

# CJHA NATIONAL JR HEREFORD SHOW BONANZA RULES & REGULATIONS 2026

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### **CHA MOE Show**

Bonanza is a CHA sanctioned MOE Show and follows MOE show rules where applicable.

### **Health Regulations**

All provincial health regulations in effect during the week of Bonanza will be followed.

### **Age Divisions as of January 1**

- ❖ Mini Herfs under 5
- ❖ Pee Wee 5 - 8
- ❖ Junior 9 - 12
- ❖ Intermediate 13 - 16
- ❖ Senior 17 - 21

*CJHA membership terminates on the 31st of December following your 22nd birthday.*

*Mini-Herfs are allowed to participate in non-livestock events. Special activities and events will be planned daily for this age group.*

### **Awards Information:**

#### **Bob Gordon Memorial Award/Grand Aggregate Competition**

Points will be awarded for participation and individual competition results at Bonanza, which includes the Cattle Shows, Individual skill competitions, and 4 selected photo/art & literature competitions.

#### **Major Jay Fox Ambassador Award**

This award is presented by Justamere Ranches and the Fox Families, to Bonanza participants who abide by ethical and showmanship standards, who show a kind spirit and who willingly help their fellow competitors whenever the need arises, acting as honorable ambassadors for their group. CJHA members will nominate two Bonanza participants, one from their age division, and one at large. Final selections will be chosen by the Adult Advisors and one member of the Fox family or a designated representative at the end of the event. Awards will be presented to each age division with one overall Ambassador Award presented.

#### **Premier Breeder Competition**

The Premier Breeder award will be awarded to the Bonanza participant whose bred animals accumulate the highest number of points based upon their highest six placings in the Confirmation Classes. The Junior participant must be listed as the breeder of the exhibited animal. Points will be calculated based on show rules. A participant who buys and shows an animal from another CJHA member can accumulate points for the original Junior breeder, given that they are also a Bonanza participant.

#### **Premier Exhibitor Award**

Premier Exhibitor is an award presented to the Junior exhibitor with the most total points for animals exhibited and shown based on their highest six (6) placings in the Open Show.

## AGGREGATE COMPETITIONS:

Aggregate points are earned by competing in the following competitions and shows: Individual Competitions (Public Speaking, Judging, Showmanship & Grooming), Cattle Shows (Open, Bred & Owned, Heifer Lottery and Commercial) and Arts, Literature, Photography section( Art - Section A - Advertisement, Art - Section D - Stall Card, Literature - Section B1 - Fictional Story (peewee, junior) Literature - Section B2 - Cover Letter/Resume (intermediate, senior), NEW!! Multi-Media Video - must be prepared and submitted BEFORE Bonanza - please refer to the Competition details)

The more competitions entered; the more points may be accumulated. These points are used to determine the Bob Gordon Memorial Grand Aggregate Award and Age Division winners.

\*Bonanza participants must participate in at least two of the four Individual Competitions and two of the four Specified Competitions from the Photo, Arts, Literature section to be eligible for the Aggregate competition.

Points are awarded for participation and placings in competitions, awards and number of head entered. Points earned in all 4 cattle shows, all 4 Individual competitions and all 4 Specified art and literature competitions will count towards the Aggregate." Provincial or Team competitions do not count towards the Aggregate total.

#### **CJHA AD Competition Fundraiser**

This competition is open to individuals or teams of up to 3 juniors. Design a one-page advertisement (digital) to be placed in the Canadian Hereford Digest to Promote Bar J-M. Juniors must contact Sarah Darraugh Email: sarahdarraugh@hotmail.com or phone (613) 334-1992 to receive photographs and other essential information necessary for the advertisement. The advertisement entry, along with a 250 words or less written explanation of the marketing strategy used in the design of the advertisement must be completed and **submitted to Bar J-M via email by July 1st 2026**. Judging will be completed before bonanza starts and the winner will be announced at bonanza. This competition is open to all CJHA members with activity fees paid for the year of bonanza. The winner(s) will receive a \$250 cash prize. The ad must conform to the following Digest specs: Page size is 8.25" by 10.75". Plus a ¼ inch bleed around all sides. The live area is 7.25" by 9.75". (Hint: don't put anything important close to the edge as it may be cut off when the magazine is trimmed).

