

Montana Junior Angus Association By-laws

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Article I: Name

The name of the organization shall be the Montana Junior Angus Association.

Article II: Purpose

To provide an effective organization whereby junior Angus breeders and feeders can join together for mutual assistance and Angus promotion. To promote a comprehensive program to benefit its members to contribute to the popularity of Angus cattle, to cooperate with existing animal industry agencies as well as local, state and national Angus associations. To cultivate leadership through the promotion and activities associated with Angus cattle.

Article III: Membership

Section 1: Any boy or girl who is less than 21 years of age on January 1 of the current year may be a member.

Section 2: Members are expected to be active to give full support to the affairs of the association.

Section 3: Dues will be \$10 lifetime membership. Membership dues can be raised by a majority vote at the annual meeting.

Section 4: A MJAA member shall be considered active if he or she is engaged in the registration of purebred Angus cattle within the last six years.

Section 5: A MJAA member shall be considered inactive if he or she has not registered any animal for six or more consecutive years. Such inactive member shall be reinstated upon the resumption of the registration of animals.

Article IV: Officers & Voting Delegates

Section 1: Term of office shall be one year, beginning at the annual meeting.

- a. Membership will vote officers and directors into office at the annual meeting held at the Montana Junior Beef Expo.
- b. Board of Directors terms shall consist of a two year term. At the conclusion of a member's 1st term they may seek re-election. A member may be on the board for four years total.
- c. Under special circumstances election may be held at the mid-year meeting, held at the NILE each year.

Section 2: Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Reporter and three director positions. Each shall perform the regular duties of these offices.

Section 3: There will be an Executive Board consisting of immediate past two Presidents, President, and Vice President, Secretary, Reporter, directors and Advisors. They will meet before the annual meeting and evaluate the names that have been nominated for Board of Directors and officers and pick the member's most knowledgeable of the program, history of active involvement, enthusiasm, and genuine interest, time to dedicate to the office and most importantly be a positive role model for the younger members.

Section 4: Any member in good standing, maintaining an active membership may run for office of the Montana Junior Angus Association. Junior members are reminded throughout the year to make their intention known to any officer or the Advisors if they have an interest in running for an office and Board of Directors.

Section 5: Automatic removal from office will be mandatory in the following cases:

- a. Moving out of state
- b. Attaining the age of 21 by January 1 of the current year.
- c. Death

Section 6: Voting delegates will be the most senior ranking officers or directors that attend the NJAS, for example President and Vice President. If no officers are attending the NJAS, the showmanship representatives will be the voting delegates. These decisions are made with the help of the MJAA Executive Board and Advisors.

Section 7: Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the meetings of the Association.

Article V: Fiscal Operations

Section 1: This Association operates as a non-profit, tax exempt organization, with its own tax ID number. This organization exists under the non-profit status "umbrella" of the Montana Angus Association.

Section 2: These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote cast by those in attendance, providing notice has been given at the previous meeting or through a mailing.

Article VI: Advisors

Section 1: Advisors for this Association shall be selected by the outgoing Advisors and the Montana Angus Association Board.

Section 2: Advisors Duties:

- a. Report, keep and collect all treasuries for the MJAA.

- b. Keep record of current membership for MJAA.
- c. Make decisions with regard to showmanship selection for the NJAS. Guidelines, application process.
- d. Assist MJAA members in attaining their Bronze, Silver and Gold status.
- e. Maintain adequate correspondence between the membership, MJAA, NJAA and AAA.
- f. Assist with officer training programs.
- g. MJAA display and advertising.