

Show and Sale Rules for ABA Sponsored Events

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This is a basic set of show and sale policies that will apply to all ABA events. Please keep it in a convenient location and use it as a reference guide for both you and your veterinarian for upcoming shows. However, always refer to each specific show's rules for any needed changes or additions.

- 1.) No entries will be accepted unless accompanied by current entry fee on all animals entered.
- 2.) Entry fees are \$40 per head entered, unless otherwise designated on the entry form. Late entries will be double price. ALL entry fees are non-refundable. All entries must be recorded at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the show or a rush fee of \$75 per litter will be charged in addition to the \$36 litter registration fee (litter recordings over 90 days of age).
- 3.) Entries will be limited to 4 animals in each show category (i.e., 4 boars, 4 bred gilts, and 4 open gilts) per exhibitor per show.
- 4.) Pedigrees must be submitted at check-in at the show and must have stress negative status printed on the pedigree. The buyer has the right to test any animal purchased within 60 days of the sale and receive a full refund plus testing costs if an animal is found to carry the stress gene. This guarantee is solely between the buyer and seller, and the ABA assumes no liability in connection with this warranty.
- 5.) All hogs must have a minimum of 6 quality teats on each side (no pin nipples or inverts will be accepted towards count) to be eligible to show. Underlines will be checked by the show committee at the time of weigh-in.
- 6.) All hogs must meet all registry requirements, including no swirls on the upper half of the body.
- 7.) All hogs must be owned by the person/firm at least 30 days prior to the date of the show.
- 8.) All bred gilts must be within 60 days of farrowing at the time of the show. Bred gilts must be bred to a registered Berkshire boar, must be bred to farrow before the gilt is 14 months old, and must be accompanied by a signed breeding certificate. The Service Sire must be STRESS NEGATIVE.
- 9.) Any evidence of fresh ear notches will automatically disqualify the animal from both the show and the sale.
- 10.) The judge and/or auctioneer will select the hogs that will be in the sale. We have the right to not put all hogs from the show in the sale. If a hog is listed in the sale catalog, it must come to the sale ring unless excused by show officials (only granted in case of injury or illness). If your animal is not selected but you would like to sell, you can consign your hog to the sale within 15 minutes following the champion drive.
- 11.) Each exhibitor agrees to sell each and every animal listed in the sale catalog and to not offer any exhibited animal for sale before the end of the auction. Evidence of selling at private treaty prior to the sale can be grounds for exclusion of the exhibitor from subsequent shows.
- 12.) The ABA reserves the right to apply any or all sale proceeds towards an outstanding account balance owed to the ABA by the seller.
- 13.) The American Berkshire Association does not recommend the use of any product not approved by the FDA.
- 14.) Any animal eligibility concerns shall be brought to the show committee and the show committee has the power to disqualify any animal in question.
- 15.) All boar drivers must be at least 13 years of age or older at the time of the show in order to take a boar into the ring.
- 16.) The ABA acts only as the agent between the buyer and seller. If proper payment is made by the buyer in a timely manner, the ABA will make settlement with the seller in approximately 30 days after the sale.
- 17.) A Berkshire cannot have white skin or hair that continuously encircles the body anywhere between the base of the ear and the base of the tail.
- 18.) The decision of the judge and/or show committee is final.
- 19.) Altering the appearance of a pig to try and meet show eligibility requirements for color and underlines is grounds for disqualification and pedigree removal. Recent examples include clipping or shaving hair to prevent white hairs from touching, coloring white hairs with black coloring, and printing and attaching 3-D nipples. (*Passed December 13, 2019, by Board of Directors*)

Buyers of boars and gilts buy them to be breeders. All hogs over 5 months of age (not used for breeding under 7 months of age) sold as breeding animals for breeding purposes, are sold with a warranty that they are capable of and will breed. If and when any said animal does prove to be a non-breeder, the seller shall make an adjustment to the satisfaction of the buyer, provided the buyer informs the seller of the situation within 90 days after purchase. All adjustments are between the buyer and seller.