#### **Individual Judging Competition**

Open to four age divisions: Pee Wee, Junior, Intermediate and Senior. Time will be limited to 15 minutes for each class of animals. Placings and written reasons will be judged using the Hormel system. Oral reasons will be limited to three minutes. Judging cards may be used while giving oral reasons. Scoring: Judging card 50%; oral reasons 50%. A scribe will be provided for participants that are unable to write their own judging cards. Must be pre-selected on entry form. No changes will be allowed at registration.

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## Individual Showmanship Competition

Open to four age divisions: Pee Wee, Junior, Intermediate and Senior. A participant may use other exhibitor's animals. Must be pre-selected on the entry form, no changes will be allowed at registration. \*\*\*NO YEARLING BULLS, OR 2 YEAR OLD BULLS ALLOWED IN SHOWMANSHIP\*\*\*NO EXCEPTIONS\*\*\*

## Individual Grooming Competition

Open to four age divisions: Pee Wee, Junior, Intermediate and Senior. Pee Wees will have 10 minutes and all other age divisions will have 15 minutes to groom. Animals must be brought to the competition only having been clipped and washed. If any products are detected on the animal prior to competition, this will result in disqualification. Everyone must enter the chutes with a rope and show halter on their animals. Power and a blower will be provided. (Clippers are allowed).

## Individual Public Speaking Competition

Open to age divisions: Pee Wee, Junior, Intermediate and Senior. Speeches are to be prepared or impromptu. Juniors must choose only one type of speech - either prepared or impromptu. Time limits per speech: Pee Wee: 1- 2 minutes; Juniors: 2-3 minutes; Intermediates: 3-4 minutes and Seniors: 4- 6 minutes. Impromptu are 1-2 mins for Pee Wee and Juniors, 2- 3 min for Intermediates and Seniors.

## Photography Competition \*

Open to all CJHA members attending Bonanza. There will be five age divisions. Each member may only submit one piece of art per section. The photo must have been taken by the entrant. Photos no larger than 5" x 7" will be accepted, no borders or frames allowed photos only.

**Section A:** Hereford Influence/Commercial cattle – capture the impact and presence of Hereford genetics within commercial cattle operations. Photos should highlight how Herefords contribute to productivity, adaptability and herd quality.

**Section B:** Herefords in color – showcase the beauty of Hereford cattle through vibrant and striking imagery. For example: Hereford at sunset.

**Section C:** Life on the farm – Images may include livestock, machinery, people, and activities that reflect the spirit and reality of life on the farm.

Photos will be judged based on how well they fit into the categories provided, as well as creativity, how well they communicate the message, technical quality (lighting, colour, overall focus.)

## Hereford Art Competition \*

Open to all CJHA members attending Bonanza. There will be five age divisions. Each member may only submit one piece of art per section. The art must have been created by the entrant.

**Section A:** Advertisement - Cattle Sale, Event or Magazine

CJHA members are to create a one-page advertisement that advertises a cattle sale, event or farm. Must include a summary no longer than 500 words. The summary must explain how the ad was made, what inspiration was used, where your information came from as well as if you used AI, how you used it and what program you used.

## **\*(Aggregate Competition)\***

**Section B:** Collage – must have Hereford cattle in it

**Section C:** Creative Arts

Members could choose a medium of their choice (examples such as sculpture, painting or drawing) to create art based on the Hereford breed. Judging is based on creativity and presentation.

