



2023 IJLA Hoosier Elite Swine Circuit Rules

1. Exhibitor Eligibility

Indiana residents only, **ages 7-21 years of age as of January 1, 2023**, are eligible to participate.

2. Nomination Fee and Enrollment

To receive Hoosier Elite points, participants must pay a **\$30.00 per member nomination fee**. This is a one-time nomination fee for the show season. Exhibitors must nominate their animals for the program prior to the start of the first show from which they wish to receive points. Nominations can be made at any participating show or mailed to ILA/IJLA. A nomination form must be completed for each animal nominated and may be submitted during registration at the animal's first sanctioned show and must be turned in before the conclusion of the show (multiple animals can be entered on one form).

****For purebred animals, please include a copy of the registration papers with the nomination form.**

3. IJLA Membership

To receive points, an exhibitor must be a resident of Indiana and be a member of the IJLA. Membership must be paid before points can be accumulated on a nominated animal. Annual membership dues are \$25 and can be paid at time of nomination of animals. Membership will be good for all Hoosier Elite Species Circuits.

4. Show Your Own Animal for Points

To receive points, animals must be shown by their owner. An exception is made if the participant:

- a. *owns two or more animals that are in the same class;*
- b. *has two different animals that are both showing simultaneously in adjacent rings.*

In these two scenarios, another junior may exhibit the second animal and the participant would still receive points for both animals. When the class conflict is over and for championship drives, the actual participant must return to showing his/her own animal to retain the points earned. It is the participant's responsibility to inform the Hoosier Elite committee member in charge of the class conflict, as it happens, not after the show.

- Participants that are physically unable to show their animal, may ask another junior who meets the age and program requirements to show their animal. The unable participant must be present at the show to earn points. If the participant becomes ill after the animals have arrived at a show and been checked-in, another junior who meets the age and program requirements may show the animal(s). The participant must seek prior approval from the Hoosier Elite Committee and the participant must be present at the show facility. Should a participant become ill and stay home prior to the animals leaving for a show, no points will be awarded to the participant's animals.

- Family emergencies are at the Hoosier Elite Committee's discretion, but the participant must seek prior approval for points to count. The Hoosier Elite Committee reserves the right to use discretion in administering this rule regarding situations not already covered. All decisions by the Hoosier Elite Committee on points associated with showing your own animal shall be final.

5. Sanctioned Show Requirements

A sanctioned show must be open to all HE exhibitors but is not limited to them. A sanctioned show may be open to the world, but only HE members will accumulate points. Sanctioned shows must pay **\$250 per ring by February 1st, 2023; after February 1st** commitments are **\$300 per ring**. Each sanctioned show must offer a gilt and barrow show as well as showmanship. **ALL SHOWS ON the Hoosier Elite Circuit MUST BE COMMITTED BY April 1st.**

- A representative from the IJLA or ILA will be at each sanctioned show. A space needs to be available to

- accept nominations and provide information about the organization. Forms will also be made available online.
- The representative at the show will be provided a copy of the show program so that results can be kept and points be determined as soon as possible. Show program must include ear notches.
 - The show must send an official copy of placings within 5 days of the completion of the show. Results can be emailed.
 - The HE representative is available to help with the show if needed.
 - Classes are to have no more than 10 head/class
 - Classes must be placed 1st through 5th with the option to place through last
 - Classes must be broken to give the most points possible to participants (avoiding single entry classes where possible).
 - Awards must be given to all Breed Champions. Banners are acceptable awards.
 - The show will include Top Five Gilts and Top Five Barrows awards. Banners are acceptable awards.

6. An entry form will be available on the IJLA website for shows to use. Shows can also use electronic entry systems (such as the ShowmanApp) as long as the information needed for tabulating points is included.

7. Pig Age Requirements

Pigs born November 1st and after.

8. Breed Class Qualifications

- a. Exhibitors must have registration papers (electronic papers are acceptable) at time of check in for purebred animals. All registration papers meeting the national breed eligibility requirements will be accepted. Registration certificates must be in the name of the junior exhibitor who is exhibiting the animal. For points, no family farm names will be permitted. Papers pending participants will be allowed to compete for points in showmanship, but their animal will show as a crossbred until the original registration papers arrive. The sanctioned show reserves the right to evaluate all barrows and gilts for breed standards.
- b. Purebred papers are required for purebred barrows and gilts from their respective breed association as well as meet all breed characteristics: www.nationalswine.com/rulesandregulations/barrowclassguide.html and/or www.cpsswine.com
- c. Breeding Gilts and barrows will be shown by age. Crossbred gilts and barrows will be shown by weight and Light Cross, Black Cross designations.
- d. Breeds to be offered at every sanctioned show and shown in the following order: *Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Landrace, Poland China, Spotted, Tamworth, Yorkshire, Light Crossbred and Dark Crossbred.*
- e. Definition of crosses: *Light Cross* - white, blues, sandys, no black pigment; *Dark Cross* - black spots, black heads, any black pigment, reds. Clarifications can be made by a Hoosier Elite committee member if an exhibitor is unsure which category to go in.
- f. The Light Crossbred and Dark Crossbred champions will show against one another to determine the Champion Crossbred. Champion Crossbred will be in the Grand Drive.
- g. Once an animal is declared as a light or dark cross at the first show that it is exhibited in, the animal will be shown in that category throughout the show season.
- h. Each breed Champion listed will be eligible to show in the Grand Drive. The reserve from each breed that the champion is selected for a top spot, will come in until all the Top 5 slots are filled (ie - Grand Champion selected is the Champion Yorkshire Gilt, the Reserve Yorkshire Gilt enters; Res Grand selected is Duroc Gilt and reserve Duroc Gilt enters, etc.

i. Shows can recognize additional animals such as a Top 3 Purebred and Top 3 Crossbred Gilts and Barrows if they choose but no additional points will be given.

