

# THE 2017 ALL AMERICAN CONTEST

The All-American Program recognizes the outstanding animals exhibited at State, Regional and National shows during the current calendar year. The option to enter online is available, as well as submission of ALL information to the Purebred Publishing office at 1224 Alton Darby Creek Rd., Columbus, OH 43228

For the 2017 show season, the All-American competition will consist of the following Classes:

**Spring Heifer Calf** (born on or after 3/1/17 and is 4 months of age)

**Winter Heifer Calf** (born 12/1/16 thru 2/28/17)

**Fall Heifer Calf** (born 9/1/2016 thru 11/30/2016)

**Summer Yearling Heifer** (born 6/1/16 thru 8/31/16)

**Spring Yearling Heifer** (born 3/1/2016 thru 5/31/16)

**Winter Yearling Heifer** (born 12/1/15 thru 2/28/16)

**Fall Yearling Heifer** (born 9/1/15 thru 11/30/15)

**Yearling in Milk** (born on or after 9/1/15)

*\*\*Yearling heifers that have freshened and are shown in milk must be entered in the Fall Yearling in Milk 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.*

**Junior Two Year Old Cow** (born 3/1/15 thru 8/31/15)

**Senior Two Year Old Cow** (born 9/1/14 thru 2/28/15)

**Junior Three Year Old Cow** (born 3/1/14 thru 8/31/14)

**Senior Three Year Old Cow** (born 9/1/13 thru 2/29/14)

**Four Year Old Cow** (born 9/1/12 thru 8/31/13)

**Five Year Old Cow** (born 9/1/11 thru 8/31/12)

**Aged Cow** (born before September 1, 2011)

**Production/Component Merit Cow** - *Swiss & Shorthorn*

**Dam & Daughter** (Group to consist of two females, any age, where one is the dam and the other is her daughter.) *Guernsey & Swiss only*

**Produce of Dam** (Group to consist of two females, any age, that are maternal sisters.) *Guernsey & Swiss*

**Jr. Best Three Females** (Group to consist of three females born on or after September 1, 2014 which have not yet calved. Each must have been bred, all or in part, by its exhibitor and at least two must be owned, all or in part, by its exhibitor) *Guernsey & Swiss*

**Sr. Best Three Females** (Group to consist of three females, two milking age, one any age, all to have been bred, all or in part, by their exhibitor and at least two must be owned, all or in part, by their exhibitor.) *All breeds*

**Exhibitor's Herd** (Group of five females to consist of two of any age that have calved at least once; two born on or after September 1, 2014 which have not yet calved; and one of any age. Three of these females must have been bred, all or in part, by the exhibitor. All must be owned, all or in part, by the exhibitor.) *Guernsey only*

Note: A cow qualifying in a dry cow class is eligible for competition in her respective standard class providing the picture represents her in the same show ring condition as when she qualified.

**PICTURES** - It shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor to secure and supply the pictures of the animals being entered in the All-American contest.

It is encouraged that ALL photos be submitted electronically either from the professional photographer or owner to [allamericanentry@gmail.com](mailto:allamericanentry@gmail.com).

**PICTURES MUST BE RECEIVED BY PUREBRED PUBLISHING BY NOVEMBER 25.**

*Failure to supply photo by deadline will result in dismissal from the contest and forfeiture of all fees.*

ALL PHOTOS must be a professional photo taken by a livestock photographer that is an unretouched color glossy print digital or 5x7 hard copy. ON THE BACK MUST BE NAME, REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE TAKEN. Pictures must be taken during the current year and show the animal in the same stage of growth and/or lactation as when making the qualifying show ring appearance. Pictures will remain in the Purebred Publishing after the contest and be used for any promotional purposes. For competition in the group classes, an individual picture of each animal in the group must be submitted. The pictures must be of the animals which are shown when the group qualified for entry. If substitutions are made in a group from one show to the next, different entries must be made for each qualifying combination. Partnership bred animals, outside the family, cannot be used in the Best Three Females classes.