**Section D:** Stall Card Competition

CJHA members will choose a registered Hereford animal to create a digitally designed stall card (12 inches by 18 inches) that could be used at a show. A physical 12 inches by 18 inches copy must be printed off to display at Bonanza. The stall card must follow MOE show rules containing the animal's name, date of birth, dam, sire, birth weight, weight, and EPDs. The cards will be judged on having the correct information and overall eye appeal as well as being easy to read from a distance. Participants will choose any animal from the Canadian Hereford Association Website.

## **\*(Aggregate Competition)\***

## Literature Competition \*

Open to all CJHA members attending Bonanza. There will be five age divisions. Each member may only submit one piece of art per section. The literature must have been created by the entrant.

**Section A:** Poem

No more than 100 words.

**Section B:** Fiction story (**Only open to** Mini Herfs, Pee Wees, and Juniors)

Create a fictional story about something with Hereford animals. Stories will be judged off of creativity. (No more than 1500 words.)

## **\*(Aggregate Competition)\***

**Section B:** Resume/ Cover Letter (**Only open to** Intermediates, and Seniors)

Creating a resume and cover letter based on the job description for CHA Executive Director The overall eye appeal of the resume, the professionalism of the cover letter, and how it relates to the job posting will be the base criteria for the competition. Create your own background, education, skills, experience, and criteria to fit into the job description. (More than 1 page, no more than 2 pages)

## **\*(Aggregate Competition)\***

**Section C:** Non-fictional story of your choice based on the ag industry. Your farm, your herd, your show experience...

(No more than 1000 words.)

## \*Multimedia Video Presentation \*

Prepare a multimedia video presentation (1-3 minutes), on the following age category specific topics. You must include a written summary, no longer than 500 words, explaining the video concept

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and how it was made. Submission must include a headshot of the Junior. Must be registered in Bonanza 2026 to compete. By entering, you agree the entry submission may be used by the CJHA for social media purposes.

## Topics:

- Pee wee or Junior - Herd Health Monitoring; What to watch for to prevent illness.
- Intermediate or Senior - Sustainable Cattle Production; What characteristics contribute to making Herefords part of the sustainable Agriculture Solution.

Entries (Video, Written Summary and Headshot) must be submitted by June 15 via the Bonanza Registration link: [show link here](#)

**\*(Aggregate Competition)\***

## Cattle Shows:

- Open Show
- Bred & Owned Show
- Heifer Lottery Show
- Commercial Show

## TEAM COMPETITIONS:

### Team Judging Competition

Four Age divisions: Pee Wee, Junior, Intermediate and Senior. Teams of two for Junior, Intermediate and Senior (a judge and one ring person). Pee Wee teams will consist of two judges and one senior member who will act as the ring person. The ring person will work the ring and the judge will evaluate a class of four cattle and give oral reasons for placings. Top 10 participants from individual judging will be paired to create the teams (1 with 10, 2 with 9, etc). There will be a 8-minute time limit on the class. **PEEWEE do not need to talk on microphone**

### Team Grooming Competition

Teams will be made up of one participant from each age category: senior, intermediate, and junior. Teams will be provided with power and a blower (clippers are allowed). Teams will have 15 minutes to fit one animal for the show ring. Animals must be brought to the competition only having been clipped and washed. If any products are detected on the animal prior to competition, this will result in disqualification. Animals must enter the chute wearing a rope halter and show halter.

### Little League Grooming

Must be pre-selected on entry form. Teams consisting of two Pee Wee members. Teams have the option to nominate a maximum of one junior age division member to act as an advisor. The advisor cannot groom. The team must groom one animal in 10 minutes, and then display the groomed animal in the show ring for the completion of judging. Blowers will be allowed in the Little League Grooming Competition, but clippers will not be allowed. Animals must enter the chute wearing a rope halter and show halter. **Do not need to preselect teams.**

## Provincial Team Competitions:

### Team Marketing Competition

Please indicate your interest on the entry form, teams will be picked by province. Open to all Bonanza participants. Teams will consist of three participants of any age. At least two members must speak during the presentation. Presentations are to be three to six minutes long. The objective of the competition is to encourage team participation, communication skills, marketing skills and a general knowledge of the selling points of an animal. An animal may be picked by the marketing team, or one may be provided. The marketing team must convince the judges to purchase the animal based on pedigree, performance information and phenotype. But other criteria may be used. Points will be awarded for knowledge, creativity, salesmanship, and originality. Teams should provide the judges with a copy of the animal's registration certificate. Judges can ask questions. Teams will be penalized for using any notes.

