

FLORIDA STATE FAIR SANTA GERTRUDIS SHOW

Judging: Wednesday, February 11, 2026

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All exhibits of Santa Gertrudis breeding cattle must be registered or recorded (50% - 75% with one parent a registered Santa Gertrudis), meeting the requirements for registration or recordation as outlined in the Santa Gertrudis Rules and Regulations, and shall be governed by the last revised version of the Rules and Regulations for Approved Santa Gertrudis Open & Junior Shows as approved by the Board of Santa Gertrudis Breeders International, P.O. Box 1257, Kingsville, TX 78364. A copy may be obtained by contacting the association or viewed at www.santagertrudis.com.
2. Each owner must be a member in good standing with SGBI. No outstanding balances on an active or junior member account.
3. **ALL** animals accepted for exhibition in an SBGI-sanctioned show are subject to inspection at each show between arrival on grounds and prior to entering the show ring. The inspection will be conducted by a committee comprised of two (2) members of the Shows and Exhibits Committee and one (1) from the Breed Standards Committee.
4. Heifers twenty-four (24) months of age or older must be safe in calf as verified by a graduate veterinarian or have produced a live, Santa Gertrudis sired calf with that calf at side meeting the Standard of Excellence and the calf must be registered by thirty (30) days of age. All bulls twenty-four (24) months of age or older must provide a passing BSE test per show season.
5. All late summer yearling bulls and older must be exhibited with a nose ring or nose clip.
6. All animals must be registered or recorded and PERMANENTLY identified **before the show** with a brand ID or an ear tattoo.
7. **FITTING**
 - a. Purebred fitting - All purebred animals must be exhibited with the hair brushed down on the entire body, legs and tail with no foreign objects attached to the animal in a manner as to alter the animal's conformation or changing its appearance. Hair may not be trained upwards or forwards and/or pulled upwards or forwards on any part of the animal's body. Exhibitors failing to abide by this rule will not be allowed to show. Specifically, all hair must be brushed down slick; head clipped smooth; underline clipped blending sides; udder and teats clipped with no long hair to emphasize udder; ears clipped as to environmental and local standards; neck and brisket clipped; body clipped using common sense as to season; leg hair clipped and do not leave long from hock or knee to hoof; tail head clipped; pull switch or brush out (no ball, etc.) trim tail to personal preference.
 - b. Star Five Fitting - Star 5 exhibits are not subject to purebred clipping rules. Entries are to be fitted as blow and go. Hair may be brushed according to preference with no paint or adhesives on any part of the body.
8. To be eligible to compete in SGBI-approved junior shows, animal(s) must be recorded in the name of the junior member. This recorded junior must feed, fit, care for, and show the animal entered. *Ownership deadline is April 1 for all animals born May 1 and thereafter and November 1 for all other animals.*
9. All animals must be exhibited with hair brushed down on the entire body, legs, and tail with no foreign objects attached to the animal in a manner as to alter the animal's conformation or change its appearance. ***Exhibitors failing to abide by this rule will not be allowed to show.** The fitting handbook should be studied.
10. Each animal exhibited must be exhibited with the correct age and shown in the class corresponding with their correct age. SGBI reserves the right to tooth animals without prior notice to the breeders to verify the age of cattle. Calves being shown that are 1 to 120 days of age on the day of the show, must be at the side of a female that it is entered in the show. The female must show in her respective class.
11. Entries in each class will be placed 1,2,3, etc. Animals are to be presented in descending order according to age.
12. Polled classes will be **entered at the same time as class entries are required by each show**. Animals will be lined up according to age for the judge.
13. To be eligible to show in Best of Polled, animals to be slick polled with no scurs, no scars, no dehorning, and with no evidence of horny tissue.
14. There must be at least five (5) exhibitors and twenty-five (25) head of cattle, or a minimum of fifty (50) head of cattle to constitute a recognized Santa Gertrudis Show.
15. In all shows in which fifty (50) heads or fewer are entered, all early and late classes may be combined at the discretion of the show officials.
16. Classes with over thirty (30) entries should be divided into heats and heat winners return for final placing.
17. The judge **must** be an SGBI-approved judge.
18. Dress for exhibitors participating in SGBI-sanctioned Open and Junior shows shall be of neat and clean clothing of collared shirts with sleeves, belts, no midriff showing, and appropriate footwear – no tennis shoes. Exhibitors may wear hats or go bareheaded – no caps.
19. Juniors showing in open shows are allowed and encouraged. Entry must be shown by the owner or immediate family member (sister, brother, mother, father, grandparents, legal guardian). No animal may be fitted or shown by any open exhibitor at any time during the junior's ownership period. An exception is transportation, feed and care to a show may be allowed. Refer to junior ownership rules.
20. Each animal shall be presented in the show ring in its natural conformation and structure **without** alteration or modification. Alteration or modification shall be defined to include any surgical, chemical, electrical, pharmaceutical, or other appearance

