

2025 Western Elite Bred Heifer Invitational Rules

Special attention is called to the following:

- Animal Care Codes of Practice
- Calgary Stampede Exhibitor Agreement
- General Rules
- Health Regulations
- IAFE Code of Ethics

GENERAL RULES:

1. Special attention is called to the following: Calgary Stampede Agriculture Rules/Regulations and Codes which apply to all exhibitors and parents/guardians of exhibitors under the age of 18.
2. The Western Elite Bred Heifer Invitational is open to calendar-year aged heifers, meaning that they must be born in 2024.
3. All breeding livestock entries eligible for the Western Elite Bred Heifer Invitational must be at least 50% owned by the exhibitor/family farm effective at time of entry. Registration Papers, Lease Agreement and/or Bill of Sale must be available upon request for all purebred and commercial entries. Random and mandatory tattoo and tag checks will be performed.
4. The name listed on the entry form to the Calgary Stampede Western Elite Bred Heifer Invitational MUST sign an Exhibitor Agreement form or the entry will not be accepted. The name listed is responsible for the animal entered. Exhibitors under the age of 18 as of January 1, 2025, will require parental consent.
5. No entry may be sold or transferred once the entry has been submitted, nor during the competition. All exhibitors must be youth ages 9-21 as of January 1, 2025.
6. The committee reserves the right to ask for proof of age of the exhibitor at any time.
7. Entry deadline is Friday, June 6, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.(MST) at a cost of \$100 per entry.
8. All heifers must be under control at all times without the use of drugs. Heifers deemed to be out of control or dangerous to the public will be asked to be removed from the facility at the owner's expense.
9. No horns are permitted, regardless of size, on heifers entered in the show. Animals may be disqualified at the discretion of Stampede Officials at the time of entry to the barn, should noticeable horns be present.
10. Stall cards and decorations must NOT contain any commercial advertising, company names or sponsors. All signage and decoration is limited to the stall space allocated to the animal. No signage may be put up outside the space immediately in front of the livestock. Should any signage be placed in public area, in alleyways or in another exhibitors allocated space, it will be removed and the exhibitor is responsible for getting back from the Youth Livestock Sub-Committee.

11. Show harnesses must be used in the show ring.
12. In an event of a disqualification or dismissal from the show, no entry fees will be refunded.
13. All heifers must have a neck rope on and secured when the heifer is tied in their assigned stall in the barn. Heifers found to be without a neck rope while in their assigned stall within the designated hours will result in forfeiture of all prize money and scholarships awarded to that entry. Exhibitors are responsible for providing their own neck ties.
14. Heifer classes will be split by age, with the number of heifers per class to be determined by the sub-committee based on entries.
15. Heifers will enter the ring in ascending order by youngest to oldest aged female.
16. All exhibitors are required to attend a MANDATORY exhibitor meeting. Please check the schedule for time and location.
17. Exhibitors are responsible for arriving at the show ring on time for their class. Once the show ring has been closed, no late entries will be allowed to enter the ring. Animals that do not make the show are disqualified from the Western Elite Bred Heifer Invitational.
18. Any animal can be excused from the show ring at the discretion of Stampede Officials for safety reasons.
19. All class champions (1st and 2nd place) will advance to the overall Championship.
20. Exhibitors MUST be present from move-in until move out to care for and maintain their animal and heifer alleys or all prize money will be forfeited. It is expected that all stalls and alleys will be kept in a clean and presentable fashion at all times to the best of the exhibitor's ability. All exhibitors and animals must be in the barns prior to 9:00 AM MST on Friday, July 11, 2025.
21. Volunteers, shareholders, directors, staff and sponsors of the Calgary Stampede or their children and/or relatives may qualify as exhibitors if they meet the age requirement.
22. No aerosol cans may be used in the marshalling area of the arena.
23. An exhibitor may lodge a protest. In order for the Exhibitor to lodge a protest in connection with an entry, the Exhibitor must submit such protest in writing to the Agriculture Administration Department of the Stampede before 10 a.m. the day following the cause of protest, and a receipt must be obtained. Any such protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$500, which shall be forfeited to the Stampede if the said protest is not affirmed by the Stampede.
24. Exhibitor Code of Conduct: All exhibitors commit to demonstrating behavior which validates respect, consideration, understanding, patience, cooperation and honesty. This environment fosters learning, socializing, and opportunity. All exhibitors are bound by the Exhibitor Agreement.
25. No alcohol or cannabis consumption whatsoever is permitted in the entire Western Elite Bred Heifer Invitational programming zones, including barns and arenas. Awareness and signage will clearly identify the no alcohol or cannabis consumption rule. Those who violate the rule will be disqualified immediately and forfeit their scholarship and prize money.

26. If a parent or guardian is found violating the no alcohol or cannabis consumption rule, it will result in their youth's entry being disqualified, and scholarship and prize money being forfeited.

27. The Calgary Stampede Youth Livestock Sub-Committee and Stampede Officials shall, in their sole and unfettered discretion have the right at any time to add, delete, modify, waive or interpret a Rule or Rules in order to clarify or address a circumstance or action not previously outlined or contemplated in the existing Western Elite Bred Heifer Invitational Rules or as Stampede Officials may deem appropriate for the betterment of the competition in their sole and unfettered discretion.

Veterinary Treatment

If an animal requires veterinary treatment while at a Calgary Stampede event, only the Official Stampede Veterinarian or an accredited Stampede veterinarian, licensed to practice veterinary medicine in Alberta by the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, will be allowed to administer any drug or medication.

An exhibitor may choose a licensed veterinarian other than the Official Stampede Veterinarian, but the Official Stampede Veterinarian MUST be notified in advance and he/she MUST be present when the drug is administered. Furthermore, the Official Stampede Veterinarian, in agreement with Stampede Officials, reserves the right to treat any animal if it is in the best interest of the animal's health and well-being to be treated. Animals that are administered drugs or medication for any reason while at a Calgary Stampede event will not be allowed to compete.

Treatment Costs

All treatment costs are the responsibility of the exhibitor.

Ultimate Care and Responsibility

By making entry to the Calgary Stampede the exhibitor agrees and understands that ultimate care and responsibility for an animal(s) rest solely upon the exhibitor prior to the competition, during the competition and after the competition until the animal(s) have left the facility.

TRANSPORTATION OF ANIMALS

Please reference our Health Regulations page for detailed information on transporting animals within Alberta and importing cattle to Canada. If you have any questions, please contact our Entries Office at (403)261-9316.

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