9. Ownership, Possession and Care

All animals nominated for the Hoosier Elite program must be in the ownership, possession and care at the time of nomination by the exhibitor making the nomination and must remain in the ownership, possession and care of the exhibitor throughout the remainder of the Hoosier Elite show season.

10. Showmanship Requirements

a. Each Hoosier Elite show must offer complete showmanship classes (all four divisions) in each ring and place the top five in each age division for points. Showmanship class premiums are at the discretion of the sanctioned show.

b. Showmanship divisions will be divided into multiple heats if there are more than 10 participants in a division. A show has the discretion to combine heats if scratches take place that brings the number of participants down to 10 or less per division.

c. Age divisions: **Novice Division:** 7-9 years of age as of January 1, 2023; **Junior Division** 10-12, **Intermediate Division** 13-16; and **Senior Division** 17 - 21. **Participants are encouraged to show their own animal or a sibling's animal. However, a participant can show an animal entered in the show if they do not have anything entered in that show. A PeeWee division can be held but will not receive points.**

11. Complaint or Protest Procedure

Any exhibitor or their family member that seeks to file a complaint or protest regarding a perceived infraction of a rule or sanctioned show rule must submit a fee of \$150 to the Hoosier Elite Committee. The Hoosier Elite Committee will not release the name of the individual filing the protest. The fee shall be refunded only if the protest is sustained by the Hoosier Elite Committee. The Hoosier Elite Committee shall hold a meeting regarding the protest at which time the party making the protest may present evidence or argument in support of the protest. Should other parties be found in violation of the rules, the Hoosier Elite Committee will take appropriate action regarding the situation. Committee action is not limited to the following, but may result in the exhibitor found in violation to lose points for a show, lose multiple show points, and/or be barred from current or future participation in the program. The decision of the Hoosier Elite Committee regarding the protest shall be final. The Hoosier Elite Committee also reserves the right to review any potential rules violation without a \$150 complaint filing. Points challenges are not subject to the \$150 fee, however, there will be a 5 day limit to challenge points, once the committee makes a posting or changes a points posting.

12. Exhibitor Code of Conduct

All Hoosier Elite exhibitors, their family members and others acting on the behalf of the exhibitor must display good sportsmanship and act in a courteous manner at all sanctioned shows. Unsportsmanlike conduct will be referred to the Hoosier Elite Committee for appropriate action, if the committee deems necessary. Unsportsmanlike conduct may include but not limited to physical actions, threats, or outbursts of profanity. Committee action is not limited to the following but may result in the exhibitor found in violation to lose points for a show, lose multiple show points, and/or be barred from current or future participation in the program. The decision of the Committee regarding the unsportsmanlike conduct shall be final.

13. Points System

a. Point totals will be kept for each individual animal. If an animal receives points in two different breeds, the points will be treated as two separate animals. Points will be combined on that animal to figure Top Gilt and Barrow points.

b. Points will be posted on the IJLA website within 7 days of the completion of a show. If there are multiple shows on a weekend, they will be posted within 14 days.

- c. There will be a 5-day limit to challenge points, once the committee makes a posting or changes a points posting.
- d. If a Hoosier Elite nominated animal is sold during the show season, the points are not transferable. Animals may be re-nominated under the new owner.
- e. An exhibitor can compete in as many of the point shows as they choose with the best **ten (10)** show scores on an individual animal or showmanship counting for overall points for the season.
- f. All Hoosier Elite shows will follow the same point system. Points will be awarded as follows:

Class Placing

- 1st Place = number of head in class x 8 (up to 5 in a class); x 10 (6 or more in a class)
- 2nd Place = number of head in class x 7 (up to 5 in a class); x 9 (6 or more in a class)
- 3rd Place = number of head in class x 6 (up to 5 in a class); x 8 (6 or more in a class)
- 4th Place = number of head in class x 5 (up to 5 in a class); x 7 (6 or more in a class)
- 5th Place = number of head in class x 4 (5 and less in a class); x 6 (6 or more in a class)

Breed Champion = 20 points

Reserve Breed Champion = 10 points

Grand Champion = 50 points

Reserve Grand Champion = 45 points

3rd Overall = 40 points

4th Overall = 35 points

5th Overall = 30 points

- g. Showmanship (one showmanship class per exhibitor)

Champion = 20 points

Reserve = 17 points

3rd Overall = 14 points

4th Overall = 11 points

5th Overall = 8 points

All other Participants = 5 points

Heats (advancing) = 2 extra points

- h. An exhibitor must participate in a minimum of 3 shows to receive Hoosier Elite awards & be in the Final Points Standings. An exhibitor attending less than three shows will still be considered a participant and be eligible to receive a participant gift.

14. Awards must be given to each breed champion as well as Top 5 at each show. This is at the discretion of the show but banners are highly suggested.

15. A judge can only judge one show on the circuit during the season; exceptions must be made through the Hoosier Elite Committee. Inform the Hoosier Elite coordinator of judge selection as soon as it is made. A Hoosier Elite participant or the parent/guardian of a participant cannot judge a Hoosier Elite show.

16. An Awards Program will be held after the state fair to make award presentations. Date to be determined.