

ITLA SHOW RULEBOOK
INTERNATIONAL TEXAS LONGHORN ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS
&
QUALIFYING REGIONAL AFFILIATE SHOWS
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Exhibitor attendance and participation is greatly appreciated throughout the show!!
This Standardized Rule Book is the governing document to be used when producing the International Championship Show, the International Youth Show and any regional affiliate shows where ITLA Qualifying Points are to be awarded. Deviations from the rules set forth in this book may result in the show being classified as a Non-Qualifying Show (with no qualifying points or High Point Legacy points recorded) unless the show chairman receives specific permission from the ITLA Board of Directors prior to the show.

Periodically, the rules and regulations contained in this book are reviewed and revised by the ITLA. Changes are presented to the ITLA Board of Directors for approval before inclusion. Every attempt will be made to inform members of any rule changes through updates in the ITLA Drover or posted on the official ITLA website. For a copy of this publication, or to verify that this booklet contains the most up-to-date regulations, you can visit our website for the most current version of this governing rule book at www.ITLA.com

SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION

Regional Affiliate Shows and the International Championship Show were created by the International Texas Longhorn Association as marketing tools to promote and exhibit the finest quality Texas Longhorn cattle available today. Our ultimate goal is to produce good, sound, and structurally correct cattle that will compete in the show ring, on the range, and at sales. The show ring is a tool to enlighten other cattle people to the many true qualities of Texas Longhorn cattle, create marketing opportunities and identify superior cattle. The rules and regulations in this booklet are designed to be used in the production of a qualifying ITLA show. We trust that your integrity as a Texas Longhorn producer will allow these rules to be followed in a simple and professional manner.

SECTION 2 PROCEDURES

Paragraph 1. All International Texas Longhorn Association Regional Organizations are encouraged to hold shows in their respective geographical areas to promote Texas Longhorn cattle. Individual producers may also sponsor shows. **All show dates and judges must be submitted to the ITLA office on the Show Approval Form 60 days prior to the event in order for it to be approved.** Once approved the show will be included in the official schedules of events and publicized in the ITLA Longhorn Drover online magazine. This Standardized Rule Book provides all requirements for approved shows. **All affiliates applying to produce a qualifying ITLA show must adhere to the show rulebook in its entirety, and any deviation from the rulebook by any affiliate will result in losing the shows "ITLA Qualifying Show" status. Any special requests to deviate from the rules in any way, must be submitted to the ITLA office for approval with or prior to sending in the show application**

Paragraph 1a. Shows for the current show year must be held between January 1 and December 31. Show points will be tabulated within 45 days of the last show of the year.

Paragraph 2. Halter & Non-Halter judges must be chosen from the International Texas Longhorn Association list of approved judges. The approved judges list will be made available to all sponsoring groups upon request and is also available on-line at the ITLA website. A judge may not judge more than one show in a region in a quarter. A judge is not eligible to judge the INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW if he/she has judged a show in any region within 6 weeks of the International Show. The judge must sign the class sheets showing the placing before they are considered official. **All ITLA Youth Show judges must be ITLA members, attended at least one ITLA judging seminar/clinic, and a Texas Longhorn breeder for at least 5 years.**

Paragraph 2a. Each new prospective judge **must be at least 21 years of age**, will be required to attend a judging clinic, to serve as an apprentice judge with an ITLA Approved Training Judge, be a Youth Show judge and be approved by the ITLA Board of Directors before his/her first official show. **(Judges Applications are available from the ITLA office or online at www.ITLA.com).**

Paragraph 2b. An annual review of the approved judges will be conducted by the ITLA Judges/Show Rules Committee and their recommendations made to the ITLA BOD for additions or deletions to the judges list.

Paragraph 2c. All Regional Shows must have a designated Show Chairman. The Show Chairman's duties are as follows:

- 1) Be responsible for a complete and accurate Show Book containing all pertinent information as listed in Paragraph 16.
- 2) Have names & addresses of all class exhibitors for reference in the front of the Show Book.
- 3) Check class assignments for correctness.
- 4) Be responsible for all show procedures being followed.
- 5) Prior to the show meet with the Judge to discuss show procedures.
- 6) Be available during show to answer any and all questions.

- 7) Make certain a completed Official Placing Booklet with all placing and results is sent to the ITLA office for Points Rating. Results must contain ITLA Member numbers and ITLA Registration Number. The Official Placing Booklet will be mailed from the ITLA office.
- 8) Prior to judging the class, a judge should receive a sheet which includes only data listing the entry number, birth date, pregnancy status of dry cows, date of birth of calf at side and the class age.

