

# **2026 Southern MO Jackpot Series Rules and Bylaws**

## **I. Organization**

- A. The Southern MO Jackpot Series (SMJS) is designed to allow junior livestock enthusiasts to participate and compete in SMJS-sanctioned shows. The SMJS members will accumulate points for exhibiting their market cattle, swine, sheep, goats, and breeding cattle, swine, sheep, goats at sanctioned events throughout the show season. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the circuit to exhibitors who achieve top honors for cattle, swine, sheep, and goats in their respective classes, breeds, and showmanship.
- B. The SMJS will collect \$1.00 per head from each sanctioned show with the results no later than 14 days after the show is held.
- C. Shows may be dual-sanctioned but must notify the Board for prior approval before the show is advertised.
- D. Each show will be required to use the approved breed list (see IV SMJC Rules and Shows, F for the approved breed listings).
- E. Our goal and responsibility is to follow the rules and set the best example possible for the youth, adults, and everyone involved in the livestock industry. This should be achieved at all levels. Our job is to recruit and teach others about the livestock industry by setting good examples.
- F. Goals of the SMJS
  1. Allow junior exhibitors to participate and compete throughout the summer and receive awards for their hard work and dedication to their livestock projects.
  2. Provide a positive learning experience for both junior members and their families by showing livestock, providing leadership opportunities, and teaching responsibility, cooperation, and good sportsmanship.
  3. Provide support for the state and national livestock breeders.
  4. To promote the welfare of the Missouri livestock industry.
  5. To provide opportunities for youth to acquire life skills such as knowledge, responsibility, decision-making, public speaking, and leadership. These skills are obtained through hands-on education and practical behavior that will enable them to become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of society.
  6. Make memories, life-long friendships, and have fun!

## **II. SMJS Board**

- A. The Board's duty will be to administer the general affairs of the SMJS. Founding Board members are volunteers and will serve on the board until they choose to quit. SMJS board members may be removed by majority vote. At that time, the remaining members will appoint a representative to the open seat on the board. Other board members may be appointed by current board members at their discretion.

### III. Membership

- A. Membership in the SMJS requires a \$40.00 membership fee per exhibitor with an additional \$5.00 per species added. To be eligible for SMJS points, membership must be submitted and paid for by May 15, 2026 .
- B. Membership is open to junior livestock exhibitors that are members in good standing of 4-H or FFA clubs.
- C. Members can be ages 5-21, but must be 21 years of age or younger as of January 1, 2026. As with any species/animal, the SMJS board reserves the right to disqualify any exhibitor where unsafe/dangerous circumstances are present or they become a danger to themselves or others.

### IV. SMJS Rules & Shows

- A. Animals must be ***OWNED, ENTERED, AND SHOWN by the individual SMJS member for points to be accumulated in the SMJS member's name.***
- B. If the exhibitor has more than one animal in a class, another youth exhibitor can show the owners' animal and the animal will receive the points.
- C. Once a SMJS member has shown the animal for points, no other SMJS member is eligible to receive points for that animal unless it is sold. A written receipt/invoice must be submitted to the SMJS prior to showing the animal to be eligible to receive points. Any animals shown by an exhibitor at a sanctioned show, cannot be shown for points by another exhibitor during the series. **All animals must be declared (nominated) by Friday, May 15th, for each individual exhibitor. This will be done through the Showman App this year. No late nominations will be allowed by Showman. For purebred livestock, registration papers will be uploaded and filed here as well.** Once your information is submitted and papers are uploaded, no changes can be made. Please ensure that all information is correct before you submit papers/information. *The exhibitor profile is a comprehensive portal for each exhibitor's information for the 2026 show season.*
- D. Points will be forfeited if a member is caught showing any animal show by a different exhibitor at any show. Animals must have an ear tag/ear notch to receive points. **If a member is caught in violation one time, they will lose ALL points for that day. If they are found in violation two times, they will forfeit points for the entire year.**
- E. Members must abide by all rules and regulations set by each individual show and sign a waiver of liability at each show as part of the registration process.
- F. Sanctioned shows must agree to have both market and breeding shows for all species and show by those specific breeds: Market Steers, Breeding Heifers, Market Barrows, Breeding Gilts, Market Lamb (wether), Breeding Lamb(wether dam), Market Goat (wether), Breeding Goats(Doe).
- G. All entries must provide a DOB to register, even if that breed/species will be shown by weight.
- H. **Questions/changes to posted results must be submitted within 10 days of release. After 10 days, points will stand. A member cannot ask for changes to a show result after 10 days.**
- I. **We welcome feedback and suggestions from members as a means to improve our show series in a way that benefits all exhibitors. Please complete the Member Feedback Form (link can be found on SMJS website) and submit your ideas/concerns. The board will review all submissions in a timely manner. Submissions must include the submitting party's information**