All applicants must be in good standing with both Purebred Publishing and their respective Associations.

Any accounts 90-days or more past due will be ineligible until balance is paid in full or payment arrangements are established with the various entities.

## BROWN SWISS

### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for entry in the All-American contest, the animals must meet the following qualifications:

1. Place 1st through 6th place at a National Show or place 1st or 2nd at any other shows designated as qualifying shows by the National Show Committee and Board of Directors (qualifying shows listed on this page following the rules).

2. Must be shown at a qualifying show within the U.S.

Note: A cow qualifying in a dry cow class is eligible for competition in her respective standard class providing the picture represents her in the same show ring condition as when she qualified. If she qualified as both a milking cow and a dry cow, it is the owner's option which picture to use.

### ENTRIES

Entries must include the following information listed, using an official entry blank or entered online at [purebredpublishing.com](http://purebredpublishing.com). One picture for each class entry, and a \$20 fee per entry. An application and link is available on the Brown Swiss Association website and will be published in the September issue of the Brown Swiss Bulletin.

1. Name, registration and birthdate of animal 2. Class 3. Date photo was taken 4. Name and address of owner and breeder 5. All placings at qualifying shows during the current year, including udder placings 6. Best 305-day production record for cows and current record in progress should also be included.

Each All-American entry must be accompanied by a \$20 entry fee made out to Purebred Publishing. All photos and entries must be postmarked on or before December 1 and online entries must be received by midnight December 1.

Information on all entry blanks will be verified for accuracy. Each entry along with photo is sent to the Nominating Committee which will consist of the National Show judges who will rank each nomination. These will be their official and final votes for the contest as well. Ballots will be tallied and nominated animals determined.

Breeders with nominated animals will be notified and be invoiced \$80 for each nominated entry which must be paid within 2 weeks of the invoice in order for the animal to continue in the contest.

**Deadlines: Guernsey & Milking Shorthorn - November 15 / Brown Swiss - December 1**

**Submit all entries by DEADLINE to:**

**The All-American Contest, Purebred Publishing, 1224 Alton Darby Creek Rd., Columbus, OH 43228**

The additional judges include all those who are on the Brown Swiss Association Approved Judges List as of December 1, 2017 and who served as judge at any of the qualifying shows. These judges will receive a judging packet containing a ballot and the nomination booklet, or they may request the information by email for judging. Judges with any interest, either monetary or relational to entries and/or nominees, should refrain from voting in those classes. The ballots will be tallied and published in the Bulletin. An online Readers/People's Choice contest will be offered at [purebredpublishing.com](http://purebredpublishing.com)

### PUBLICATION

Nominations and winners, when published in the Bulletin, will include pictures accompanied by the names of the animals, breeders, owners, placings and production information.

All winning entries have the option of having an All-American photo plaque for an additional \$30 fee (payable to BSCBA).

If entry rules are not followed by entrant, the animal or group entered can be disqualified.

**QUALIFYING SHOWS** - Following is a List of the Qualifying Shows for 2015:

**NATIONAL SHOWS** - International, World Dairy Expo, Madison, WI; Eastern National, All-American Dairy Show, Harrisburg, PA; Northeast National/Eastern States Expo, W Springfield, MA; Northwest National, Western Washington Fair, Puyallup, WA; Southeastern National, NAILE, Louisville, KY; Southwestern National, HOA Expo, Stillwater, OK; Western National, California State Fair, Sacramento, CA

**FUTURITY SHOWS** - The winner of a futurity will qualify for the All-American Contest if the futurity is held as part of a listed qualifying show.

