**MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE**

**North American Limousin Foundation**

**Standard Rules & Regulations**

**for the Exhibition of Limousin and Lim-Flex® Cattle**

Level II

2016

1. Animals must be registered with the North American Limousin Foundation (NALF).
2. **All cattle shown including calves at the side of the dam must be:** 
   1. **75% Limousin (NALF percentage, not actual) or greater as indicated on orange NALF registration certificates**

**OR**

* 1. **Purple-papered Lim-Flex cattle as indicated by NALF registration certificates.**

**Percentage, fullblood, purebred and Lim-Flex cattle shall compete in the same classes and championships.**

1. If a show does not abide by the NALF MOE show rules exhibitors will not be awarded points for that show.
2. Animals must be properly tattooed and will be inspected at the show. Tattoos must be legible and match the registration certificates. If an animal's tattoo is not legible or cannot be read upon initial processing, it will be ineligible to show and not be allowed to return with a new or corrected tattoo.
3. To maintain a high degree of confidence in Limousin shows NALF reserves the right to disqualify any animal that has been fitted in an unethical manner. Unethical fitting shall include the following:
4. Any use of paints, colored show foam, graphite, colored powders or other substances; animals may be subject to a white-towel test;
5. The addition of any hair or hair like substances, including false tail heads and false polls (false tail switches are allowed);
6. The cutting, tearing or gluing of the hide or underneath the hide or removal of tissue in an attempt to alter the shape of the animal or the injection of any gas, solid or liquid under the hide to alter the normal conformation;
7. Any products, solutions or liquids administered internally or externally to alter the conformation of the animal is prohibited. That includes the use of steroids, growth stimulants and the act of artificially filling animals internally, which would include stomach pumping, drench tubes or any other method.

**EXCEPTION**: In the case of severely sick or dehydrated animals, the exhibitor may have fluids or electrolytes administered by the licensed official show veterinarian with the approval of the show superintendent or a NALF representative. That exception is not applicable on show day or weigh-in/check-in day.

1. Bulls older than one (1) year must show with a nose lead. The Limousin show superintendent and the show management reserve the right to disqualify animals deemed unmanageable.
2. Protests against exhibitors, individual animals or fitting violations must be submitted in writing, signed by five (5) active members of the NALF and presented to the show superintendent within12 hours of the show’s completion.
3. NALF reserves the right to mouth animals for dental development.
4. NALF reserves the right to collect hair samples from any animal.
5. Class size shall be to the discretion of the show superintendent and may not contain more than 20 head. The given classes may be split or combined only within their given division.
6. Calves exhibited alongside dams in the cow-calf division are eligible to show as individuals.
7. Animals shown must be solid red or black above the flanks, excluding birth marks.

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

**The following performance-data-submission requirements must be met by Dec. 1 to receive Medal of Excellence points.**

* 1. Birth weight (bulls and heifers)
  2. Weaning weight (bulls and heifers)
  3. Yearling weight (bulls and heifers)
  4. Yearling scrotal circumference
  5. Pregnancy test (females older than 600 days at season’s end)
  6. Breeding Soundness Exam and semen test (bulls older than 400 days)

**NOTE:**

Failure to have performance data on file at NALF will result in disqualification from the MOE program and no points will be awarded. It is the responsibility of the breeder/owner/exhibitor to submit that information without special requests from NALF.

**Credibility Requirement:**

To maintain a high degree of integrity and credibility in all Limousin shows, all owners and exhibitors are expected to adhere to all NALF rules and regulations regarding the exhibition of Limousin cattle and to adhere to rules and regulations of particular shows, fairs and exhibitions.

**MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE**

**POINT DISTRIBUTION**

**Number of entries shown MOE points awarded**

**51 entries and above :**

1st in class 15 points

2nd in class 13 points

3rd in class 11 points

4th in class 9 points

5th in class 7 points

6th in class 5 points

7th in class 4 points

8th in class 3 points

9th in class 2 points

10th in class 1 point

Division Champion 15 points

Division Reserve 12 points

Grand Champion 15 points

Reserve Grand 12 points

**26 to 50 entries shown:**

1st in class 10 points

2nd in class 8 points

3rd in class 6 points

4th in class 4 points

5th in class 2 points

Division Champion 10 points

Division Reserve 8 points

Grand Champion 10 points

Reserve Grand 8 points

**25 entries shown and under:**

1st in class 5 points

2nd in class 4 points

3rd in class 3 points

4th in class 2 points

5th in class 1 point

Division Champion 5 points

Division Reserve 3 points

Grand Champion 5 points

Reserve Grand 3 points

**MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE**

**LEVEL II SHOW CLASSES**

**THE FOLLOWING CLASS AND DIVISION BREAKS ARE SUGGESTED FOR SHOWS OCCURING JAN. 1 – JUNE 30, 2016**

***FEMALES:***

1. Junior Heifer Calf

Calved on or after Nov. 1, 2015

1. Early Junior Heifer Calf

Calved between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 2015

1. Late Junior Heifer Calf

Calved between July 1 and Aug. 31, 2015

**Division I Champion Female & Reserve Champion Female**

1. Senior Heifer Calf

Calved between May 1 and June 30, 2015

1. April Junior Yearling Female

Calved between April 1 and April 30, 2015

1. March Junior Yearling Female

Calved between March 1 and March 31, 2015

**Division II Champion Female & Reserve Champion Female**

1. Junior Yearling Female

Calved between Jan. 1 and Feb. 28, 2015

1. Late Yearling Female

Calved between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2014

**Division III Champion Female & Reserve Champion Female**

1. Fall Yearling Female

Calved between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 2014

1. Summer Senior Yearling Female

Calved between July 1 and Aug. 31, 2014

**Division IV Champion Female & Reserve Champion Female**

1. Senior Yearling Female

Calved between May 1 and June 30, 2014

1. Spring Yearling Female

Calved between March 1 and April 30, 2014

1. Early Senior Yearling Female

Calved between Jan. 1 and Feb. 28, 2014

**Division V Champion Female & Reserve Champion Female**

**GRAND CHAMPION AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE**

**Division I, II, III, IV, V Champion & Reserve Champion Division’s competing**

***COW/CALF Division***

**Cow/Calf Pair: Cows must be purple-papered Lim-Flex or at least 75% (3/4) Limousin with natural calf at side.**

Calf must be registered Limousin, percentage Limousin or Lim-Flex and not more than 250 days old on date of show. *Class may be broken into two or more classes at the discretion of show staff.*

**GRAND CHAMPION AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION COW/CALF**

***BULLS:***

1. Junior Bull Calf

Calved on or after Nov. 1, 2015

1. Early Junior Bull Calf

Calved between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 2015

1. Late Junior Bull Calf

Calved between July 1 and Aug. 31, 2015

**Division I Champion Bull & Reserve Champion Bull**

1. Early Senior Bull Calf

Calved between May 1 and June 30, 2015

1. Spring Yearling Bull

Calved between April 1 and April 30, 2015

1. Early Spring Yearling Bull

Calved between March 1 and March 31, 2015

**Division II Champion Bull & Reserve Champion Bull**

1. Junior Yearling Bull

Calved between Jan. 1 and Feb. 28, 2015

1. Late Senior Yearling Bull

Calved between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2014

**Division III Champion Bull & Reserve Champion Bull**

1. Senior Yearling Bull

Calved between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 2014

1. Summer Senior Yearling Bull

Calved between July 1 and Aug. 31, 2014

**Division IV Champion Bull & Reserve Champion Bull**

1. Spring Senior Yearling Bull

Calved between May 1 and June 30, 2014

1. Two-year Old Bulls

Calved between Jan. 1 and April 30, 2014

1. Three-year Old Bulls

Calved between Jan. 1, 2013 and Dec. 31, 2013

**Division V Champion Bull & Reserve Champion Bull**

**GRAND CHAMPION AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL**

**Division I, II, III, IV, V Champion & Reserve Champion Divisions competing**

**Champions will be selected as follows:**

***FEMALES***

Division I, II, III, IV, V Champion and Reserve Champion

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Female

***BULLS***

Division I, II, III, IV, V Champion and Reserve Champion

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion

***GROUP CLASSES***

**Produce-of-Dam:**

Two (2) head shown in individual classes produced by one dam. May be owned by different exhibitors. Both sexes may be represented.

**Junior Get-of-Sire:**

Three (3) head shown in individual classes calved on or after Sept. 1, 2014. Both sexes represented. Can be owned by multiple exhibitors.

**Senior Get-of-Sire:**

Four (4) head shown in individual classes at any age. Both sexes represented. Can be owned by multiple exhibitors.

**Breeders Best 5 Head:**

Five (5) head shown in individual classes any age. Must be bred by and owned or co-owned by a single exhibitor. Both sexes may be represented.

**THE FOLLOWING CLASS AND DIVISION BREAKS ARE SUGGESTED FOR SHOWS OCCURING JULY 1 – DEC. 31, 2016**

***FEMALES:***

1. Spring Heifer Calf

Calved on or after March 1, 2016

1. Junior Heifer Calf

Calved between Jan. 1 and Feb. 29, 2016

**Division I Champion Female & Reserve Champion Female**

1. Winter Heifer Calf

Calved between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2015

1. Senior Heifer Calf

Calved between Sept. 1 and Oct. 21, 2015

**Division II Champion Female & Reserve Champion Female**

1. Late Summer Yearling Female

Calved between July 1 and Aug. 31, 2015

1. Summer Yearling Female

Calved between May 1 and June 30, 2015

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1. April Junior Yearling Female

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Calved between March 1 and March 31, 2015

1. Junior Yearling Female

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1. Late Yearling Female

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1. Fall Yearling Female

Calved between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 2014

1. Summer Senior Yearling Female

Calved between July 1 and Aug. 31, 2014

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Calved on or after March 1, 2016

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1. Senior Yearling Bull

Calved between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2014

1. Senior Yearling Bull

Calved between May 1 and Aug. 31, 2014

1. Two-year Old Bulls

Calved between Jan. 1 and April 30, 2014

**Division V Champion Bull & Reserve Champion Bull**

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