and the member's name. Submission does not guarantee that action will be taken, however, all forms that are correctly completed will be discussed and given careful consideration by the SMJS Board of Directors.

**Hog Breeds:**

**Light Crossbred, Dark Crossbred, Berkshire, Chester, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Landrace, Poland, Spot, Tamworth, Yorkshire**

**Light and Dark Crossbred clarification-Light and Dark Crossbred Barrow and Gilts will be shown as separate breeds. Any crossbreds with black hair or skin will be placed in the Dark division and all remaining crossbreds will be shown in the Light division, including Blue Butts and reds. Light Cross will always show before Dark Cross in the show order. Both will name a champion and reserve champion crossbred to represent their breed. Light and Dark will NOT be combined for TOP awards, respectively, they will remain as their own division. Gilts and barrows must not exceed 325 pounds at any show.**

**Cattle Breeds:**

**Steers: Angus, Charolais, Chianina, Crossbred, Gelbvieh, Hereford (Polled, Horned, Mini combined), Limousin, Maintainer, Maine-Anjou, Red Angus, Salers, Shorthorn, Shorthorn Plus, Simmental**

**\* Market cattle classes to include market steers only. There will be no market heifer division this year.**

**Heifer Breeds: Angus, Charolais, Composite Charolais, Chianina, Crossbred, Gelbvieh, Gelbvieh Balancer, Mini Hereford, Hereford (Polled and Horned), Limousin (combined) Maintainer, Maine-Anjou, Red Angus, % Red Angus, Salers, Shorthorn, Shorthorn Plus, Simmental, and Foundational Simmental.**

- J. Lambs and goats will show as market or breeding broken by weight.
- K. Crossbred classes will be shown by weight with all species.
- L. Sanctioned shows must provide full results to the SMJS immediately following the show, as well as champion pictures. Individual show committees are not responsible for SMJS points calculations, but accurate results are vital to correctly tabulating points standings.
- M. All purebred animals MUST HAVE registration papers to show as a purebred. A copy of the exhibitor's registration papers must be presented at each show to be eligible as a purebred. If no registration papers are presented, the animal will show as a crossbred until papers are presented. In the event a purebred is shown as a crossbred, points accumulated are not retroactive for the purebred division once papers are in hand. Registration papers must include the member's name.
- N. Showmanship competitions must be held for each species. Classes must be placed through 10th place. Each species must have the following divisions:
  - Novice Division-8 years and younger**
  - Junior Division-9 thru 11 years old**
  - Intermediate Division-12 thru 15 years old**
  - Senior-16 years and older**

- O. All pigs (barrows and gilts) must be farrowed on or after 12/1/2025.
- P. All goats must be born on or after 11/01/2025.
- Q. All lambs must be born on or after 1/1/2026.
- R. All cattle must be born on or after 9/1/2024.

**V. Point Accumulation and Point System**

- A. Members must show in at least 5 of the 7 SMJS shows to earn Year-End Awards.
- B. Members will receive points for their actual placing. No bumping up will be allowed if someone placed ahead of you is not a member of SMJS.
- C. Year-end awards will be presented for breed winners for each species and division. Overall market and breeding exhibitors for each species will also be awarded, as well as the Top 10 showmen in each division from each species.
  - 1. In the event of a tie, the following tie breakers will be used to determine the placing:
    - a. Number of shows attended
    - b. Number of animals exhibited
    - c. In the event of a tie, a point system will be used to break the tie: Grand Overall=8, Reserve Overall=7, Grand Champions=6, Reserve Champions=5, 1st=4, 2nd=3, 3rd=2, and 4th=1.
- D. Class points: The table below shows the points that will be awarded for each market and breeding class for each species.
- E. The 2026 season will consist of 7 SMJS-sanctioned shows. Points from the 5 highest-placing shows will count towards a member's overall points.