change save only branding, tattooing, foot trimming, or dehorning. Additionally, no pumping or filling of an animal with a liquid, diuretic, or any other substance is allowed. **ALL** animals and exhibitors found to be in violation of this rule will be banned for life from showing at SGBI-approved shows.

21. If entries are not properly fitted and good herdsmanship followed, the owner may be asked to not display their cattle until they adhere to the proper procedures as outlined in our herdsmanship paper.
22. Every exhibitor, in consideration of his/her entry being accepted, agree to submit any animal so entered by him/her to inspection and agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests as may fair mandated and requested by the Shows and Exhibits Committee, or the authorized representatives of the relevant show or fair, and agrees that the conclusions reached by the committee/representative as to whether such animal is unethically fitted or over age, shall be final, without recourse, against SGBI and designated personnel. Any false representation, interference, or unprofessional conduct on the part of any exhibitor will be dealt with by the Shows and Exhibits Committee according to the equities of the case.
23. Any person who furnished the birthday of the animal to SGBI either on the IPRA or some other document (whereby that birthday information is transferred to the registration certificate) and that animal is exhibited in an SGBI-approved show with an incorrect age and the age determined by the SGBI designated veterinarian exceeds the age listed on the registration certificate by more than 30 days, the person furnishing the birthday above and such person furnishing said information to SGBI for inclusion on the registration certificate shall be barred from showing in an SGBI approved show for a period of six (6) months for the first offense, one (1) year for the second offense and for life for the third offense. However, the animal, if transferred to another owner, may be placed in the correct class and be shown again.
24. For and in consideration of the opportunity to participate in any SGBI-approved show, each exhibitor hereby releases SGBI, its officers, directors, and representatives from negligence, any and all claims, suits, judgment past, present, or future, arising from or connected with the administration or use of such test or examination and the resulting decision there from.
25. Any exhibitor desiring to dispute or challenge the results of any test, exam, or show rule enforcement, as applied to his/her animals, shall do so in accordance with procedures established by the rules of the association.

26. APPEALS:

- a. The Chairman of the Shows and Exhibits Committee and the Vice President of Youth Activities in conjunction with the person(s) responsible for coordinating the individual shows will continue to be primarily vested with authority to determine whether animals entered the show meets the standards formally approved by the Breed Standards Committee.
- b. In the event the Vice President of Youth Activities or individual show coordinating official disqualifies an animal from participating in a youth show and the exhibitor wants to appeal the disqualification, the appeal process outlined below must be followed.
- c. In the event the Chairman of Shows and Exhibits or individual show coordinating disqualifies an animal from participating in a sanctioned show, and the exhibitor wants to appeal the disqualification, the appeal process outlined below must be followed.
- d. Additionally, **any** exhibitor participating in an individual youth show or other SGBI-sanctioned show that wants to appeal a breed standards disqualification decision by either the Vice President for Youth Activities/youth show coordinating official, or the Chairman of Shows and Exhibits/show coordinating official must follow the appeals process outlined below.