### Provincial Booth Competition

Each province will be given a table to decorate as they see fit. This must include a provincial basket, a physical or digital scrapbook, or photo display, and identifiable provincial items and promotional material.

### Great Griller Competition

Please indicate your interest on the entry form, teams will be picked by province. One team per province, consisting of 4 members (1 from each age category). Teams will have 20 minutes to prepare the meal. The team will have access to the meat at any time during the day of competition. Competition is judged by 3 judges-40% taste, 20% teamwork and 40% presentation (which includes cooking the ground beef, which is provided), table setting, utensils, and serving the steak). Props- i.e., costumes, table settings, etc. are allowed but are the responsibility of each team. The Bonanza Committee will supply the meat, table, and chairs. No alcohol permitted.

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*the partnership will end when the oldest partner ages out of the CJHA. For this reason, members are encouraged to take out single CJHA memberships and register their cattle under their own name if they intend to participate and show in Bonanza.*

## **BONANZA RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Bonanza is a CHA sanctioned MOE Show and follows MOE show rules where applicable.

1. Bonanza is open to all Junior Hereford Association members from Canada or from foreign countries who are registered members of their respective Hereford Associations. **Canadian members must have their annual CJHA Membership paid before entries can be processed. CJHA membership MUST be paid through the CHA office and not to the Bonanza Committee.**
2. **Cattle Entry Fee:** \$85 per single animal entered. Initial bedding will be provided and included in this fee. Cow/Calf entries will be considered one entry unless the calf is also entered separately in a calf class. There is no entry fee for group classes or individual and team competitions. When an animal is entered in the Open show, as well as the Semen donation and/or Bred and Owned show, they will only pay one entry fee. **Entries are processed only after payment in full is received. Therefore, if payment is received after June 15th, late entry fees will apply. If payment is not received by July 1st entries will be discarded.**
3. The **ENTRY DEADLINE** is **June 15th, 2026**. Late entries will be accepted up until June 30th at the latest. (Late entry fee is \$100 from June 15th – June 30th, 2025) All entries postmarked after this date will not be accepted.
4. **Substitutions** will be allowed until **June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026** for an additional fee of \$100. No substitutions will be allowed after this date. Substitutions made can only be for the same animal type (yearling heifer for yearling heifer), and into the same classes as previously entered.
5. All purebred Hereford entries must include **Proof of Registration**. Entries which are not accompanied by proof of registration will not be accepted and the entry fee forfeited. If a registration is pending, this must be declared on the entry form. However, all purebred Herefords must be registered by the start of Bonanza and proof of registration must be provided at the registration desk. All purebred entries must have a legible tattoo that will be confirmed when the cattle are weighed. Weights and EPDs must be displayed on each animal's stall card as per MOE show rules. Scrotal measurements will be done.
6. CHA stall cards will be provided for animals.
7. All animals must have a CCIA indicator in place.
8. The Bonanza Open and Bred and Owned Shows will adhere to current Canadian Hereford Association MOE rules. The rules can be found at [www.hereford.ca/moe.php](http://www.hereford.ca/moe.php)
9. An animal is considered eligible in the Bonanza Bred and Owned show, if the Breeder ID number (registered as a junior membership) is the SAME as the Owner ID number (registered as a junior membership). *\*Note: If the CJHA membership involves two or more juniors (Partnership) eligibility of bred and owned animals within*
10. **Heifer Lottery Show Rules & Eligibility**
  - The female must be purchased from a recognized CJHA Heifer Lottery Sale or Breeder at the year of purchase.
  - The female must be transferred into a Junior membership. The CJHA discourages transfer into junior partnerships (no longer available). Any partnership with an adult membership or commercial designation will be ineligible for competition.
  - Proof of purchase (copy of bill of sale) must be included in entries to the Heifer Lottery Show Committee (Bonanza Committee)
  - Females may not be purchased and transferred from direct relatives or family herds.
  - A Junior membership may only enter one animal per division in the CJHA Heifer Lottery Show.
  - The CJHA Heifer Lottery Show will consist of the following Purebred divisions: Heifer Calf, Yearling Heifer and 2-Year-Old Cow with Calf and Hereford-Plus divisions: Heifer Calf, Yearling Heifer and 2-Year-Old Cow with Calf.
11. **Commercial cattle** entries must be accompanied by a photograph of the animal and their CCIA indicators. Cattle must exhibit Hereford influence as defined by the CHA. The Bonanza show committee and entry taker will decide eligibility of each entry based on the photograph, and supporting documentation upon receipt of the registration. Entries which are not accompanied by a photo and CCIA indicators, or entries that are determined not to display adequate Hereford characteristics or supporting documentation, will be disqualified and the entry fee returned. Commercial entries are eligible to be shown in the Commercial and Market Steer classes as well as in Showmanship and Grooming classes. All commercial bull calves must be castrated to be eligible to be shown.