**OTHER QUALIFYING SHOWS** - NY Spring Show, Syracuse, NY; Florida State Fair, Tampa, FL; Georgia National, Perry, GA; Illinois State Fair, Springfield, IL; Indiana State Show & Fair, Indianapolis, IN; Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, IA; Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, KS; Kentucky State Fair, Louisville, KY; Maryland State Fair, Timonium, MD; Michigan Summer Show, East Lansing, MI; Minnesota State Show & Fair, St. Paul, MN; Missouri State Fair, Sedalia, MO; New York State Fair, Syracuse, NY; New York State Show, Hamburg, NY; North Carolina St Fair & Show, Raleigh, NC; Ohio State Fair, Columbus, OH; Ohio State Show, Columbus, OH; Ozark Empire Fair, Springfield, MO; Pennsylvania Farm Show, Harrisburg, PA; South Dakota State Fair, Huron, SD; SE MN Brown Swiss Nat'l, Rochester, MN; Southwestern Livestock Expo, Ft.

Worth, TX; State Fair of Texas, Dallas, TX; Vermont State Show, New Haven, VT; Western Idaho Fair, Boise, ID; Wisconsin State Fair, West Allis, WI; Wisconsin State Show, West Salem, WI

To be a Qualifying Show, there must be 40 or more head of Brown Swiss to be judged, AND a Show Report must be sent to the National Brown Swiss Office. Please have your dairy show superintendent or state association secretary send in the results from your Brown Swiss shows to both BSCBA and Purebred Publishing.

## GUERNSEY

**ELIGIBILITY**-To be entered in the All-American contest, an animal must be a Registered and have shown at any qualified show in the United States that sends in officially tabulated results to Purebred Publishing.

**ENTRIES** - Entries can be made online or sent in by the owner. Entries can be made online at [usguernsey.com](http://usguernsey.com) (under What's New click on the AA link). Online entries must be paid at that time with credit card. **A fee of \$20 per entry (each animal or group) is required if made online or postmarked on or before November 15 or double entry fee (\$50) if postmarked by November 25.** Those animals nominated for Junior All-American will automatically be considered for All-American competition at no extra charge. The owner will receive a complimentary AGA Performance Pedigree for each animal that is All-American, Reserve All-American or Honorable Mention in their respective class. Make checks payable to Purebred Publishing. If the fee does not accompany the entry, it will not be accepted.

Entries can be made online or forms may be obtained from the AGA web site at [www.usguernsey.com](http://www.usguernsey.com). **The exhibitor must submit a completed entry form and of each entry to the AGA by November 15 (or by November 22 at double entry fee) to qualify for the contest. Postmark date determines qualification.** All regional, state and national show placings should be included on the entry form by the exhibitor or the animal will be disqualified. *For group classes, list only those shows at which that exact group was shown.* **FAILURE TO LIST ALL PLACING AT NATIONAL SHOWS WILL AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFY THE ANIMAL(S) AND ENTRY WILL BE FORFEITED. FAILURE TO CORRECTLY LIST ALL OTHER MAJOR SHOWS WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.** For consistency, please use the National show titles in show placings. NGS/NJS-Harrisburg; NGS/NJS-Madison; NGS/NJS-Louisville; NGS/NJS-Puyallup

**ENTRIES MUST BE AT PUREBRED PUBLISHING BY NOVEMBER 15, 2017.**

**THE CONTEST** - A committee of the four judges of the national Guernsey shows will select the six top entries in each class as All-American nominees. The selection committee that chooses the All-American winners will consist of judges from state, regional, and national shows who are on the AGA approved judges list AND have had results submitted by state/show secretaries to the office of the AGA/Purebred Publishing. Pictures and placings of the six nominees in each class will be sent to each selection committee member. The judges will vote individually by mail, giving first, second and third choices in each class. A selection committee member and judge may not vote in any class in which he/she has an animal that as an individual, partnership or family unit; that is a breeder, or is a previous or present owner of one of the six nominees or if one of the six nominees comes from the farm by whom he/she is employed. Each first-place vote shall count five points, second place shall count three points and third place shall count one point. AGA staff will determine the awards by simple arithmetic. The class entries receiving the highest number of votes shall be named All-American and those receiving the second-highest vote total shall be designated Reserve All-American. The rating of Honorable Mention All-American will be given to all entries receiving a total of eight or more points. In case of a tie, the entry with the most All-American votes will receive the higher honor. If a tie still remains, the animal with the most Reserve All-American votes will receive the higher position. If the entries have the exact same vote point breakdown, then the nominees tie for the highest honor in question. An online contest for popular vote will be conducted on [usguernsey.com](http://usguernsey.com) with prizes awarded to the top placing senior and junior judges. The nominations will appear in the February issue of the Journal and the All-American selections in the March issue.

