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## JCS Contest Rule Updates

Howdy!

We are very excited for the upcoming 2024 Junior Commercial Steer Feeding and Management Contest. We are again making a few changes that we want everyone to be aware of before intent forms go live.

1. Returning Exhibitors Intent First
  - a. We will allow returning exhibitors a window to submit their intent forms before new exhibitors will be able to.
  - b. Returning exhibitors are defined as those who completed the entire program the year before. Anyone who dropped after intents were submitted will be considered a new exhibitor.
  - c. Intent will open on July 17, 2023, at 9 am for returning exhibitors. It will remain open until 4 pm the same day.
  - d. After it closes, we will verify that anyone registered is truly a returning exhibitor and remove anyone deemed not to be a returning exhibitor.
  - e. We will then open again on July 19, 2023, at 9 am for anyone wanting to register for the open spots. The site will remain open until August 15<sup>th</sup> or until we reach the max exhibitor count.
  - f. Hopefully this will prevent anyone who has exhibited in the past from missing out on submitting due to the cap on exhibitors.
2. DNA Verification of Steers
  - a. When tags are mailed out following the intent period we will send with each tag, a DNA kit to be returned to our office for each steer.
  - b. All steers for exhibitors placing in the top 8 pens will be DNA verified and we will also select at random several pens to be verified.
  - c. DNA Kits and scale tickets will be due September 15, 2023. Scale tickets will be submitted online, and DNA kits will be mailed to our office with the 15<sup>th</sup> as a postmark deadline.
3. Increase in the Exhibitor Max to 165
  - a. We continue to be constrained by the limitations of the facility in allowing additional exhibitors but based on the last few years, we believe we can successfully accommodate 5 additional exhibitors without crowding.

JCS Intent forms can be found at the link below while open.

<https://secure.rodeohouston.com/Juniorshowentry/>

If you have any questions, please email [livestock@rodeohouston.com](mailto:livestock@rodeohouston.com) or call 832.667.1125.

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