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## 2026 IBA Points Show Program Rules

The IBA Points Show Program is designed to allow additional competition and recognition for junior beef exhibitors across the state. Illinois Junior Beef Association (IJBA) members will accumulate points for exhibiting their heifers and steers at sanctioned shows.

The 2026 Points Show Program begins on December 1, 2025, and ends on October 1, 2026.

A schedule of sanctioned shows will be posted on the Illinois Beef Association website ([www.illinoisbeef.com](http://www.illinoisbeef.com)). This schedule will be updated weekly, so members should check the website frequently for current information. Current point standings will be posted on June 1<sup>st</sup>, updated one week prior to the Illinois State Fair Junior Show, and final standings will be released by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

\*\*Shows that desire to be sanctioned for the IBA Points Show Program MUST abide by the following guidelines:

### Sanctioned Shows

1. To be qualified as a sanctioned show, a sanctioning form must be completed and received by the Illinois Beef Association **14 days prior to the date of the event**. Failure to comply subjects the show to disqualification in 2026.
2. Sanctioning fees for 2026 are \$150 for a single-ring show and \$200 for a double-ring show. The fees must accompany the sanctioning form. The sanctioning form is available on the IBA website and will be emailed to previously sanctioned shows.
3. Official show results are **due within 14 days of the date of the show**. Results **must** be submitted in the provided Excel template "show name\_2026 results", or a similar format.
4. Sanctioned shows must report results by breed and cattle gender. If the results are not reported by breed and cattle gender the IJBA exhibitors will not earn points from that show and the show will be disqualified from the 2026 Point Show Program.
5. Double-ring sanctioned shows must send in results for **BOTH** rings so IJBA members can receive full points.
6. Sanctioned shows are **required** to check registration papers to verify that the exhibitor possesses ownership of the animal in order to receive points.
7. ALL results must be received by **October 1, 2026**.

## IJBA Members

1. In order to earn points, participants must be members of the Illinois Junior Beef Association (IJBA).
2. A “junior” is subject to the age requirements set forth by each particular junior show. The standard is 8 years of age and under 22 years of age as of January 1, 2026.

## Points Accumulation

1. To be eligible for year-end points awards, the IJBA member must exhibit at **four** or more sanctioned point shows. Exhibiting in both rings of a double-ring show will give exhibitors credit for attending two shows.
2. All points recorded in a class are based upon the actual number of cattle that physically enter the show ring for that particular class of heifers and steers.
3. When an IJBA member’s animal is named Champion of any breed, he/she will also receive the number of points that were awarded to the class winner of the largest class within that breed. The Champion points are in addition to the number of points the IJBA member earned in their original class.
4. When an IJBA member’s animal is named Reserve Champion of any breed, he/she will also receive the number of points that would have been awarded to the second-place winner of the largest class within that breed. The Reserve Champion points are in addition to the number of points the IJBA member earned in their original class.
5. When an IJBA member’s animal is named Grand Champion Overall, he/she will also receive the number of points that would have been awarded to the first-place class winner of the largest class.
6. When an IJBA member’s animal is named Reserve Grand Champion Overall, he/she will also receive the number of points that were awarded to the second-place winner of the largest class.
7. No points will be awarded for division champions, reserve champions or bred/owned classes.
8. Cow/Calf Pairs and Bulls are not eligible to receive points.

**Heifer and Steer Show Points:** Breeding heifer points will be counted and awarded in the heifer division. Steer and market heifer points will be counted and awarded in the market animal division. At the end of the year, a final tabulation will be completed to determine the Top Ten IJBA members for each division. The top ten steer and heifer winners will be recognized at the following Illinois Beef Expo.

The IJBA member with the highest overall number of points at the end of the year will be winner of the 2026 Points Show Program. He/She will receive an award from IBA. Points will not be combined from the heifer and steer division. In the event of a tie, the IJBA members' points from the 2026 IL Beef Expo will be compared. If a tie still exists, the IJBA members' points from the IL State Fair Junior Show will be compared. The IJBA member with the highest number of points will be declared the winner.

**Points are awarded as follows for Heifers and Steers:**

| # Exhibited<br>Head in Class | Class Placing   |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                              | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 5 <sup>th</sup> | 6 <sup>th</sup> | 7 <sup>th</sup> |
| 1 head                       | 5               |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| 2-3 head                     | 10              | 5               |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| 4-5 head                     | 15              | 10              | 5               |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| 6-10 head                    | 20              | 15              | 10              | 5               |                 |                 |                 |
| 11-15 head                   | 25              | 20              | 15              | 10              | 5               |                 |                 |
| 16-20 head                   | 30              | 25              | 20              | 15              | 10              | 5               |                 |
| 21 or more head              | 35              | 30              | 25              | 20              | 15              | 10              | 5               |

*If you have any questions about the Points Show Program, please contact:*

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