Paragraph 3. All cattle registered with the International Texas Longhorn Association, Cattlemen's Texas Longhorn Registry or Texas Longhorn Breeders Association of America are eligible to compete in International Texas Longhorn Association Regional shows. A photocopy of the registration papers must accompany the International Texas Longhorn Association entry form. **No cattle with pending registration will be accepted.** Registrations other than ITLA will be charged an extra \$5.00 and this fee will be used to dual register, if so desired. Dual registration must be decided when entries are mailed for any show. All cattle competing in the annual International Championship Show must be registered with ITLA.

Paragraph 3a. A calf shown with a cow shall not be older than 210 days of age. A calf shall be at least 180 days of age to show in individual classes. Calf at side may show only in one class – as calf at side with dam or in an individual class.

Paragraph 3b. Each class will have an entry limit of one animal per clonal family per owner.

Paragraph 4. Exhibitors and owners competing in the International Championship Show must be members of the International Texas Longhorn Association. Regional organizations at their discretion may require exhibitors at Regional Shows to be ITLA members.

Paragraph 5. The ITLA's goal is to show longhorns in their natural condition with the exception of trimming hair and trimming hooves. Exhibitors are expressly prohibited from altering the physical appearance or features of any animal on show premises. Exhibitors are encouraged to bathe and brush their cattle and present them in a neat and professional manner. **Any animal physically altered on show premises will be removed from the show by the show chairman.**

Paragraph 6. **An individual animal can compete in haltered and non-halterd at the same show, only if there are different judges for halter and non-halter.**

Paragraph 7. Any protest, dispute of a final interpretation or any incident occurring during the course of the ITLA Championship Show should be brought to the attention of the International Show Committee. Final decisions regarding protests or interpretations will be expressly and exclusively reserved to the International Show Committee. By signing the required entry form, exhibitors give unqualified consent and agreement to abide by all printed rules.

Paragraph 8. Health certificates (Certificates of Veterinary Inspection), issued by a licensed veterinarian, are required for all cattle competing in the ITLA Championship Show and affiliate shows.

Paragraph 8a. Show chairmen are tasked with being aware of the current animal health statutes as they apply to cattle attending their show. Generally, any cattle attending from out of state will require health certificates, and the requirements for them *may* be waived by certain jurisdictions if no cattle originating from out of state are in attendance. The ITLA supports all destination state regulations.

Paragraph 8b. Pregnancy status and/or DOB of calf at side must appear on health certificates to confirm the eligibility of all female cattle 30 months and older entered in the show. Pregnancy status can be determined by palpation, ultrasound or blood test and reported by a licensed veterinarian or certified technician. In cases where no health certificates are required, the pregnancy status will be acceptable if reported on a letter (with

letterhead identifying the facility) and signed by the veterinarian, which clearly identifies the animal(s). Any proof of pregnancy status must be dated within 30 days of the show the animal is entered into.

Paragraph 9. While exhibiting cattle in the show ring, exhibitors will wear western attire appropriate to the climate. No ball caps, tennis shoes, or written ranch advertising on clothing worn into the show arena will be permitted. Logos, labels, and clothing manufacturers writing will be accepted. Exhibitors shall conduct themselves in a professional manner in the show ring. Class numbers shall be worn on the left side.

Paragraph 10. Calves shown at side in the haltered show must be on halter and be led by an exhibitor. Animals must be kept under control at all times. Should an animal become unmanageable, the Judge shall have the right and responsibility to remove such animal from competition and all entry fees shall be forfeited.

Paragraph 11. Within 10 days of completion of a show, the Show Chairman shall forward to the ITLA office the official results of the show, signed by the Judge. In order for the points to be awarded to the animals entered in any ITLA qualifying show, the results must be recorded on the official books sent from the ITLA office. No other forms or records will be recognized. The results must show ITLA member number, ITLA registration number and name of each animal entered in each class, and the official placing within each class.

Paragraph 12. The International Championship Show will be held each year at a location approved by the Board of Directors. ITLA Regional Organizations may request the opportunity to serve as Host. However, the administration and authority over the show shall remain with ITLA.

Paragraph 13. “ITLA Point Merit System for ITLA High Point Show Legacy”: The ITLA will retain a permanent record of “competitively successful cattle” for special recognition, including annual and lifetime awards. The ITLA Office will maintain documentation of winnings per Point Rating System and send out merit certificates upon earning them.