Appeals Committee

The appeals committee will be comprised of the following three (3) members – the Vice President of Breed Improvement, the Vice President of Marketing and Promotions, and the Executive Director of SGBI. All three (3) members must be present to constitute a quorum. All decisions rendered by the Appeals Committee will be binding and final for all appeals submitted to the committee.

Appeals Procedure

- a. All qualification/disqualification appeals, and appropriate supporting documentation submitted by exhibitors must be submitted in writing to the Executive Director of SGBI. The written appeal must be accompanied by a \$200 process fee. No waivers will be granted to the requirements for written appeals and the upfront \$200 fee.
 - b. Exhibitors must file written appeals postmarked or via e-mail within five (5) business days following the date of the show governing the qualification/disqualification decision by the primary officials (Vice President of Youth Activities/show coordinating official or Chairman of Show and Exhibits/event coordinating official).
 - c. The Executive Director will be responsible for coordinating meetings of the Appeals Committee and forwarding copies of the appeal and supporting documentation to the other committee members.
 - d. The Appeals Committee will render a final decision within five (5) business days following receipt of the written appeal, appropriate supporting documentation, and the \$200 fee.
 - e. In the event an exhibitor appeals a disqualification decision by the primary official and the Appeals Committee **approves** the exhibitor's appeals, the animal covered by the appeal will be qualified to participate in all future SGBI-sanctioned events.
 - f. In the event an exhibitor appeals a disqualification decision by the primary official and the Appeals Committee **disapproves** the exhibitor's appeal, the animal covered by the appeal will be disqualified from participating in future SGBI-sanctioned events. Additionally, any points or rewards previously given to the owner of the animal will be forfeited.
 - g. In the event an exhibitor appeals a disqualification decision by the primary official and the Appeals Committee rules that the animal covered by the appeal **does not** meet breed standards, the covered animal will be disqualified from participating in future shows and the owner of the animal will forfeit any points and awards previously granted.
- 27. PROCEDURES TO FILE PROTEST:**
1. File a protest with the show that the infraction occurred. Follow their protest rules.
 2. File the same protest with the Shows and Exhibits Committee. Contact the chairman.
 3. Three (3) exhibitors must sign the protest.

