

Official Rules for 76th Annual Competition

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CLASSES

1. Junior Heifer Calf (born on or after Mar. 1/17)
2. Intermediate Heifer Calf (born Dec. 1/16 - Feb. 28/17)
3. Senior Heifer Calf (born Sept. 1/16 - Nov. 30/16)
4. Summer Yearling Heifer (born June 1/16 - Aug. 31/16)
5. Junior Yearling Heifer (born Mar. 1/16 - May 31/16)
6. Intermediate Yearling Heifer (born Dec. 1/15 - Feb. 29/16)
7. Milking Yearling Heifer (born on or after Sept. 1/15)
8. Junior 2-Year-Old Female (born Mar. 1/15 - Aug. 31/15)
9. Senior 2-Year-Old Female (born Sept. 1/14 - Feb. 28/15)
10. Junior 3-Year-Old Female (born Mar. 1/14 - Aug. 31/14)
11. Senior 3-Year-Old Female (born Sept. 1/13 - Feb. 28/14)
12. 4-Year-Old Female (born Sept. 1/12 - Aug. 31/13)
13. 5-Year-Old Female (born Sept. 1/11 - Aug. 31/12)
14. Mature Cow (born prior to Sept. 1/11)
15. Longtime Production (60,000 kg milk or more lifetime)
16. Breeder's Herd - 3 animals (exhibitor must have bred all three animals and own at least one)
17. Junior Breeder's Herd - 3 animals (exhibitor must have bred all three animals and own at least one)
18. 4-H Junior Heifer Calf (born on or after Mar. 1/17)
19. 4-H Intermediate Heifer Calf (born Dec. 1/16 - Feb. 28/17)
20. 4-H Senior Heifer Calf (born Sept. 1/16 - Nov. 30/16)
21. 4-H Summer Yearling Heifer (born June 1/16 - Aug. 31/16)
22. 4-H Junior Yearling Heifer (born Mar. 1/16 - May 31/16)

(The 4-H name is used with the express permission of the Canadian 4-H Council. The Holstein Journal reserves the right to combine classes as the Nominating Committee deems necessary to ensure a quality competition.)

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for nomination in the All-Canadian contest the entry must:

- Be a purebred or 75% or higher in purity registered Holstein.
- Have placed in the top eight at the Royal Winter Fair; OR
- Have been in the top four at a Championship, Provincial, National, Spring Show or other major Holstein Association recognized show in Canada; OR
- Have been first, champion or reserve champion at a County Holstein Show in Canada or other Canadian Holstein Association recognized show not previously mentioned.
- Milking Yearling class – Yearling heifers who have freshened and been shown in milk must be entered in the milking yearling class. Animals may qualify for entry in this class on the basis of their placings in a milking class and/or as an unfreshened heifer earlier in the season.
- Animals who qualify in both the Longtime Production class and Mature Cow class can enter in only one All-Canadian class, not both, in the same year.
- In the Breeder's Herd and Junior Breeder's Herd classes no more than one change of animal will be allowed in the makeup of each herd. There can be no duplication of animals between any two Breeder's Herd groups.
- At shows not offering the above All-Canadian classes, the highest placing animals from the various age groups will still qualify for an All-Canadian entry.

4-H CLASSES

To be eligible for a 4-H entry:

- The contestant must be enrolled in a Canadian 4-H club in 2017 and show this animal as their project at the local 4-H Achievement Day. The 4-H member does not need to own the animal.
- **The 4-H member must lead their own 4-H animal at a minimum of two Holstein Association recognized shows, but one of those shows must be an "open" (not 4-H) Holstein Association recognized show in Canada.** The animal need only qualify at one of these shows to be eligible for an entry.

- The animal must have been in the top eight 4-H placings at the Royal Winter Fair; OR
- Place in the top eight at the Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic; OR
- Have been in the top four 4-H placings at Championship, Provincial, National, Spring Show, Western Canadian Classic Junior Dairy Show, or other major Holstein Association recognized shows in Canada; OR
- Have been champion, reserve champion or the highest placing 4-H heifer in its class at a County Holstein Show or other Canadian Holstein Association recognized show not previously mentioned.
- Only those shows where the 4-H member leads his/her own animal will be eligible for a nomination. Please mark on the entry at which shows the 4-H member was the leadsperson, and give the animal's placing in the open competition as well as their 4-H ranking.

ENTRY FORM & PHOTOGRAPHS

Exhibitors are required to submit an official entry form and photo for each animal or group they wish to enter. All 2017 show placings must be listed. A photocopy of the animal's Registration Certificate or Holstein Canada Animal Pedigree Information Sheet should accompany the entry. **All photos must be submitted as high resolution (300 dpi) digital images from the photographer.** Pictures must maintain the integrity of the animal. No digitally manipulated photos of the animal will be accepted, including the removal of the leadsperson in the photo. Entrants in the Breeder's Herd and Junior Breeder's Herd class must submit individual pictures of each of the three animals in their group. No group or composite photos will be accepted in the Breeder's Herd class. Photos must be a side-view portrait of the animal from the 2017 show season and show the milking age female in the same stage of lactation as when she competed.

ENTRY DEADLINE

All entries and photographs must be received by the Holstein Journal office by Friday, November 17th.

NOMINATION & SELECTION PROCEDURE

A Nominating Committee of judges will meet in early December to make selections in each class. Owners of nominated animals will be notified following the meeting. The nominations will then be submitted to a larger All-Canadian Selection Committee who will make the final determination of the All-Canadian, Reserve and Honourable Mention winners in each class. All-Canadian nominations will be published in the January 2018 issue of the *Holstein Journal*, with winners announced in the February issue.

NOMINATION FEE

Exhibitors who have entries selected for nomination in the "open" classes, will be required to pay a non-refundable nomination fee of \$150 per animal/group nominated. No fee will be charged for animals nominated in the 4-H classes. **Exhibitors must provide a valid credit card number when submitting their entry. Charges will only be assessed if the animal/group is nominated.** An alternate nominee will be selected and substituted in any class for which the fee is not paid on a nomination. **The full nomination fee can be applied as a credit towards an advertisement in the January, February or March 2018 issues of the *Holstein Journal*.**

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