Mixed Registry Class Points: ITLA Points are awarded according to the ITLA Merit Point System. Entries not registered with the ITLA are not awarded points. For example: Suppose your entry wins first in a class with a total of eight entries, and yours is the only entry registered with the ITLA. Your first-place entry is awarded five merit points and no other points will be awarded to the other entries. If your entry wins second in this same class, and again yours is the only ITLA registered entry, your entry is awarded four points and no other points are awarded. If all entries in this class of eight were ITLA registered, first place would be awarded five points, second would be awarded four points, third would be awarded three points, fourth would be awarded two, and fifth place would be awarded one point. No other points would be awarded in this class.

ITLA MERIT POINT SYSTEM

Class Points:

5 points = 1st place
4 points = 2nd place
3 points = 3rd place
2 points = 4th place
1 point = 5th place

Divisional Champion Points:

Champion = 7 points
Reserve Champion = 5 points

All Age Champion Points:

All Age Grand = 10 points
All Age Reserve = 7 points

Merit System:

50 points = Silver Merit of Honor 100 points = Gold Merit of Honor 200 points = Elite Merit of Honor

Paragraph 14: The title of International Champion Texas Longhorn is reserved solely for use by the ITLA. No other organization may use the International Champion Texas Longhorn name or title.

Paragraph 15: Cattle Eligible to Compete in the ITLA Championship Show: ITLA registered Texas Longhorn cattle that have earned one or more merit points through the ITLA show system during the current show year are eligible to compete in the International Championship Show. ITLA registered cattle that have not earned one or more merit points during the current show season may still show in the International Championship Show for an additional fee per entry.

Paragraph 16: Published Show Information: The show chair shall make available the following pertinent information;

- 1) Lodging recommended by sponsors, including phone numbers and addresses
- 2) Show date, time and location (accurate to scale map recommended)
- 3) Entry application form
- 4) Livestock feed and water availability
- 5) Judge's name(s)
- 6) Entry deadline and all fees
- 7) Cattle arrival and departure times
- 8) Types of awards and sponsors
- 9) Animal health certificates are required at all shows

Paragraph 16a: Insurance: The Show Producer must have an insurance policy in effect at the time of the show naming ITLA as an additional insured except for a Show Chair being a State or County Fair.

Paragraph 17: Entry form: The Show Chairman must request show entry forms from the ITLA Office. These will be generic and all shows will have the same entry form. All member numbers and animal registration numbers must be included.

Paragraph 18: Show Registrations: (See Paragraph 3) To receive ITLA merit awards, membership on the date the award is bestowed is required. Despite owner ineligibility, the ITLA registered animal's merit points will be recorded in its permanent record.

Paragraph 19: Fees: In order to cover the costs of tabulating ITLA Merit points, \$5.00 must be included for each entry in an ITLA approved Open Show (Halter & Non-Halter events). This fee, the official show book and a copy of the show program must be sent to the ITLA Office within 10 days of the show date. This fee applies to all classes in this publication except Produce of Dam, Get of Sire, and the youth classes.

Paragraph 20: There will be no ties in any class. Only one animal can be placed in each position.

SECTION 3 APPROVED CLASSES FOR ALL ITLA SHOWS

FEMALES:

Must be at least 180 days old to be eligible to show

(Approved Classes for both Haltered and Non-Haltered Females)

Junior Heifer Classes:

Class 1 Born March - April of current year (must be 180 days of age at show time.)

Class 2 January - February of current year

Class 3 Born November - December of 1st preceding year

Class 4 Born September - October of 1st preceding year

Class 5 Born July - August of 1st preceding year

Class 6 Born May - June of 1st preceding year

Class 7 Born March - April of 1st preceding year

Class 8 Born January - February of 1st preceding year

CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER

RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER

Note: Females over 30 months of age must be shown with calf at side or be verified safe in calf as outlined in Paragraph 8b. **No crossbred calves may be shown at side of cows.**

Senior Heifer Classes:

Class 9 Born September - December of 2nd preceding year

Class 10 Born May - August of 2nd preceding year

Class 11 Born January - April of 2nd preceding year

CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER

RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER

Junior Cow Classes:

Class 12 Born 3rd preceding year

Class 13 Born 4th preceding year

Class 14 Born 5th preceding year

CHAMPION JUNIOR COW

RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR COW

Senior Cow Classes:

Class 15 Born 6th & 7th preceding year

Class 16 Born 8th & 9th preceding year

Class 17 Born 10th preceding year and before

CHAMPION SENIOR COW

RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR COW

GRAND CHAMPION ALL AGE FEMALE

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION ALL AGE FEMALE

BULLS:

Must be at least 180 days old to be eligible to show

(Approved Classes for Haltered Bulls – Bulls are not eligible for non-halter classes)

Note: All bulls will be shown on haltered and must have nose ring/lead when shown without their dam.

Junior Bull Classes:

Class 18 Born March - April of current year (must be 180 days of age at show time.)

