

NJAA TEAM FITTING COMPETITION

The National Junior Angus Association will coordinate a team fitting competition sponsored by the American Angus Association and held during the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). The objective of the contest is to gain the ability to work with a team to enhance the showing performance of the groomed animal.

Each winning team member will receive an award. Prizes will be awarded to the top three states, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

NJAA TEAM FITTING COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. Each state association may enter one team. Each team will consist of four individuals. Participants must be junior, regular, or life members of the American Angus Association.

One team member must be from each age division, as of Jan. 1 of the current year: Junior (8-13), Intermediate (14-17) and Senior (18-20). The additional team member may be from any of the three age divisions. In the occurrence of a state not having four members present for a team, they may ask a junior member from another state to compete on their team. Combined teams must consist of at least two members from the same state. Sweepstakes points will not be counted for combined state teams.

2. **Teams must sign up prior to or during the contest registration period.**
3. Each team will be responsible for bringing in a heifer, bull or steer to use in the competition. **Bulls, heifers and steers are not to be groomed; but, should be washed and dried.** Animals will be checked before entering the competition area.
4. Each team must provide their own fitting equipment. Once the contest begins, no team member may leave the area and no additional equipment may be brought into the fitting area.
Note: Teams in Heat 1 will be required to provide chutes to be used in all heats.
5. Once the fitting area is designated for each team by the contest officials, the team may set up their grooming chute and supplies in their designated area. These items should be in place at least 5 minutes prior to the announced starting time of the contest.
6. Each team will be allowed **30** minutes to fit their animal.
7. Each team member must fit a leg, use the clippers and blower.
8. All fitting and grooming techniques must be within the accepted practices for American Angus Association sponsored shows.
9. Judges will circulate and question participants during the 30 minutes, and while the animal is in the chute. Once the animal has been groomed and time is called participants must stand at the front of the chute until released.
10. Points will be awarded as follows:

Ability to fit - 25 points
 Organization of supplies & equipment - 5 points
 Participation of each team member - 10 points
 Overall effect - 5 points
 Knowledge & Response to Questions - 5 points

11. Judging will be by a three-member panel of judges based on 50 points maximum from each judge. Each judge shall total their score and rank the contestants in numerical order on the basis of their score. (Highest score first, lowest score last.)
12. Animals may be watered, but no feed or hay will be allowed.

The rankings (not the score) of the three judges shall be added for each team, and the final placings determined by the lowest composite rankings. Actual scores will be used only to break ties. In the event the participants are still tied, they shall be named co-winners and two awards will be given for that placing and none given for the following placing.