### **CHA Definition of Hereford Influence:**

#### **100% Hereford Influence**

A straight bred Hereford animal that has not been registered or is not eligible for registration in the Canadian Hereford Association.

#### **1/2 Hereford Influence**

50% Hereford genetics verified to a registered Hereford Sire or registered Hereford Dam. This must be verified through an Affidavit and utilizing CHA registry database information OR through a DNA based breed composition test as approved by the CHA.

#### **1/4 Hereford Influence**

25% Hereford genetics further defined as a second generation cross on Hereford Influence animals. These animals are eligible for Hereford Influence shows and should display Hereford markings but in some cases may not. It is mandatory that they be genetically verified through an approved DNA breed composition test in accordance with CHA policy and procedure to confirm Hereford heritage.

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## Hereford Plus

All Hereford Plus animals recorded in the CHA database are automatically assigned Hereford Influence status.

## Commercial

All other animals, regardless of level of Hereford Influence, are welcome to exhibit in a designated Commercial Class, which are decided at the discretion of the respective show committee

12. **Tampering** with cattle is strictly prohibited.
13. All handlers are expected to be in the control of the animals at all times. If an animal presents a safety risk for Bonanza participants the show committee reserves the right to remove the animal from the show at any time. The ringmen, marshalls and judge will have authority over this decision.
14. Pee Wee participants may only show yearling heifers, steers, or calendar year heifer calves, and calendar year bull calves. Pee Wee participants **MUST** be always accompanied in the ring by an intermediate or senior member.
15. All yearling and two-year-old bulls must be always handled with a ring when out of their stall. Humbugs will only be permitted on bull calves. As per the MOE rules, the scrotal circumference is measured at the show for all bulls.
16. Cattle may arrive after on **Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> morning, 2026 in tie outs**. All cattle must be stalled in the barn by **8:00 am on Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026**. Cattle will be released following the conclusion of the show on **Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. **Cattle must be off the grounds by 1p.m. on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 . Cattle cannot leave grounds after arrival unless given permission to do so by a designated vet, otherwise they will be disqualified from the show. (Vet info will be posted in cattle building)**
17. All animals will be stalled by family/Farm. Stalling will be assigned by the Bonanza Committee. For requests, you must specify on entry form. No farm/breeder signs allowed
18. **Nurse cow pens** are only available for cows not being shown in Bonanza. A flat fee of \$50 per pen will be charged to cover gate rentals and bedding for the entire week.
19. **Cattle Health:** All animals must be free of any transmissible or zoonotic disease. Any animal showing signs of infection will be inspected by a veterinarian and will be dealt with accordingly at the expense of the owner.
20. Bonanza 2026 will allow the use of aerosols.  
**(not in marshaling area!)**
21. All members are required to wear their show shirt for all competitions, including Opening Ceremonies, and the group photo. No ball caps will be permitted in the show ring or the opening ceremonies. Cowboy hats are permitted. Exceptions may be permitted for individual judging and public speaking competitions, where the competitor may wear a shirt and sports jacket or blouse and blazer.
