

SA JUNIOR HEIFER EXPO

13th – 16th July 2026

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY 2026

The terms and conditions of entry are at the discretion of the SA Junior Heifer Expo committee.

Section 1 – Entrant Details

1.1 **Age:** Entrants must be aged 8 to 24 years inclusive as at 30.6.2026.

1.2 **Entry Fee:** \$240.00 (including GST). The entry fee includes entrant and animal fee, all meals throughout the Expo, sawdust, and use of a locker.

1.3 **Handler Sections:** Will be split as per below using the entrant's age as at 30.06.2026:

Junior: 8 to 11 years inclusive

Sub-Intermediate: 12 to 14 years inclusive

Intermediate: 15 to 17 years inclusive

Senior: 18 to 24 years inclusive

1.4 **Ballot Animals:** Ballot animals will no longer be available. Should a prospective entrant require a ballot animal they are encouraged to contact the Coordinator prior to entries opening.

1.5 **Working With Children Check:** All entrants, live-in parents, volunteers and parents/caregivers staying on the Showground aged 14 years and over at 13th July 2026 must

provide a current SA Working with Children Check to the committee no later than 5pm on 9th July 2026.

1.6 **Junior Live-In Parent Policy:** All Junior entrants aged 8 - 11 years must have a live-in parent or caregiver or be allocated to another live-in parent or caregiver, who must stay on grounds for the full duration of the event.

1.7 **Assistance:** At all times, exhibits must be attended and prepared by the exhibitor only. No adult assistance or outside professional assistance will be tolerated. Exhibitors under the age of 12 are allocated a buddy. Group leaders are allocated to novice entrants if they require help. Adult help is available if entrants are having difficulty.

Section 2 – Animal Details

2.1 **Animals per Entrant:** Each entrant may exhibit one animal only (either a heifer or a steer). The committee reserves the right to utilise any animal for the educational program.

2.2 **Animal Age:** Animals eligible for entry must be born after 1.9.2024 (Under 22 months) and must be fully weaned. Steers and heifers entered in the commercial section must have milk teeth only. There is no minimum animal weight for the Expo.

2.3 **Animal Substitution:** Changes to animals after 1st June 2026 must be communicated to the committee and accompanied by a vet certificate for either a health condition, injury or behavioural issue. Substitutions for any other reason are strongly discouraged and subject to committee approval. If approved, a \$150 fee will apply, which must be paid by 9th July 2026.

2.4 **Herdbook Registration:** Heifers competing in heifer classes must be herdbook registered with their relevant Breed Society. Heifers who are not herdbook registered with their relevant Breed Society by 1st June 2026 will be moved to the Commercial Section for animal

- judging.
- Individual Breed Societies will be responsible for inspection of all animal tattoos, and/or firebrands prior to judging. If incorrect, absent, or illegible the animal will be disqualified, however the exhibitor of that animal will still be able to compete in the handler competition.
- 2.5 **Commercial Exhibits:** All commercial exhibits must state breed or percentages of breeds. Entries of commercial steers and commercial heifers will be judged in separate classes based on entry numbers. All animals must be dehorned (any residual horn must be inside the ear length of the animal) and must not be treated with HGP. Steers must be properly castrated.
- 2.6 **Temperament:** All exhibits must have an acceptable temperament and be broken to lead.
- 2.7 **Horns:** All animals must be dehorned (any residual horn must be inside the ear length of the animal).
- 2.8 **Nose Clips/Neck Straps:** Nose clips must always be used when cattle are being led and neck straps are compulsory when cattle are tied in the beds.
- 2.9 **Health Status:** In accordance with RA&HS regulations, only animals from a herd with a J-BAS score of 6 and above will be accepted. This must be provided at the time of entry.
- 2.10 **Property Identification Code:** PIC number must be provided at the time of entry.
- 2.11 **National Cattle Health Declaration:** Must be completed and provided to the Coordinator prior to the event.
- 2.12 **Pestivirus:** In accordance with RA&HS regulations all cattle are required to be tested for Pestivirus and certified as non-PI (persistently infected). Exhibitors must complete question 3b on *the National Cattle Health Declaration* stating this testing is complete. Copies of test results listing animals and their identification must be submitted with the National Cattle Health Declaration.
- 2.13 **Interstate Animals:** Animals travelling from interstate must have the correct Health Certificates for entry into SA and returning to their home state.
- 2.14 **Sedatives:** Administering sedatives to any animal is strictly prohibited and doing so will lead to immediate disqualification from the Expo.
- 2.15 **Ringworm:** Any animal found infected with a mild case of ringworm prior to the Expo can still be brought to the Showground provided that the Coordinator has been notified and a Veterinary Certificate is produced on arrival stating that the veterinarian has seen the animals treated and/or washed in the last 4 days with an appropriate fungicide. Any further washing is to take place at the Showgrounds under the supervision of a committee member.
- 2.16 **Unsafe/Unhealthy Animals:** The committee reserves the right to remove any exhibit from the Showground at the owner's expense, if it is deemed that it is either diseased, dangerous, or not of an acceptable show standard.
- 2.17 **Clipping:** All animals, except for those entered in the Senior Herdsperson competition, must be clipped prior to arrival at the event. Clippers may be used for show day preparation with consent from the owner of the animal. It is an expectation that the animals of all Senior