4. All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$100.00, cash, or certified check, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Shows and Exhibits Committee within twenty-four (24) hours after the occasion for such protests.
 5. Order of hearing a protest:
 - a. Chairman of Shows and Exhibits Committee
 - b. Action by Shows and Exhibits Committee
 - c. Final action by the Board of Directors
 - d. Follow the appeal procedure as outlined in the Rules and Regulations
 6. All rules and regulations that have been properly protested to the Shows and Exhibits Committee shall be subject to the following penalties:
 - a. Loss of Premium money
 - b. Loss of Awards
 - c. Suspension from showing the subject animal as deemed necessary. Penalty may be for one (1) show, two (2) shows or three (3) shows, or as long as deemed necessary for the offense.
 - d. Suspension of the exhibitor being the same as other SGBI Rules penalties.
- 28.** Failure to adhere to each shows specific rules shall also be subject to these penalties. Proper protest procedures must be adhered to according to that particular show's rules. SGBI will follow each show's rules and any action taken by a show will be upheld by SGBI in relation to its bearing on our point show system.
- 29. DISQUALIFICATIONS:** An exhibitor who has been disqualified from competition in any livestock show or has had a premium withheld or withdrawn on the grounds of rule violation(s) will not be allowed to compete in other shows. This shall include, but is not limited to, disqualification for fraud, misrepresentation, unethical fitting or deception. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation; and depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a thorough investigation is completed. No complaint or appeal that a judge over-looked an animal will be considered. If any exhibitor, in any way, whether in person or by their representative, interferes with the judge(s), or shows any disrespect to them or to show officials, the existing show officials may excuse him/her from the ring and exclude them from further competition; exhibitor premiums that may have been awarded may also be withheld. If an animal is disqualified after having won awards or premiums, the animals placed below him/her may be moved up (at the option of the Shows and Exhibits Committee) to fill the vacated position.
- 30. RULES FOR HIGH POINT AWARDS**
- a. For each point show, first place class winner will receive 2 points; the second-place class winner will receive 1 point; Division Champion will receive 3 points; Reserve Division Champion will receive 2 points; Grand Champion will receive 5 points and Reserve Grand Champion receives 4 points; Best of Polled receives 1 point but does not count towards overall points.
 - b. Get of Sire and Produce of Dam points go toward Exhibitor/Breeder of the Year Awards.
 - c. Points will stay with the animal if sold.
 - d. The Sire and Dam of the Year should have points from at least two (2) different offspring.
 - e. All points earned at the National Open Show are to be doubled.
- 31. CONDUCT IN THE SHOW RING**
- If any exhibitor/owner/showman interferes in any way with the judge or shows disrespect to him, or to the show ring, the exhibitor/owner/showman may be dismissed by the judge or show management from the ring. The management may withhold from each exhibitor/owner/showman any premium monies that may have been awarded or take other steps deemed desirable.
- 32. DNA TEST ON QUESTIONABLE ANIMALS**
- Santa Gertrudis Breeders International and its representatives reserve the right to require any test deemed necessary to verify the accuracy of the entry, classification and/or the pedigree of exhibited Santa Gertrudis animals, and parentage verification of Star 5, including calves exhibited at the side of a Santa Gertrudis female. " Said authority shall extend to and cover the enforcement of all show rules as adopted by SGBI."

SANTA GERTRUDIS PREMIUM SCHEDULE

1st=\$100, 2nd=\$90, 3rd=\$80, 4th=\$70, 5th=\$60, 6th- 10th=\$50

Premiums - Classes 1,2,3,4,5,8,9,10,11,14,15,16,17,20,21,22,28,29,30,31,32,35,36,37,38,41,42,43,44,50,51,55,56,57,

Rosettes - Classes 6,7,12,13,18,19,23,24,33,34,39,40,45,46

Banners – Classes 25,26,47,48

Class Number and Name

Females

1. Early Summer Heifer Calf, calved May 1, 2025, or later
2. Late Junior Heifer Calf, calved April 1 – April 30, 2025
3. Early Junior Heifer Calf, calved Mar. 1 – Mar. 31, 2025
4. Late Senior Heifer Calf, calved Feb. 1 – Feb. 28, 2025
5. Early Senior Heifer Calf, calved Jan. 1 – Jan. 31, 2025
6. **Champion Heifer Calf (from classes 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5)**
7. **Reserve Champion Heifer Calf (Remaining first place heifers, plus second place heifer from class that produced the Calf Champion)**
8. Late Yearling Heifer, calved Nov. 1 – Dec. 31, 2024
9. Early Yearling Heifer, calved Sept. 1 – Oct. 31, 2024
10. Late Summer Yearling Heifer, calved July 1 – Aug. 31, 2024
11. Early Summer Yearling Heifer, calved May 1 – June 30, 2024
12. **Champion Yearling Heifer (from classes 8, 9, 10, and 11)**
13. **Reserve Champion Yearling Heifer (Remaining first place heifers plus second place heifer from the class that produced the Yearling Champion)**
14. Late Intermediate Females, calved Mar. 1 – April 30, 2024
15. Early Intermediate Females, calved Jan. 1 – Feb. 29, 2024
16. *Late Fall Females, calved Nov. 1 – Dec. 31, 2023
17. *Early Fall Females, calved Sept. 1 – Oct. 31, 2023
18. **Champion Intermediate Female (From classes 14, 15, 16, and 17)**
19. **Reserve Champion Intermediate Female (Remaining first place heifer plus second place heifer from class that produced the Senior Champion Heifer)**
20. *Late Summer Two-Year-Old Females, calved June 30 – Aug. 1, 2023
21. *Late Two-Year-Old Females, calved Mar. 1 – May 31, 2023
22. *Early Two-Year-Old Females, calved Jan. 1 – Feb. 28, 2023
23. **Champion Senior Female (From classes 20, 21 and 22)**
24. **Reserve Champion Senior Female**
25. **Grand Champion Female (Senior, Intermediate, Yearling, and Heifer Calf Champion females competing)**
26. **Reserve Grand Champion Female (Remaining Senior, Intermediate, Yearling, or Heifer Calf Champion females plus the Reserve Champion from the class that produced the Grand Champion Female)**
27. **Best of Polled Female Award - Must be smooth polled with no horny tissue. Must enter by entry deadline to be eligible; no late entries accepted.**