# THE 2017 JUNIOR ALL AMERICAN CONTEST

## GUERNSEY

**Eligibility**-AGA junior members born from January 1, 1997 through December 31, 2009 only may enter the Junior All-American Contest. The animal entered must be a Registered Guernsey that has placed in the top six of its class at any junior show in the United States in 2017. The ownership of the entry shall be recorded solely in the name of the AGA junior member(s) by August 1, 2017.

**Classes**-The classes will be the same as all individual heifer, yearling and cow classes in the All-American Contest.

**Entry Fee**-A fee of \$20 per entry is required if postmarked on or before November 15 or double entry fee (\$40) if postmarked November 22. Those animals entered in the junior contest will automatically be considered for All-American competition at no extra charge. A junior entry in both contests should carry the same exhibitor name. The owner will receive a complimentary AGA Performance Pedigree for each animal that is named All-American, Reserve All-American and Honorable Mention in their respective class.

## MILKING SHORTHORN

**ELIGIBILITY** - To be eligible for entry in the All-American contest, the animals must meet at least one of the following qualifications:

1. Place 1st thru 5th at a National Show.
2. Place 1st or 2nd at any other State or Regional show.

Note: A cow qualifying in a dry cow class is eligible for competition in her respective standard class providing the picture represents her in the same show ring condition as when she qualified.

**ENTRIES** - Entries can be made online or sent in by the owner. Entries can be made online at [www.purebredpublishing.com](http://www.purebredpublishing.com) on the Milking Shorthorn Journal page (click on publications and then on Milking Shorthorn Journal and scroll down under the magazine, click on the AA link). **Online entries must be paid at that time with credit card. Entries submitted by mail must be accompanied by the \$10 for Individual or \$20 entry fee for Best Three with checks made payable to Purebred Publishing. If the fee does not accompany the entry, it will not be accepted.** Official All-American entry forms are available online, from the Society Office, or you may photocopy the form on the following page in the Journal.

The following information must be filled in on the entries:

1. Name, registration number, birthdate of animal and class.
2. Name and address of owner.
3. List of all placings at State, Regional and National shows where shown during the current year; include udder placings.
4. **FAILURE TO LIST ALL PLACING AT NATIONAL SHOWS WILL AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFY THE ANIMAL(S) AND ENTRY WILL BE FORFEITED. FAILURE TO CORRECTLY LIST ALL OTHER MAJOR SHOWS WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.**
5. For consistency, please use the National show titles in show placing. Northeast National, Eastern National, International, Western National and Winter National
6. Entries are subject to disqualification for failure to adhere to these rules.
7. **ENTRIES MUST BE AT PUREBRED PUBLISHING BY NOVEMBER 15, 2017.**
8. **THE NOMINATION FEE WILL BE \$50 FOR INDIVIDUAL CLASSES AND \$80 FOR BEST 3 AND MUST BE AT PUREBRED PUBLISHING BY JANUARY 15, 2018. Failure to pay within two weeks of nomination invoice receipt will forfeit the nomination.**

**THE CONTEST** - All classes, regardless of number, must go through the All-American Committee. All entries are sent to the nominating committee consisting of the national show judges. Upon nomination, additional judges will be the judges from the four largest Milking Shorthorn shows according to the number of head shown. In order for any of these shows to be considered, the AMSS & Purebred Publishing office MUST receive a complete copy of the show results.

- The final results will be tabulated from the balloting of the nomination committee and the 4 additional judges. The panel of judges will vote separately and indicate in each class their ranking 1-6. Point values are assigned as follows: 1st=16, 2nd=13, 3rd=10, 4th=7, 5th=4, 6th=1. The awards of All-American, Reserve All-American and Honorable Mention are determined in order of points. In case of a tie, ALL nominations will be sent to 1 randomly selected judge from the other AA category (Open or Junior). That judge will place all nominations in all classes. Only placings needed to break ties will be used in the final calculations. If a tie was broken in the Nomination phase then a different judge will be selected to break the tie in the All American phase.

