

## **Society Sanctioned Show Rules**

**To be eligible and recognized for Belted Galloway Society financial support and points, Belted Galloway shows must comply with the following rules.**

1. Exhibitors must be members in good standing of the Belted Galloway Society, Inc.
2. All animals must be registered or recorded in the Belted Galloway Society Herd Book.
3. Animals must be in good physical condition and typical of the breed in conformation. "Good physical condition" shall include but not be limited to the absence of any infectious condition such as ringworm or warts.
4. Original registration or recordation will be required at check in. Any animal without a legible tattoo at time of check in will not be allowed to show. Tattoos must match registration/recordation papers.
5. Bulls over 12 months of age are required to wear nose rings, either temporary or permanent, and must have a lead attached to the ring whenever being led.
6. All bulls shown must have two descended testicles. No cryptorchids will be allowed.
7. Bulls exhibited at 16 mos. of age or older must be accompanied by a certificate documenting they have passed a breeding soundness exam, including but not limited to the progressive motility, sperm morphology and scrotal circumference performed by a licensed veterinarian.
8. Females that are 26 mos. or younger are eligible to show in the heifer classes. Females that are 27 months or older must show in cow/calf class with a calf at side. Calves exhibited in the cow/calf class cannot be over 230 days of age. All cows must be lactating, and all calves must be nursing and registered. There will only be 1 cow/calf class regardless of cow age.
9. Animals must be purebred and registered in the Herd Book to qualify for the purebred show. This will include purebred, properly marked heifers, bulls, purebred steers and Purebred, mismarked heifers. Mismarked heifers will not be eligible for Supreme Drive
10. Percentage Belted Galloway animals must be recorded in the Herd Book to be eligible to be exhibited in the percentage Belted Galloway show which would include percentage heifers and steers.
11. Percentage heifers and percentage steers may not be shown in group classes.
12. The order of the show will be purebred, properly marked heifers, purebred mismarked heifers, cow/calf, bulls, purebred steers and group classes, followed by percentage steers and percentage heifers.

Group classes:

- a. Only purebred, Belted Galloways can be shown in group classes, no percentage animals, steers are allowed.
- b. There will be 3 group classes, Get of Sire, (3 animals by one sire both sexes represented) Produce of Dam, (2 animals by one dam), and Best Four Head (aka Breeder's Herd) which will consist of 4 animals represented in any configuration. All animals shown in groups must have been shown in previous classes.

- c. All animals shown in the Best Four Head (Breeder's Herd) group class must all be bred by the same breeder. Animals in this group must be owned or co-owned by the exhibitor at least 30 days prior to show and the same owner's name needs to be present on registration paper as well as bred by the Group classes need to be declared at time of check in.
13. Grand and Reserve Grand Heifers and Bulls will be DNA verified at the Society's expense at the National show at the NAILE only. DNA verification is not required by the Society at any other shows.
  14. To compete in the Junior Show and Showmanship classes with an animal, the Exhibitor must be a Junior member of the Society and be 8 years of age or older. This includes any alternate show person entering the ring for the junior. No bulls over 7 months of age may be used in Junior Showmanship and any animal deemed unruly or dangerous while in the ring can be dismissed at the Judge's discretion. Only one handler per animal will be allowed in the ring during Showmanship.
  15. Substitution: Should any entry be substituted for another no new fees are required. However, registration papers must be submitted with the request for substitution. Substitutions must be made by the late entry deadline of the show. Substitutions may be made within class only.
  16. The Show Committee reserves the right to combine or split classes depending upon total entries in the class.
  17. The Show Committee reserves the right to disqualify any animal that has been fitted in an unethical manner. Unethical fitting shall include any injections of gas, solid or liquid under the skin to alter conformation; any additions of artificial tail heads or polls; any surgical alteration of the animal's shape; as well as any dyeing or coloring which alters the animal's natural color pattern. Artificially filling animals internally (pumping or drenching) is strictly prohibited.
  18. Exhibitors are responsible for making sure entries are in the staging area before their classes are called. Exhibitors that do not enter the show ring within 3 minutes of the announcer's final call, forfeit the right to compete in that class.
  19. Decisions of the judges are final except where mistake, fraud or misrepresentation is proven. Complaints, if any, must be tendered in writing to the Show Committee. Cost of any resultant investigations shall be borne by the complainant if allegations are dismissed, or by the exhibitor against whom the complaint was issued, if allegations are proven correct.
  20. All protests must be made within 24 hours of the show.
  21. Interference with or disrespect shown to the judge by any exhibitor during the performance of the judge's duties shall be deemed grounds for immediate disqualification.
  22. Exhibitors must obey all rules of the Belted Galloway Society, Inc., and of the show they are attending, or be disqualified. Failure of exhibitors to follow the rules and release times shall not be allowed back the next year.
  23. Exhibitors time Slots for set up will be communicated to Exhibitors.
  24. Unattended animals must be double tied with halter rope plus neck rope or two halters, two ropes.