* Must have produced a calf or be safe in the calf as verified by a graduate veterinarian.

Bulls

28. Early Summer Bull Calf, calved May 1, 2025, or later
29. Late Junior Bull Calf, calved March 1 – April 30, 2025
30. Early Junior Bull Calf, calved Jan. 1 – Feb. 28, 2025
31. Late Senior Bull Calf, calved Nov. 1 – Dec. 31, 2024
32. Early Senior Bull Calf, calved Sept. 1 – Oct. 31, 2024
33. **Champion Bull Calf (From classes 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32)**
34. **Reserve Champion Bull Calf (Remaining first place bulls plus second place bull from the class that produced the Calf Champion)**
35. Late Summer Yearling Bull calved July 1 - August 31, 2024
36. Early Summer Yearling Bull, calved May 1 - June 30, 2024
37. Late Junior Yearling Bull, calved March 1 - April 30, 2024
38. Early Junior Yearling Bull, calved Jan. 1 - Feb. 29, 2024
39. **Champion Yearling Bull (From classes 35, 36, 37, and 38)**
40. **Reserve Champion Yearling Bull (Remaining first place bulls plus second place bull from class that produced the Yearling Champion)**
41. Late Senior Yearling Bull, calved Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, 2023
42. Early Senior Yearling Bull, calved July 1 - Sept. 30, 2023
43. Late Two-Year-Old Bull, calved April 1 - June 30, 2023
44. Early Two-Year-Old Bull, calved Jan. 1 - March 31, 2023
45. **Champion Senior Bull (From classes 41, 42, 43, and 44)**
46. **Reserve Champion Senior Bull (Remaining first-place bulls plus the second-place bull from the class that produced the Senior Champion Bull)**
47. **Grand Champion Bull (Senior, Yearling, and Calf Champion bulls competing)**
48. **Reserve Grand Champion Bull (Remaining Senior, Yearling, or Calf Champions plus the Reserve Champion from the class that produced the Grand Champion Bull)**
49. **Best of Polled Male Award - must be smooth polled with no horny tissue. Must enter by entry deadline to be eligible; no late entries accepted.**
50. **Produce-of-Dam: Two purebred offspring of one dam, within age limits of individual classes and exhibited in their respective classes. May consist of two females and one bull or vice versa; Dam must be named.**
51. **Get-of-Sire: Three purebred offspring all by one sire, within age limits of individual classes, and exhibited in their respective classes. May consist of two females and one bull or vice versa. Sire must be named.**
52. Star Five Female May 1, 2025, or later
53. Star Five Female Jan. 1 – April 30, 2025
54. Star Five Female Sept. 1, 2024 – Dec. 31, 2024

- 55. Star Five Female June 1, 2024 – August 30, 2024
- 56. Star Five Female March 1, 2024 – May 31, 2024
- 57. Star Five Female Sept. 1, 2023 – Feb. 28, 2024
- 58. **Grand Champion Star Five Female (From classes 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, and 57)**
- 59. **Reserve Grand Champion Star Five Female (Remaining first-place heifers plus second-place heifer from the class that produced the Star Five Champion)**