

## 2026 North Star Point Series Rules

### Exhibitor Rules:

1. North Star Points Series (NSPS) is going to award exhibitors that accumulate the most points throughout the year. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the point series season. The series will run from the 1<sup>st</sup> sanctioned show to the last sanctioned show; both of which will be determined on a year to year basis based on participation.
2. In order to earn points, exhibitors must be a paid member of the North Star Points Series. Points will not be accumulated until membership is paid. Any shows attended prior to paid membership will not count towards total calculation of points.
3. All Registered cattle must be a part of their respective breed association and conform to their MN Breed Association rules for registration.
4. Membership dues \$40.00 per Jr. Exhibitor and \$10.00 per animal. This is to be completed on Showman.App only. Entries must be submitted on Showman.App prior to the start of the show in order to receive points for that show.
5. All entries MUST include a copy of their registration papers- if registered. Any registered animal that doesn't submit a registration paper will be calculated as a crossbred.
6. Exhibitor age requirements will follow the Jr. National rules of their respected breeds. When breed rules do not apply, age requirement will be 6-21 as of the current year. (examples: crossbred steers, Commercial breeding heifers and market heifers)
7. In order for points to be received, cattle must be owned, entered, and shown by the Jr. Exhibitor entered in the show.
8. All exhibitors must have a Minnesota address to join the North Star Points Series.
9. Breeding Heifers must be born prior to 12-31-2025. Market animals must be born in 2025.
10. To be recognized in the Bred & Owned division the registration papers must follow the breed association's rules.
11. The same animal cannot be shown as a market animal and a breeding animal at the same show.
12. ANY unsportsmanlike conduct or misrepresentation from a NSPS exhibitor or family member/guardian will NOT be tolerated. If an offense is committed the exhibitor will be disqualified and stripped of all points!
13. Dress code – Exhibitors must exhibit in respective attire and must follow each specific show guidelines. Please see a committee member if you have any questions.
14. The use of hemp hair, removed hair, or any like materials added to an animal's body will not be allowed. Filling by the use of pumps, bottles, or drenching will not be allowed. If any of these offenses are violated the exhibitors will be disqualified and stripped of all their points for the day.

### Point Accumulation Rules:

1. Field days that allow animals to show in both the "Owned" and "Bred & Owned" divisions will only receive points for the Owned show. An animal cannot receive points for both the Owned" and "Bred & Owned" shows. These points will also be calculated for Overall Awards.
2. Members can accumulate points from all of the shows they attend; however, awards will be based on 50% +1 of the shows.
  - a. For example: If there are 24 total shows. Awards will be based on the points for your top 13 shows. (24 shows x 50% = 12 -> 12+1= 13 shows calculated)
3. Exhibitors must compete in at least 3 shows to qualify for year-end awards.

**Sanctioned Show Rules:**

1. Sanctioned shows will be required to submit a \$100.00 deposit.
2. Sanctioned shows must allow a Market Heifer Show. Champion and Reserve Champion Market Heifer must be allowed to compete for overall market animal. This rule does not apply for breed field days. Market heifers will be shown all together and not broken out by breed.
3. Sanctioned shows are required to have breed classes for breeding heifers and market steers regardless of the number of head entered. Heifers will be broken out by age and steers by weight.
4. Sanctioned shows must offer a showmanship contest with 3 divisions Junior, Intermediate and Senior. Each division champion will be awarded 7 points plus 5 participation points towards their overall points, reserve champions will receive 3 points plus 5 participation points. All showmanship participants will receive 5 points towards their overall points.
  - o Junior: Up to Age 11
  - o Intermediate: Ages 12 – 16
  - o Senior: Ages 17 – 22
5. If a show allows a PeeWee showmanship category and the NSPS exhibitor falls into that age break, they must show in the Junior Category in order to receive their showmanship points.
6. All sanctioned shows attended will be calculated for overall year-end points. Points will be earned on the following basis. North Star Points Series sanctioned shows must acknowledge a top 5 Breeding Heifer and top 5 Market Animal.
7. Overall Exhibitor Points for the entire series will be tabulated by:
  - o Highest ranking three (3) animals for each exhibitor at each sanctioned show
  - o Showmanship points for each exhibitor at each sanctioned show
8. Below are the points for each potential animal placing:

<b>Point Calculations for Classes</b>						
Class Placings	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th & Beyond
Points Awarded	25	20	15	10	5	4

<b>Point Calculations: Overall</b>							
Class Placings	Supreme Champion	Reserve Supreme	3rd Overall	4th Overall	5th Overall	Breed Champion	Reserve Breed
Points Awarded	25	22	19	15	12	7	3

<b>Breed Age Requirements</b>			
<b><u>Breed</u></b>	<b><u>Youngest</u></b>	<b><u>Oldest</u></b>	<b><u>As of</u></b>
Aberdeen	7	21	Jan. 1 2026
Angus	7	21	Jan. 1 2026
Charolais	8	21	Jan. 1 2026
Chianina	4	Not of had their 22nd bday	Jan. 1 2026
Commercial	6	21	Jan. 1 2026
Gelbvieh	8	21	Jan. 1 2026
Hereford	7	21	Jan. 1 2026
Limousin	5	21	Jan. 1 2026
Maine-Anjou	No Min.	21	Jan. 1 2026
Mini Herf	3	21	June 21 2026
Red Angus	7	21	Jan. 1 2026
Shorthorn	7	21	Jan. 1 2026
Simmental	8	21	Jan. 1 2026
South Devon	No Min.		Jan. 1 2026
Speckled Park	No Min.		Jan. 1 2026

Any and all protests must be filed at the sanctioned show. Any person that wishes to file a protest is required to submit their concerns in a written manner accompanied with \$250.00 cash. The person filing the protest is responsible for all costs to verify the protest. Written protest must state plainly and in detail the cause of the complaint. Protest must be filed before the champion drive. Protest money will NOT be refunded. Protest will be handled by the breed association involved if applicable and the NSPS committee.

**\*\*Disclaimer\*\***

These rules and regulations are subject to change at any time with the approval of all committee members.