

2025 Calgary Stampede Junior Steer Classic

The Grand and the Reserve Champion Steers will be sold at auction with proceeds going to the Junior Steer Classic Scholarship fund. *This is a terminal show for the Grand & Reserve steers.

Special attention is called to the following Calgary Stampede rules and regulations for all livestock competitions:

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

ALL ENTRIES MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS:

Provided At Time of Entry:

- Completed Entry Form Online
- Signed Prohibited Feed Affidavit
- RFID (Electronic ID) Number

Provided At Upon Request:

- A completed manifest – All Alberta cattle must arrive on Alberta Livestock Manifest. Only one animal per manifest. Please record your RFID number on the manifest.
 - Livestock Manifest: A producer generated document showing the owner's movement of cattle within their own jurisdiction.
- Bill of Sale
- Out of Province Transport Permit for all steers originating outside of Alberta. This Livestock Permit is a document issued by a Livestock Inspector/Brand Inspector after an inspection has been done on the cattle, and the cattle then travel to their destination on the permit, showing they have been inspected. These are usually valid for a set amount of time and expire once they arrive at the destination on the permit. All brand inspected provinces & states require inspection prior to leaving that jurisdiction and a Livestock Permit is issued to accompany the cattle. The document required for cattle originating from these locations for the purpose of show or sale are as follows:
 - British Columbia: Must arrive on a BC Livestock Permit
 - Saskatchewan: Must arrive on a Saskatchewan Livestock Permit
 - Manitoba: Must arrive on a Manitoba Livestock Manifest, or may also arrive on a Saskatchewan Livestock Permit if they had the cattle inspected by a Saskatchewan Inspector.

- Other brand inspected jurisdictions: Must arrive on a Livestock Permit from that jurisdiction.
- Non-brand inspected jurisdictions – Should arrive on a manifest from that jurisdiction, but may need to complete an Alberta Livestock Manifest upon arrival if a manifest is not available in their jurisdiction.
- Age verification preferred.

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 exhibitor and or parent/guardian declare that the entry is free and clear of ALL drugs, chemicals, or medication and their residues at the time of competition in accordance with the Calgary Stampede's Drug Management and Residue Avoidance Program (see below).
3. The name listed on the entry form to the Calgary Stampede Junior Steer Classic MUST sign an Exhibitor Agreement form and a Feed Affidavit 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.
4. 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.
5. The committee reserves the right to ask for proof of age of the exhibitor at any time.
6. An exhibitor can only enter ONE steer.
7. Entry deadline is Monday, June 16, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.(MST) at a cost of \$150 per entry. NO LATE ENTRIES will be accepted. Animal substitutions can be made up until Monday, June 23, 2025 at 4 p.m.(MST). There will be no handler substitutions allowed. Please submit a completed substitution form to our entries office.
8. All steers must be under control at all times without the use of drugs. Humbugs, nose rings, and tail ties are permitted. Steers 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 steers entered in the show. Animals may be disqualified at the discretion of Stampede Officials at the time of weigh-in, should noticeable horns be present.
10. Stall cards and decorations must NOT contain any commercial advertising, company names or sponsors. A printed stall card will be provided following the completion of weigh-in. Show harnesses must be used in the show ring. All steers must be castrated, either by complete removal of both testicles or crushing of cords and vessels. In either case, surgery must be healed or no evidence of testicles within the scrotum. All steers will be examined at the time of weigh-in and will be excused or disqualified from showing should there be a violation of these conditions.
11. In an event of a disqualification or dismissal from the show, no entry fees will be refunded.

12. All steers must have a neck tie on and secured when the steer is tied in their assigned stall in the barn. Steers found to be without a neck tie while in their assigned stall at any time will result in forfeiture of all prize money and scholarships awarded to that entry. Exhibitors are responsible for providing their own neck ties.
13. An individual COMPLETED BRAND MANIFEST and BILL OF SALE must be submitted upon request to the committee for each steer entered. OUT OF PROVINCE steers require a Livestock permit (see more details in entry fees section). This will be strictly enforced. An Alberta Livestock manifest is required for all steers originating in Alberta. Each entry must have a RFID tag, with the RFID number recorded on the manifest/livestock permit. The CCIA will monitor and enforce any action required, should an animal be missing a tag. An INCOMPLETE MANIFEST or PERMIT or failure to present a BILL OF SALE upon request will disqualify the steer from the show.
14. All steers will be weighed Friday, July 11, 2025 (time to be determined). This will be the official show weight. The Exhibitor must be in the weigh-in area at the time of processing. No re-weighs will be permitted. All steers will be handled by the same committee member while in the chute to ensure consistency of handling during weighing.
15. All steers will be shown by the weight recorded at the time of weigh-in.
16. Steer classes will be split by the July 11, 2025 weight, with the number of steers per class to be determined by the committee based on entries.
17. Steers will enter the ring in ascending order by the July 11, 2025 weight.
18. All exhibitors are required to attend a MANDATORY exhibitor meeting. Please check the schedule for time and location.
19. 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 Junior Steer Classic.
20. Any animal can be excused from the show ring at the discretion of Stampede Officials for safety reasons.
21. All weight class champions (1st and 2nd place) will advance to the overall Championship.
22. Stampede Officials reserve the right to limit and regulate entries due to space restrictions.
23. Exhibitors MUST be present from move-in until move out to care for and maintain their animal and steer 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. (The ONLY exception made, will be for those exhibitors arriving from the Summer Synergy Show – Olds, AB)
24. Volunteers, shareholders, directors, staff and sponsors of the Calgary Stampede or their children and/or relatives may enter as exhibitors if they meet the age requirement.
25. No aerosol cans may be used in the marshalling area of the arena.

