

# Contests at TJS A Preview Show

At a glance overview of contests- see <https://juniorshorthorn.com/contest-rules-2/> for complete rules and NJSS only contests

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## Age Divisions (as of January 1, 2024):

Prospector 1 ages 5-9  
Intermediate ages 13-16

Prospector 2 ages 10-12  
Senior ages 17 and up

## Showmanship – age divisions differ from other contests

**PeeWee:** ages 3-6 with adult present (ages 3-4 do not qualify for Top 5 awards)

**Prospector 1:** ages 7-9

**Prospector 2:** ages 10-12

**Intermediate:** ages 13-16

**Senior: ages: 17 and up** - no fitting session for this show

At Nationals only the top ten seniors selected will compete in a fitting contest for final placing.

## Promotional Poster – Prospector 1 & 2 only

Posters may be creative as well as informative. 22x28 poster size. They may feature words, pictures, colleges, objects, ect.

**Prospector 1 – (9 and under)** – Promote National Jr Shorthorn Show

**Prospector 2 – (10 – 12)** – Promote Shorthorn Beef

## Arts & Crafts – All Age Divisions

Show off your artistic skill! **Entries must promote the Shorthorn breed in some way.**

Painting, video, sculpture, artistic posters, music, ect. May enter up to 3 items. Only one entry can place in Top 5.

*One item may be refurbished. All ages are judged together here. Item must represent its original purpose.*

## Speech – All Age Divisions – topics vary by age-see below

Prepared speaking -Business Casual – No props – Note cards allowed -Judges will ask questions at the end

**Prospector 1 Topic** – Why did you decide to “Set Sail With Shorthorn”

**Prospector 2 Topic** – What is the most vital part of your family’s operation.

**Intermediate Topic:** How is urban expansion detrimental to the cattle industry?

**Senior Topic** – How should we integrate Artificial Intelligence into the Cattle Industry?

## Team Sales - All Age Divisions – topics vary by age category

**Prospector 1 & 2** –The team of 2 will present, promote “sell” their calf to the judging panel. Each junior will speak up to 2 minutes each with equal speaking time to the judging panel acting as potential customers. Presentation time limit 4 minutes plus up to 3 minutes of questions from the judging panel. The team may use as many tools as they deem necessary as long as they provide them. No microphones.

**Intermediate - The team of 2 will be selling a TransOva product or service**

Each junior will speak two minutes to the panel acting as potential customers. Presentation time is limited to a total of six minutes. Juniors will be questioned by the panel as potential buyers. Questions limited to 3 minutes. A team may use as many sales tools as they deem necessary - teams must provide their own sales tools. Microphones may or may not be used (depending on the environment)

**Senior – The team of 2 will present their Shorthorn business plan to the bank to receive a loan.** Teams will come prepared to this competition with the premise they are just graduating college with \$500, 10 cows and owning no land. Allotted presentation time: 4-6 minutes, plus three minutes of questions.

## Team Fitting

The purpose of the Team Fitting contest is to encourage AJSA members to work as a team while fitting an animal for the show ring. A team shall consist of FOUR people of the age divisions below. Must provide your own trim chute. 25 minutes  
Prospector (5 to 12 years) \* 1 supervising adult allowed in arena. – Int. (13 to 16 years) - Senior (17 years and up)

## Photography, Digitally Enhanced photo & Graphic Design

**These entries are due May 15 for State by emailing to [texasjuniorshorthorns@gmail.com](mailto:texasjuniorshorthorns@gmail.com) and Nationals by emailing to [contests@shorthorn.org](mailto:contests@shorthorn.org). Please include the statement of originality.**

If you do not receive a confirmation of receipt from Shelly or the Texas Junior Shorthorns email then we did not receive it. Please contact Shelly if you have any questions or did not get this information. Photos turned in at the show will not be judged.

**Photography** – All age divisions. The contest will select the best ‘Shorthorn picture’. Candid shots, scenic pasture views, any picture featuring a Shorthorn will be accepted. Cropping is allowed but no digital enhancement.