Class 19 Born January - February of current year

Class 20 Born November - December of 1st preceding year

Class 21 Born September - October of 1st preceding year

CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL

RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL

Intermediate Bull Classes:

Class 22 Born July - August of 1st preceding year

Class 23 Born May - June of 1st preceding year

Class 24 Born March - April of 1st preceding year

Class 25 Born January - February of 1st preceding year

Class 26 Born September - December of 2nd preceding year

CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE BULL

RESERVE CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE BULL

Senior Bull Classes:

Class 27 Born May - August of 2nd preceding year

Class 28 Born January - April of 2nd preceding year

Class 29 Born May - December of 3rd preceding year

CHAMPION SENIOR BULL

RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR BULL

STEERS:

Must be at least 180 days old to be eligible to show

GRAND CHAMPION ALL AGE BULL RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION ALL AGE BULL

(Approved Classes for both Haltered and Non-Halter Steers)

Junior Steer Classes:

Class 30 Current Year. (must be 180 days of age at show time)

Class 31 Born July - December of 1st preceding year

Class 32 Born January - June of 1st preceding year

Class 33 Born July - December of 2nd preceding year

Class 34 Born January - June of 2nd preceding year

Class 35 Born January – December 3rd preceding year

CHAMPION JUNIOR STEER
RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR STEER

Senior Steer Classes:

Class 36 Born January – December 4th preceding year
Class 37 Born January – December 5th preceding year
Class 38 Born January – December 6th preceding year
Class 39 All steers born the 7th preceding year and before

CHAMPION SENIOR STEER
RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR STEER
GRAND CHAMPION ALL AGE STEER
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION ALL AGE STEER

Group Classes:

Class 40 Produce of Dam – Two or more animals from the same dam, any gender. Natural birth only – calves resulting from Embryo Transfer will not be eligible to compete in this class.
Class 41 Get of Sire – Three or more animals by the same sire, of any gender.

Group classes will be shown at halter. All Animals must be at least 180 days old.

Paragraph 21. These approved classes are valid for the entire calendar year.

MINIATURE TEXAS LONGHORN CLASSES

Paragraph 22: A miniature Texas Longhorn must not exceed a height measurement of 45 inches tall at the hip for females, 48 inches tall at the hip for bulls, and 50" tall at the hip for steers in order to compete in any miniature classes. All miniature registration certificates will have the word "MINI" typed after the animals registered name.

**Haltered, Non-Haltered, and Youth Miniature Classes
(Approved classes for haltered females)
Must be at least 180 days old to be eligible to show**

FEMALE CLASSES:

Class 1 – Born in current show year (must be at least 180 days old to be eligible to show)
Class 2 - Born January - December of 1st preceding year
Class 3 - Born January - December of 2nd preceding year
Class 4 - Born January - December of 3rd preceding year
Class 5 - Born January - December of 4th preceding year

GRAND CHAMPION MINIATURE FEMALE
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION MINIATURE FEMALE

BULL CLASS:

(Approved classes for haltered bulls, bulls are not eligible for non-halter)

Class 6 - Born January 2016 – April 2020

GRAND CHAMPION MINIATURE BULL

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION MINIATURE BULL

STEER CLASS:

(Approved Class for Haltered Steers)-

Class 7 - Born January 2016 - April 2020

GRAND CHAMPION MINIATURE STEER

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION MINIATURE STEER

SECTION 4

PERFORMANCE STEERS (exhibition only)

Junior Steers – Born 4th preceding year and before

Senior Steers – Born 5th preceding year and later

Trail Class:

All age riding registered Texas longhorn Steers can compete in this class. Each show chairman or show committee may determine the obstacles to be used.

Riders Choice:

The handler has the complete freedom to exhibit his/her riding or pulling Longhorn Steer any way they choose to show them to their best advantage.

Pulling Class:

One or more longhorn steer will pull a buggy, wagon, sled or stone boat.

Paragraph 23. All ITLA sponsored shows shall provide classes that include Haltered, Youth, Miniature Haltered, and Miniature Youth. The ITLA encourages Non-Haltered classes to be offered when facilities allow. Any deviation from the approved Show Rule Book classes must be approved by the ITLA Office.