# of animals in the class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1-2	25	20								
3-5	40	35	30	25	20	5	5	5	5	5
6-10	45	40	35	30	25	5	5	5	5	5
11-15	50	45	40	35	30	5	5	5	5	5
16-20	55	50	45	40	35	5	5	5	5	5
21-25	60	55	50	45	40	5	5	5	5	5
26-30	65	60	55	50	45	5	5	5	5	5

- F. The Breed Grand and Reserve Champion animals will receive 15 and 10 points, respectively. The Grand and Reserve Overall from each species will receive 40 and 35 points, respectively. Third overall will receive 30 points, fourth overall will receive 25, and fifth overall will receive 20 points.

G. Showmanship points: The table below shows how showmanship points will be awarded for each age division.

<b>Placing</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>10th</b>
<b>Points</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>55</b>

### **Rookie of the Year Award**

Rookie applications will be live in mid-July with an August 1 deadline.

To be eligible, a rookie is a brand-new series member. They may not have been a member of the SMJS in previous years. They must be a series member in good standing with points for the 2025 season.

We will be awarding one rookie per species. The criteria will be a combination of the following categories for points earned:

- highest showmanship placing
- number of animals exhibited
- number of shows attended

The information on the application will be used in the event of a tie and is required for consideration of this award. Should a rookie win in more than one species, the highest points earned will decide the winning species for the exhibitor.

### **CODE OF ETHICS**

Believing it is in the best interest of all junior exhibitors to maintain a reputation of integrity and to present a wholesome and progressive image, the Southern MO Jackpot Series sets forth the following regulation: 4-H and FFA members, families, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves according to the best traditions of their respective organizations. Inappropriate conduct (drinking, stealing, vandalism, and indiscreet behavior) WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. Any violation of this rule will be grounds for disqualifying the exhibitor and/ or livestock involved. Further, any premium monies earned will be forfeited.

All rules and decisions are subject to the discretion of the SMJS Board of Directors. The SMJS Board of Directors will have the final decision regarding rules or regulations.

## **Protest and Appeal Procedure**

1. A protest against the exhibition of an animal must be made in writing to the SMJS Board of Directors. The reason for the alleged ineligibility and the rule governing the case must also be noted. If evidence sustaining the protest is necessary, the names and addresses of the witnesses must be given. If the protest cannot be heard and determined immediately, the judge may proceed with the show. If the protest is validated, the exhibitor/animal will forfeit the placing and prize/ premium.
2. In every case of protest, the protesting party must deposit with the board the sum of \$100.00. Should the protest be sustained, the deposit shall be refunded. Otherwise, it will be forfeited.
3. In addition to the right to protest herein granted to exhibitors, the board reserves the right to take cognizance of fraud consummated or attempted in connection with the animal, and take such action as may be deemed just and proper and as may be warranted on the premises.
4. The right of an exhibitor to appeal the decision of a judge to the board will lie only when it is charged that the award has been made in violation of the rules governing the animal, or when it is charged that the decision of the judge has been influenced or interfered with/by another.
5. No protest or appeal made upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent or have overlooked an animal will be considered by the board.
6. Decisions of awarding judges shall be final, and no appeal will be considered other than as herein provided.
7. All questions in dispute or differences not covered by these rules will be referred to the board of directors, whose decision will be final.

Upon termination or dissolution of the Southern Mo Jackpot Series, any assets lawfully available for distribution shall be distributed to one (1) or more qualifying organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or described in any corresponding provision of any successor statute) which organization or organizations have a charitable purpose which, at least generally, includes a purpose similar to the terminating or dissolving corporation.

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