Herdsperson entrants are not to be clipped at any time prior to the Expo. In the instance of a Senior Herdsperson's animal being prepared for autumn shows, any evidence of clipping may have a negative impact on their clipping score.

Section 3 – General Conditions

- 3.1 **Living Arrangements:** All exhibitors must live on the Showgrounds and remain in the designated areas. Official permission to leave at any point during the Expo must be obtained from the Coordinator. Failure to obtain official permission will result in the entrant being instantly disqualified. All visitors must leave the Showgrounds by 10:00 pm. The Showgrounds are under 24-hour surveillance and a Security Officer will be always on duty.
- 3.2 **Arrival:** Unless prior arrangement is made with the Coordinator, no animals or entrants are permitted to enter the Showgrounds prior to 10:00am on Monday 13th July.
- 3.3 **Departure:** In accordance with RA&HS regulations, at the conclusion of the Expo, no cattle are permitted to leave the shed and no vehicles are permitted

into the event area until presentations are completed and a traffic marshal is in place to direct traffic. All animals must be loaded at the designated loading areas. No animal or entrant is permitted to leave the Showgrounds until the animal's stall, the loft above it, and the entrant's locker is clean and tidy. Interstate entrants or entrants with long distances to travel are welcome to stay overnight on the 16th July, but are required to depart by 7:00am on Friday morning. Those choosing to stay must notify the Coordinator of their intention to do so prior to arriving at the Expo. Additionally, those staying must ensure that their cattle stall, the loft above cattle, and lockers are left clean and tidy prior to departure.

- 3.4 **Electrical Appliances:** All electrical appliances must be in sound working order and have a current safety tag attached. The use of double adaptors is strictly prohibited. Entrants are to supply their own "Safety Switch" (RCD) for installation at each power outlet they use.
- 3.5 **Insurance and Public Liability:** Adequate insurance and public

liability cover are the responsibility of the Owner/Exhibitor. Any private vehicles parked within the Showgrounds will be totally at the risk of the owner.

- 3.6 **Alcohol:** As this is a licenced event, alcohol can only be served and consumed in line with the licence agreement.
- 3.7 **Complaints:** Management and control of the SA Junior Heifer Expo will be in the hands of the committee and their decision shall be final. Any complaints concerning the SA Junior Heifer Expo or applications for refunds will only be accepted in writing and will be resolved by the committee at the August 2026 meeting.
- 3.8 **Disqualification:** Any exhibitor not conforming to any regulations faces immediate disqualification from the event.
- 3.10 **2026 Entry Capacity:** The 2026 SA Junior Heifer Expo is able to accept 194 entries in total which includes a maximum of 50 Senior entrants.
- 3.11 **Use of Award Funds:** All entrants who receive a monetary prize are required to utilise their award within 12 months of receiving it. Any extension for a further 12

months must be submitted to the committee in writing.

Section 4 – Code of Conduct

4.1 Code of Conduct: The

committee has the power to remove spectators, competitors, live-in parents, or any other attendees that are in breach of the Code of Conduct.

A breach of this Code may result in exclusion from future events. A copy of the Code of Conduct can be viewed at the Expo office or made available upon request.