



## **IAAA HERDS COMPETITION RULES**

1. The competitions are confined to within the club areas as follows:  
MUNSTER: Clare, Limerick, Cork, Kerry, Tipperary, Waterford  
SOUTH EAST LEINSTER: Wicklow, Dublin, Kildare, Carlow, Kilkenny, Wexford, Offaly  
CONNAUGHT AND DONEGAL: Galway, Roscommon, Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim, Donegal  
LEINSTER: Cavan, Westmeath, Meath, Louth, Longford, Monaghan
2. Herds are categorised by number of breeding females as follows:  
SMALL: <10 breeding females  
MEDIUM: 10-30 breeding females\* (Medium herd size will depend on club due to average herd size)  
LARGE: 31 + breeding females

Additional individual categories which will be judged across all herds in each club region will include

- **Best Senior Bull Calf**
- **Best Junior Bull Calf**
- **Best Senior Heifer Calf**
- **Best Junior Heifer Calf**
- **Best Cow Family**
- **Best Stock Bull**
- **New Entrant (New member of the Association since 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022)**

**Individual categories may vary depending on the club. These categories are judged at club level only. Cattle participating in these individual categories must be actively registered or transferred into the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association breeding book**

3. All cattle eligible for competition must be presented to the judge. Herd profiles will be reviewed and checked prior to and during the judging
4. **Entrants must be members of Irish Aberdeen Angus Association. Entrants must have at least 50% of their breeding females fully registered or dual registered with Irish Aberdeen Angus Association to be eligible to compete. Entrants who compete in 2023 and enter the competition again in 2024 must also have 50% of their registrations with IAAA in the 12 months prior to the 2024 competition.**



5. No one member can enter animals in more than one herd size category
6. Judging will take place on a day and time agreed between the club representative and the breeder

Judging for the finalists in the All-Ireland final will be judged in September on a day and time agreeable to the judge and the breeder

7. The first prize winners in the small, medium and large categories for each club region will go forward to an All-Ireland Herds Competition. One judge will adjudicate over the three finalists for the small category, another judge will do the medium category finalist and a third judge will visit the large category finalists
8. The decision of the judges is final and no abuse towards the judge or club representatives will be tolerated
9. Perpetual challenge trophies are the property of the Association and must be returned in the condition they were received in and by the return deadline specified by the Association
10. Breeders are responsible for enforcing biosecurity measures upon entry to their farm. Please provide clean water and disinfectant for the footwear of those attending your farm
11. Animals not displaying official DAFM ear tags will be excluded from the competition. Management tags will not be accepted as a form of identification



THE IRISH  
ABERDEEN-ANGUS  
ASSOCIATION

**IAAA HERDS COMPETITONS ENTRY FORM 2024**

**BREEDER NAME:**

**HERD NUMBER:**

**MEMBERSHIP NUMBER:**

**MOBILE NUMBER:**

**EIRCODE:**

**CLUB AREA (please print)**

**HERD SIZE (please tick)**

**SMALL**

**MEDIUM**

**LARGE**

**INDIVIDUAL CATEGORIES (CLUBS ONLY, NO ALL IRELAND FINAL) PLEASE TICK:**

- **Best Senior Bull Calf**
- **Best Junior Bull Calf**
- **Best Senior Heifer Calf**
- **Best Junior Heifer Calf**
- **Best Cow Family**
- **Best Stock Bull**
- **Best New Entrant**

I declare that the details I have completed on this entry form are correct to the best of my knowledge and I have read, understood and agree to abide by the rules of the competition.

**SIGNED:**

**DATE:**