22. Only Registered, Bonanza participants are permitted to groom (wash, blow, clip, etc.) or fit cattle at Bonanza. Non-juniors may assist with stall set-up, clean-up, feeding, watering, and walking animals, while the associated Junior member(s) is actively participating in the activity. Bonanza encourages youth to take responsibility for the care and preparation of cattle without adult or professional help. The safety of all participants, spectators and animals takes precedence in situations when adult intervention is required. Juniors that are involved in any infraction will be given ONE warning by the Bonanza Compliance Committee. If found to have another infraction that junior will be Disqualified from the Grand Aggregate Competition
23. All animals entered by an exhibitor must be shown by the exhibitor unless:
  - In the case where a member has more than one entry in the same class, or approval by the show committee (i.e. junior has been injured)
  - In group class
24. Grooming – The animal entered in grooming must be the same animal shown in showmanship, you cannot switch animals between classes.
25. Showmanship – if you are selected out of your class for the showmanship championship round you must show the same animal that you advanced with, unless two juniors advanced with the same animal.
26. Tie-outs- Cattle will be released to tie-outs after 5 p.m. each day or end of show. Neck ties are mandatory at tie-out.
27. All Bonanza rules will be enforced by the Bonanza Compliance Committee.
28. The Bonanza committee reserves the right to determine eligibility of all entries based on show rules and requirements.
29. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, DRUGS, SMOKING, OR VAPING WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE BARN OR AT COMPETITIONS.**
30. Digital copies of all photography, art and literature entries become the property of the CJHA and may be used for promotion of CJHA events and activities on social media platforms. Credits will be provided when possible. The originals must be picked up by entrants by 9 p.m. on Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
31. Initial bedding/shavings will be provided. Bedding at tie outs will be supplied. All bedding after initial supply is the responsibility of the exhibitor. Exhibitors are responsible for their own feed.
32. Stall cards must be displayed by 8am Tuesday July 21, 2026

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## CONFORMATION CLASSES

### Bred and Owned

- Class 1 Bred & Owned Cow with calf born in 2026
- Class 2 Bred & Owned heifer calf born in 2026
- Class 3 Bred & Owned yearling heifer born in 2025
- Class 4 Bred & Owned bull calf born in 2026
- Class 5 Bred & Owned yearling bull born in 2025
- Class 6 Bred & Owned senior bull born in 2024
- Class 7 Three head from one family (siblings)

### Heifer Lottery

- Class 10 2 year old with calf born in 2026
  - Class 11 Heifer Calf born in 2026
  - Class 12 Yearling Heifer born in 2025
  - Class 13 Hereford Plus 2 year old with calf born in 2026
  - Class 14 Hereford Plus Heifer Calf born in 2026
  - Class 15 Hereford Plus Yearling Heifer born in 2025
- Animals that have been purchased from Heifer Lottery sales or private treaty breeders.*

### Commercial Show

- Class 16 Cow with calf born in 2026
- Class 17 Steer calf born in 2026
- Class 18 Heifer calf born in 2026
- Class 19 Yearling Heifer born in 2025

### Open Show

- Class 20 Two-Year-Old Cow with calf born in 2026
- Class 21 Cow born prior to 2024 with calf born in 2026
- Class 22 Heifer calf born on or after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026
- Class 23 Yearling Heifer born in 2025
- Class 24 Bull calf born on or after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026
- Class 25 Yearling Bull born in 2025
- Class 26 Two-Year-Old Bull born in 2024
- Class 27 Three head from one family (siblings)