn and improve their knowledge of the Beef Cattle Industry and the Braford breed. Beef cattle nutrition and feeding, breeding and genetics, reproduction, health and knowledge of the UBB, UBB history and UBB Brafords will be primary areas of emphasis for questions.

1. The quiz contest will be split into the same primary divisions used in other competitions. Each team will have four members. Participants are urged to work with each other to establish teams. Please indicate at check-in if you plan to participate in the quiz contest and also indicate whether you have a team established or if you are looking for a team to join.
2. Two teams will compete at one time. A random bracket will be established showing the competing teams and their order of play. Teams will continue competing until winners are determined. A maximum of five teams in each division will receive points toward all around point standings.
3. Participants may compete in higher divisions, but cannot compete in lower ones.
4. Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors will be asked different questions. To answer questions they must push a button after the question is read. The first team to push the button will have the privilege of answering the question. Only the team member who hits his/her button will be allowed to actually answer the question. Team members may confer with one another before answering the question.
5. After a team member has been recognized by the moderator, they have 15 seconds to answer the question.
6. Each question answered correctly by a team will earn that team one point. If a team answers a question incorrectly, the opposing team may have 15 seconds to answer that question.
7. In case of a tie, three additional questions will be asked with no option to answer a missed question.

## **XI. Skill-A-Thon**

The Beef Cattle Skillathon is a knowledge-based competition designed to enhance the educational experience of exhibiting by incorporating production and industry perspectives for exhibitors. Contestants will be challenged with skill stations encompassing various facets of the beef cattle industry. This contest is not only designed for those exhibitors who exhibit beef cattle projects but also for those students who simply have a strong interest in the beef cattle industry.

Stations exhibitors will compete in are:

1. Beef Breed Identification - Identify 10 breeds from a list of 20 common breeds of cattle in the U.S. These are the only breeds the skill-a-thon will cover.

2. Meat Identification- Label 10 - 15 cuts of meat or wholesale cuts from a poster or picture. Color pictures may be obtained at the following website <https://aggiemeat.tamu.edu/meat-identification-pictures/>
3. Feed Ingredients Identification- Identify feeds. Check at local feed stores that may have some of these samples.
4. Feed Tag Identification- Read information on feed tag labels and answer a few questions related to the tags. Exhibitors will pick one 1 of 5 labels related to cattle feeds and answer questions related to:
  - a. What is the (minimum or maximum) Protein content of the feed?
  - b. What is the Fiber content of the feed?
  - c. Does this feed contain any vitamins or minerals?
  - d. Does this feed contain medication or growth promoters?
  - e. What are the feeding directions for this feed?
  - f. Is there any withdrawal period before slaughter on the feed?
  - g. What is the fat content of the feed?
5. Parts Identification- Label 15 parts of the beef animal from the picture.
6. Equipment Identification - Identify 10 to 15 equipment items used by cattlemen.

## **XII. Showmanship**

1. Showmanship participants must have entered at least one animal in the Braford Junior National Show and must compete with their own entered animal in showmanship.
2. Contestants compete in the following showmanship divisions. The divisions for the showmanship competition are based on age as of June 1, 2026.
  - a. Peewee (Ages 8 and younger)
    - I. Seven and eight-year-old participants have the option to participate in either Peewee or Junior Showmanship. No UBB membership or show registration fees are required for Peewee participation. In the Peewee Showmanship class, participants may borrow any entered animal that they can capably control. Because the safety of these small children is of utmost importance, any animal deemed to be the least bit unruly will be removed from the ring immediately. A Peewee showman can be accompanied by an adult who is allowed to provide minimal assistance and encouragement to the inexperienced or very young showman. No All Around points will be awarded to participants in Peewee showmanship.
  - b. Junior (Contestants age 10 and younger)
  - c. Intermediate (Contestants age 11-14)
  - d. Senior (Contestants age 15 to 2026 high school graduates)
  - e. Super Senior (Contestants who have graduated high school in 2023 or earlier but not yet reached 21 years of age as of day of competition)
  - f. The divisions for showmanship competition are based on age as of June 1, 2026.

