

East Coast Cattle Circuit



Mission Statement:

The goal of the East Coast Cattle Circuit is to recognize the beef cattle exhibitors who strive to exhibit quality cattle throughout the region by accumulating points at recognized shows.

Rules & Regulations:

1. Membership is open to exhibitors ages 3-21 (as of January 1 of the current year).
2. Cost of membership is \$25 per exhibitor and is due by February 21 of the current year. If a member decides to join after February 21, they will be charged \$35 per exhibitor and points ARE NOT retroactive and will accrue from the time of membership.
3. Verification of age and residency may be requested at any time.
4. All cattle will be identified by tattoo.
5. Each member is allowed to nominate an unlimited number of cattle they would like to show throughout the show season. The first 2 head of cattle are included in the \$25 membership fee, beyond 2 head the cost will be \$25 per head. **Awards will be given to a maximum of 2 head (with the highest points) per exhibitor per year.** Points on the nominated cattle will be collected at sanctioned shows only. Sanctioned shows- WVU Block & Bridle Bonanza, Empire State Beef Classic, Maple City Cattle Battle, The Big East East Arena, and The Big East Kent Arena. The lowest pointed show will be dropped from the total points.
6. Nomination forms must be filled out and signed by the exhibitor of the cattle and submitted by February 20 of the current year.
7. Animals MUST be exhibited by a member in good standing of the East Coast Cattle Circuit. In the event a conflict occurs (example: a member has 2 animals in the same class) and an assistant is needed, the assistant MUST be a duly recognized member in good standing of the East Coast Cattle Circuit. If an animal is shown by a Non-East Coast Cattle Circuit member, no points will be awarded for that particular animal in that show.
8. The committee of the East Coast Cattle Circuit reserves the right to reject or refuse any membership.
9. The East Coast Cattle Circuit will support the health requirements and Code of Ethics of each show. Failure to comply may result in the loss of points for that show.
10. Showmanship ages are Pee-Wee (ages 3-8), Junior (ages 9-12), Intermediate (ages 13-16) and Senior (ages 17-21).
11. A social media awards presentation will be done after the last show is wrapped up. Awards will be given away to Top 5 Steers, Tops 5 Heifers, and Top 5 Showmanship Exhibitors in each age division.
12. In the event of a tie, the showmanship scores will be used to break the tie.
13. Points will not be given in Jackpot Show Classes.
14. There will be no steer leases allowed. All heifer leases are accepted.
15. Breed Association rules will supersede the East Coast Cattle Circuit rules.
16. Following each show a *Points Form* must be submitted for each East Coast Cattle Circuit member. It must be postmarked within 7 days of the last day of the show. All forms must be mailed to East Coast Cattle Circuit Attn: Elena Hovagimian, 1305 Memorial Avenue West Springfield, MA 01089, emailed to bigeast@thebige.com or faxed to 413-205-5104. Forms submitted beyond the 7 days WILL NOT be accepted. The *Points Form* is the only way you will receive credit for your placings. The points will be taken based off of what is submitted by the exhibitor. No points will be accepted via phone, etc. NO EXCEPTIONS.

*****MAKE SURE TO DOUBLE CHECK YOUR POINTS BEFORE SUBMITTING*****

Shows & Point System:

Sanctioned Shows: (Points will be taken from 4 shows. The lowest pointed show will be dropped)

-WVU Block & Bridle Bonanza -Empire State Beef Classic
-Maple City Cattle Battle -The Big East: East Arena -The Big East: Kent Arena

Heifer/ Steer Point System

Class Points: 1st- 10 points 2nd- 8 points 3rd- 6 points 4th- 4 points 5th- 2 points

Weight Champion- 15 Points (Ex. Champion Lightweight Steer etc.)

Weight Champion- 10 points

Breed Champion- 25 Points (Ex. Champion Hereford Heifer, Champion Maine Heifer, etc)

Reserve Breed Champion- 20 points

Overall Champion- 35 points

Reserve Overall Champion- 30 points

Showmanship Point System

Showmanship Participation - 5 points

Division Champion Showman- 25 points (Ex. Champion Junior Showman)

Reserve Division Champion Showman- 20 points

3rd Division Champion Showman- 15 points

4th Division Champion Showman- 10 points

5th Division Champion Showman- 5 points

Overall Champion Showman- 35 points

Reserve Overall Champion Showman- 30 points

Awards:

These titles will receive awards at the year-end presentations

Top 5

Heifers

Steers

Showman (of each division)- *20 total awards for showmanship*

Donna Woolam- Big East

Elena Hovagimian- Big East

Alicia Audet- Big East

Laura Kwilos- Empire State Beef Classic

Kirby Dygert- Empire State Beef Classic

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