- The nominations will appear in the Winter issue of the Journal and the All-American selections in the Spring issue. A judging contest with a Junior and Senior division, using the animals nominated, will be conducted online at [milkingshorthorn.com](http://milkingshorthorn.com). Appropriate awards will be made to the top five individuals in each division.

**Entries**-Entry forms may be obtained from the AGA web site and/or entered online at [www.usguernsey.com](http://www.usguernsey.com). The junior must submit a completed entry form only, and one photograph of each entry to the AGA by **November 15, 2017**, to qualify for the contest. All national, state and regional show placings should be recorded on the entry form by the junior or the entry will be disqualified. A photo taken by a professional livestock photographer must be taken of the animal during the 2017 calendar year and should represent the animal in a stage of development as nearly comparable to show ring appearance as possible. 5x7, glossy, color pictures are required (electronic preferred). **Unaltered, professional livestock photographer pictures are required. All other pictures are unacceptable and the entry will be disqualified.** Contestant is responsible for having one photo forwarded to the AGA. Photos can be emailed to [allamericanentry@gmail.com](mailto:allamericanentry@gmail.com).

**Judging**-The judging will be handled in the same manner as the All-American Contest, except the nominations will be selected by the five national Junior Show judges.

## MILKING SHORTHORN

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## MILKING SHORTHORN JR. CONTEST

**Eligibility** - To be eligible for entry in the Jr. All-American contest, the animals must meet at least one of the following qualifications:

1: Place 1st thru 5th at a Junior National Show.

2. Place 1st or 2nd at any other State or Regional junior show.

Note: A cow qualifying in a dry cow class is eligible for competition in her respective standard class providing the picture represents her in the same show ring condition as when she qualified.

**ENTRY FEE - Online entries must be paid at that time with credit card. Entries submitted by mail must be accompanied by the \$20 entry fee with checks made payable to Purebred Publishing. If the fee does not accompany the entry, it will not be accepted. FAILURE TO LIST ALL PLACING AT NATIONAL SHOWS WILL AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFY THE ANIMAL(S) AND ENTRY WILL BE FOREFIETED. FAILURE TO CORRECTLY LIST ALL OTHER MAJOR SHOWS WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.** For consistency, please use the National show titles in show placing. Northeast National, Eastern National, International, Northwest National, Winter National and National Heifer Show. Entries are subject to disqualification for failure to adhere to these rules.

**ENTRIES MUST BE AT PUREBRED PUBLISHING BY NOVEMBER 15, 2017.**

### THE CONTEST

- All classes, regardless of number, must go through the All-American Committee. All entries are sent to the nominating committee consisting of the national show judges. Upon nomination, additional judges will be the judges from the four largest Milking Shorthorn junior shows according to the number of head shown. In order for any of these shows to be considered, the AMSS & Purebred Publishing offices MUST receive a complete copy of the show results.

- The final results will be tabulated from the balloting of the nomination committee and the 4 additional judges. The panel of judges will vote separately and indicate in each class their ranking 1-6. Point values are assigned as follows: 1st=16, 2nd=13, 3rd=10, 4th=7, 5th=4, 6th=1. The awards of All-American, Reserve All-American and Honorable Mention are determined in order of points. In case of a tie, ALL nominations will be sent to 1 randomly selected judge from the other AA category (Open or Junior). That judge will place all nominations in all classes. Only placings needed to break ties will be used in the final calculations. If a tie was broken in the Nomination phase then a different judge will be selected to break the tie in the All American phase.

- The nominations will appear in the Winter issue of the Journal and the All-American selections in the Spring issue. A judging contest with a Junior and Senior division, using the animals nominated, will be conducted online at [milkingshorthorn.com](http://milkingshorthorn.com). Appropriate awards will be made to the top five individuals in each division.