**Digital Photography** – Intermediate and Senior only. This category refers to photos that have been enhanced or altered in some way using a computer program such as Photoshop.

The contest will select the best ‘Agriculture picture’. Candid shots, scenic pasture views.

**Graphic Design** – Intermediate and Seniors only can show creativity by designing an ad. These ads have the potential to be published in the Shorthorn Country. This contest helps exhibitors learn design computer software while promoting the Shorthorn breed. Required Live Print Area is 7.485” x 9.833”

Intermediate (13 to 16 years) – promote AJSA - Senior (17 years and up) – promote Shorthorn Beef

## NJSS only contests and team point opportunities

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High School Graduates, Congratulations!

Email [texasjuniorshorthorns@gmail.com](mailto:texasjuniorshorthorns@gmail.com) and let us know what your plans are for next year!



Is it Your Last PREVIEW SHOW or JUNIOR NATIONAL?

Let us know by May 15.

The official age out of “junior showing” is December 31 of the year you turn 22. For those “retiring” AJSA members, send three to four photos and the brief write-up of your time as a member of AJSA to [shelby@shorthorn.org](mailto:shelby@shorthorn.org). We will include the information and fun photos in the Junior National exhibitor handbook for everyone attending to enjoy! Please also send it to [texasjuniorshorthorns@gmail.com](mailto:texasjuniorshorthorns@gmail.com)



## Junior Nationals Only opportunities!

Are you going to Sail Away With Shorthorns in Maryland?? June 15-22, 2024

When juniors participate in contests, they can earn points for the High Point Individual as well as Outstanding State Junior Association awards.

*Test your knowledge! Cattleman's Written Test and Herdsman Quiz Bowl.*

Herdsman Quiz Bowl is limited to 2 teams per state. Cattleman's Written Test is open to everyone.

### *Beef Cook Off Contest*

The objective of this contest is to encourage creativity and team work in the presentation as well as teach AJSA members about the beef industry. Each state can enter 2 teams of 4 that include atleast 1 Prospector. The designated selection of meat is Mock Tender Steak.

### *Career Development*

The purpose of this contest is to help prepare AJSA members for their future. Through creating a resume, cover letter and the interview, participants will gain many skills that can help them in their future career.

1) **This contest is for the senior division only.** 2) Participants must submit a resume, cover letter and their selected job.

### *Junior Herdsman Award*

Any senior member (ages 17-21) exhibiting cattle at the NJSS is eligible to receive this award.

Nomination committee will evaluate senior exhibitors on the following traits: hardworking, general involvement, role model, interaction with breeders/juniors, represents/advocates for Shorthorn breed.

### *Livestock Judging*

Open to all age divisions. The contest is suggested to include 4 classes (8 min. per class, 10 minutes for questions classes). There will be 10 questions. Prospector 1 will judge 2 classes and have 5 questions.

### *State Cook Off and Tailgate Party – Volunteers needed to coordinate.*

States are encouraged to participate in the state cook-off and tailgate party. States will cook about 500 samples of food to share with exhibitors. This food item can be your state specialty item or anything you think that exhibitors would enjoy! **Stop by and vote!** Exhibitors will vote on which food they like best and the state with the most tickets will be awarded points towards outstanding state. This tailgate party is a great way for states to come together and for exhibitors to have fun.

### *State Basket*

This competition will be judged on: Theme concept and continuity – 15 points Creativeness – 15 points Organization of materials – 10 points Overall effectiveness – 10 points Each basket will be auctioned off in a silent auction. ½ of the proceeds will be given to the state that created the basket the other ½ will be given to the AJSA. **It is a fundraiser!**

### *Sock Drive*

Help us to collect socks for those in need while earning points for our state; donate new socks, by the pair or the package. Socks will be tallied and totaled by state.

Collection will be available during state show at check in and all weekend for those that would like to donate.

*Again, for full details on each contest, see the rules at [juniorskorthorn.com](http://juniorskorthorn.com)*

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