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: Wicklow, Kildare, Carlow, Kilkenny, Wexford, Offaly, Laois

CONNAUGHT AND DONEGAL: Donegal, Galway, Roscommon, Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim

LEINSTER: Cavan, Monaghan, Westmeath, Meath, Louth, Longford, Dublin

2. Herds are categorised by number of breeding females as follows:

(A breeding female is considered any pedigree Aberdeen Angus female in the herd born prior to 1st August 2024)

SMALL: 1-10 breeding females

MEDIUM: 11–30 breeding females

LARGE: 31+ breeding females

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

- Best Senior Bull Calf (1st August 2025 to 30th November 2025)
- Best Junior Bull Calf (1st December 2025 onwards)
- Best Senior Heifer Calf (1st August 2025 to 30th November 2025)
- Best Junior Heifer Calf (1st December 2025 onwards)
- Best Cow Family
- Best Stock Bull
- Best New Entrant (New member of the Association since 1st January 2025)

These categories are judged at club level only. Cattle participating in these individual categories must be registered in the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association Herd Book. The judge nominates their selections within each herd.

3. By entering the competition, you allow for your basic herd profile to be shared with your relevant club. Breeders are requested to have cattle groups located as close together as possible to facilitate efficient judging. All animals in the herd must be made available to see. Up to five random tags will be selected from the herd profile and must be seen. If they are not available to be seen it is taken that the full herd was not presented and the herd will be disqualified.

4. Entrants must be members of Irish Aberdeen Angus Association. Entrants must have all their breeding females fully registered or transferred to the Irish Aberdeen Angus Association herdbook. Entrants who competed the previous year must have a minimum of 50% of all calves born registered with the IAAA from birth since 1st August 2025.

5. No one member can enter animals in more than one herd size category

6. Judging will take place in August or early September on a day and time agreed between the club and the judge. Every effort must be made by the breeder to align with these times. The club shall endeavour to give as much notice to the breeder as possible.

Judging for the finalists in the All-Ireland final will be judged in late September on a day and time agreed between 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. Where possible 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

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IAAA Herds Competition entry form 2026

Breeder name:

Herd Number:

Mobile number:

Eircode:

Club Area (Please circle): Connaught + Donegal

South East

Munster

Leinster

Herd size: Breeding female is considered any pedigree Aberdeen Angus female in your herd born before the 1st August 2024. (Please circle)

Small (1-10)

Medium (11-30)

Large (31+)

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: _____

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Judges scoring card

To be used as an aid if a judge wishes

Breeder Name:

Herd Name:

Date of viewing:

Section: SMALL (1-10) MEDIUM (11-30) LARGE (31+)

Categories assigned based on breeding female numbers. A breeding female is considered any female aged two years or more.

TRAIT	**SCORE**
BREED CHARACTER	
LOCOMOTION	
MAMMARY	
CONFIRMATION	
CONSISTANCY	
TOTAL	

Individual sections

	ANIMAL NAME
Senior bull calf (1st Aug-30th Nov)	
Senior heifer calf (1st Aug-30th Nov)	
Junior male calf (1st Dec onwards)	
Junior female calf (1st Dec onwards)	
Best stock bull	
Best cow family	