## **XIII. Peewee Coloring Contest**

Upon arrival and check-in at the Junior National Braford Show, all under age children (under 8 on June 1, 2026) will be given a Braford picture and a box of crayons. The participant shall color the picture and turn it in to the registration table by 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 1st. All participants will receive an award during the awards banquet.

## **XIV. All Around Awards and Points**

1. To be eligible for All Around Awards exhibitors must compete in two of the four following contests: Showmanship, Sales Talk, Quiz Bowl, and Judging contest.
2. The three participants with the highest point totals in each of the three age divisions (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior) will be recognized for their accomplishments in the All Around competition.

In the case of a tie in all around points, the first tiebreaker will be showmanship points, the second tiebreaker will be sales talk points and the third will be judging contest points.

3. Scoring is determined by the following system:

**Cattle Show** (*Maximum of 100 points*)

Points are awarded to the exhibitor's highest placing animal in the show. All exhibitors showing cattle will receive 50 points for participation.

Placing/points

1<sup>st</sup> – 50 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – 40 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – 30 points

4<sup>th</sup> – 20 points

5<sup>th</sup> – 10 points

**Showmanship** (*Maximum of 100 points*)

Points are awarded in each year-age class. All exhibitors will receive 50 points for participation. No points are awarded to 7 and 8-year-olds showing as Peewee.

Placing/points

1<sup>st</sup> – 50 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – 40 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – 30 points

4<sup>th</sup> – 20 points

5<sup>th</sup> – 10 points

**Sales Talk Contest** (*Maximum of 100 points*)

All exhibitors will receive 50 points for participation. Additional points are awarded in each age division as follows.

Placing/points

1<sup>st</sup> – 50 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – 40 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – 30 points

4<sup>th</sup> – 20 points

5<sup>th</sup> – 10 points

**Quiz Contest** (*Maximum of 100 points*)

50 points for participation, additional points assigned as follows to the top five placing team members.

Placing/points

1<sup>st</sup> – 50 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – 40 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – 30 points

4<sup>th</sup> – 20 points

5<sup>th</sup> – 10 points

**Judging Contest** (*Maximum of 100 points*)

50 points for participation, additional points assigned in each age division as follows.

Placing/points

1<sup>st</sup> – 50 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – 40 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – 30 points

4<sup>th</sup> – 20 points

5<sup>th</sup> – 10 points

**Skillathon** (*Maximum of 100 points*)

50 points for participation, additional points assigned in each age division as follows.

Placing/points

1<sup>st</sup> – 50 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – 40 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – 30 points

4<sup>th</sup> – 20 points

5<sup>th</sup> – 10 points

**Promotional Poster** (*Maximum of 50 points*)

Points are awarded in each age division. All participants will receive 25 points for participation.

Placing/points

1<sup>st</sup> – 25 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – 20 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – 15 points

4<sup>th</sup> – 10 points

5<sup>th</sup> – 5 points

**Photography Contest** (*Maximum of 50 points*)

Points are awarded in each age division. All participants will receive 25 total points for participation.

Placing/points

1<sup>st</sup> – 25 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – 20 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – 15 points

4<sup>th</sup> – 10 points

5<sup>th</sup> – 5 points

**Maximum Point Totals 700**

Cattle Show	100
Showmanship	100
Sales Talk	100
Quiz contest	100
Judging contest	100
Skillathon	100
Promotional Poster	50
Photography	50

**CONDUCT AND LIABILITY**

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**XIV. Conduct and Liability**

1. All protests must be made in writing and be accompanied by a deposit of \$200.00 which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Such protests must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the UBB Youth Activities Committee immediately after the occasion for each protest. Depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a complete investigation is done.
2. All contestants must supply the UBB with a signed release statement from parents or legal guardian before being allowed to participate. This release statement is provided on each individual entry form.
3. The United Braford Breeders Committees and/or any of its employees and the host fairgrounds and/or any of its employees are not responsible for any accidents/thefts.