The classes that will be recognized at any ITLA Qualifying Show must be clearly defined **in advance** for all material promoting the show after office approval. If a show chairman elects not to offer all approved classes in a show, then it is recommended that all classes within a gender group be offered. As a minimum, all classes within a *division* must be offered. If all classes within a gender group (i.e. all female, all bull, or all steer classes) are not offered, then the Champion and Reserve Champion All Age classes cannot be offered. Some suggested themes for shows not offering all classes would be a “Heifer Debutante”, (for only Junior and Senior Heifer classes, no All-Age classes)

SECTION 5

YOUTH SHOW REGULATIONS

The International Youth Show may be held each year in conjunction with the ITLA International Championship Show. Rules that apply to the International Championship Show also apply to the Youth Show. Rules pertaining specifically to the Youth Show are listed below. Although youth show participation is encouraged throughout the year, cattle entered in the International Youth Show are not required to qualify since qualification is not offered

for youth show entries. **All ITLA Youth Show judges must be 21 years of age or older, a current ITLA member, attended at least one ITLA judging seminar/clinic, and a Texas Longhorn breeder for at least 5 years.**

Paragraph 24. An exhibitor must be a current youth member of the International Texas Longhorn Association to compete in any ITLA youth show.

Paragraph 25. An exhibitor must be 18 years of age or younger on January 1 of the current show year to compete in ITLA Youth Shows.

Paragraph 26. The dress code for all Youth Shows will be the same as the ITLA open shows.

Paragraph 27. No adults, except for show officials and judges, will be allowed in the show arena except in emergencies, or during the Pee Wee Division.

Paragraph 28. When questions arise concerning items not covered by these rules, the Show Chair for the respective show will make the final decision and their decision will be binding.

Paragraph 29. **Anyone attending or exhibiting at an ITLA event will be expected to comply with all state and federal laws. Anyone found to be in noncompliance will be disqualified from the show or ITLA event.**

**SECTION 6
PEE WEE EXHIBITION DIVISION**

Children 6 years of age and under as of January 1, may show a calf, of any age, male or female. This is the only youth class for which adults will be allowed in the show ring.

**SECTION 7 SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS
(Ages as of January 1)**

Junior Division.....	7-9 years
Intermediate Division.....	10-12 years
Teen Division.....	13-15 years
Senior Division.....	16-18 years

**SECTION 8
APPROVED YOUTH SHOW CLASSES
(Shown at Halter – Must be at least 180 days old to be eligible)**

FEMALES:

Junior Heifer Classes:

- Class 1 Born March – April of current year
- Class 2 Born January – February of current year
- Class 3 Born November – December of 1st preceding year
- Class 4 Born September – October of 1st preceding year
- Class 5 Born July – August of 1st preceding year
- Class 6 Born May – June of 1st preceding year
- Class 7 Born March – April of 1st preceding year
- Class 8 Born January – February of 1st preceding year

CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER
RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER

Note: Females over 30 months of age must be shown with calf at side or be verified safe in calf as outlined in Paragraph 8b. No crossbred calves may be shown at side of cows.

Senior Heifer Classes:

Class 9 Born September–December of 2nd preceding year
Class 10 Born May – August of 2nd preceding year
Class 11 Born January – April of 2nd preceding year
Class 12 Born September – December of 3rd preceding year

CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER
RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER

GRAND CHAMPION ALL AGE FEMALE
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION ALL AGE FEMALE

BULLS:

(Must be at least 180 days old to be eligible)

All bulls must be shown with nose ring/lead when shown without their dam.

Junior Bull Classes:

Class 13 Born March – April of current year
Class 14 Born January – February of current year
Class 15 Born November – December of 1st preceding year
Class 16 Born September – October of 1st preceding year
Class 17 Born July – August of 1st preceding year
Class 18 Born May – June of 1st preceding year

CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL
RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL

Intermediate Bull Classes:

Class 19 Born March – April of 1st preceding year
Class 20 Born January – February of 1st preceding year
Class 21 Born November – December of 2nd preceding year

CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE BULL
RESERVE CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE BULL

GRAND CHAMPION ALL AGE BULL
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION ALL AGE BULL

STEERS:

(Must be at least 180 days old to be eligible)

Junior Steers:

Class 22 Current Year
Class 23 July – December of 1st preceding year

Class 24 January – June of 1st preceding year
Class 25 July – December of 2nd preceding year
Class 26 January – June of 2nd preceding year

CHAMPION JUNIOR STEER
RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR STEER

Senior Steers:

Class 27 Born January – December 3rd preceding year
Class 28 Born January – December 4th preceding year
Class 29 Born January – December 5th preceding year

CHAMPION SENIOR STEER
RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR STEER

GRAND CHAMPION ALL AGE STEER
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION ALL AGE STEER

MINIATURE YOUTH CLASSES (Refer to page 8-9 for class breaks)

SHOWMANSHIP

- **Miniature youth classes will follow the standard youth classes, so that all youth exhibitors (standard and miniature) can compete in showmanship together.**



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