26. As a condition for participation in the Calgary Stampede event, exhibitors must agree to submit any animal entered, by the exhibitor, for inspection. Exhibitors agree to have such animal submitted to any tests requested by the Calgary Stampede. Should an inspection or test be refused by the exhibitor, the entry will be disqualified immediately. Exhibitors also agree that the opinion reached by the Calgary Stampede as to whether such animal is not ethically fitted or over age shall be final and binding without recourse against the Calgary Stampede.
27. The Grand and Reserve Champion steers and the steers placing 3rd through 5th in the Championship class will be drug tested immediately following the Championship class. In addition, there will be one steer randomly selected and tested from all entries in the Junior Steer Classic. For greater certainty, all steers entered in the Junior Steer Classic are subject to random drug testing at the discretion of the Calgary Stampede.
28. All prize money will be held until the drug test results have been reviewed.
29. If any animal is disqualified, the animal next in line will not advance. Only in the case of the Grand Champion disqualification will advancement of the Reserve Grand Champion animal be considered, at the discretion of the Calgary Stampede.
30. 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.
31. **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.
32. **No alcohol or cannabis consumption** whatsoever is permitted in the entire Junior Steer Classic 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.
33. **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.**
34. The Calgary Stampede Junior Steer Classic 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 Junior Steer Classic Rules or as Stampede Officials may deem appropriate for the betterment of the competition in their sole and unfettered discretion.
35. The Calgary Stampede takes ownership of the Grand and Reserve Champion Junior steers immediately following drug testing. Change of ownership will be officially signed

off in the Sample Collection Area immediately following drug testing. The general care and welfare of those steers will become the responsibility of the Calgary Stampede once the ownership has been obtained.

Drug Management and Residue Avoidance Program

The Calgary Stampede has a Drug Management and Residue Avoidance program for food-production animals (beef cattle) in order to protect the integrity of the food system, ensure fair competition, and to ensure the welfare of animals. All food-producing animals are to be free and clear of ALL unapproved drugs, chemicals or medication and their residues throughout the competition.

If medical treatment has occurred prior to participation in the competition, exhibitors must ensure that the required withdrawal or elimination times for approved veterinary products have been met or exceeded prior to the start of the competition.

Exhibitors should be aware that while withdrawal or elimination periods are designed to ensure that drug levels or residues in the animal are within safe limits for human consumption, there may be circumstances in which a drug may still be detected in blood, urine or other tissues after the approved withdrawal period. Detection of a drug or chemical in these circumstances will be investigated, and the youth will be engaged keeping education, animal welfare, and food safety a top priority.

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.

Prize money will be held until the drug test results have been reviewed.

Sample Collection Protocols

The Calgary Stampede reserves the right to have blood, urine, saliva, or tissue analysis conducted on any animal entered for competition. A positive drug test determining whether a drug or chemical is present shall be final and binding on completion of the process described below, without recourse against the Calgary Stampede.

All samples obtained at the Calgary Stampede event will be sent to Bureau Veritas[1],

1. Animals will be escorted from the show ring to the sample collection area under the supervision of a Stampede Official.
2. Exhibitor and animal information will be verified and confirmed in writing.
3. Stampede Officials will appoint a technician to open the containers, vial, and/or needles in front of the exhibitor for verification that no contamination has occurred.
4. The samples will be collected by the Official Stampede Veterinarian and may be obtained by either two separate collections in immediate sequence, or by splitting a single collection into A or B Samples. The technician will package two blood, and/or urine samples (A and B Samples) in the presence of the exhibitor and/or parent or guardian, and under the supervision of the Official Stampede Veterinarian.
5. Each sample will be sealed and signed by the Official Stampede Veterinarian and exhibitor and/or parent or guardian.
6. The sample registration form will be completed and signed by the Official Stampede Veterinarian, and exhibitor and/or parent or guardian.
7. The A and B samples are sealed, signed and placed in two separate locked boxes. The technician is responsible for the care of the sample boxes until time of shipment.

[1] Bureau Veritas is accredited for Forensic Drug Testing by The Standards Council of Canada.

Sample Testing Procedure:

1. Sample A will be sent to Bureau Veritas for testing. Sample B will remain sealed and stored for further confirmation at Bureau Veritas.

2. Sample A will be tested for drug and chemical detection at Bureau Veritas, immediately following receiving the sample. Sample B will be retained by Bureau Veritas until further direction is provided by the Calgary Stampede.
3. The Calgary Stampede will notify a Responsible Member of a positive test result.
4. If the results of both Sample A and B return positive for the same substance, the animal may be disqualified and penalties will be determined by the Calgary Stampede.
5. In the event the chemical analysis of Blood or Urine Sample A is positive, and upon issuance of penalties, a Responsible Member objecting to such penalties may request a confirmatory analysis of the corresponding
6. Calgary Stampede will not release a contestant's prize money prior to receiving a negative test result. Within a reasonable period after the conclusion of the 2025 Calgary Stampede, Calgary Stampede will release final results and earnings reflecting any disqualifications and redistributions.
7. Blood or Urine Sample B. An appeal or request for confirmatory analysis of sample B must be requested in writing to CS Management within 72 hours of being notified by CS Officials of positive test. At Appellant's expense, sample B will be retested by a mutually agreed upon referee lab. Appellant must have process, including receipt of sample by referee lab, completed by 21 calendar days from initial communication to Responsible Member of positive test. If timelines for sample B confirmatory analysis are exceeded by Responsible Member, the initial judgement will stand.

Penalties

In the event that any such animal is declared with a positive drug test or not ethically fitted, the Calgary Stampede will determine penalties based on the severity of the rule violation. This decision is final and binding without recourse against the Calgary Stampede.