

## **Knoxville Spring Junior Cattle Expo April 2021 Update**

The Knoxville Spring Junior Cattle Expo will be held April 23-24, 2021 at the Tennessee Valley Fairgrounds in Knoxville. Attached to this update is the expected schedule.

We are currently working on ways that we can maximize the safety of youth, families and staff while also providing a quality show experience for youth. We ask that everyone take the below items seriously. Please do not be the person/family that causes the cancellation of the show or gives the program a bad reputation.

It is important for families to maintain a 6-foot social distance between other families whenever possible. This includes all areas of the show grounds. Everyone is encouraged to wear a mask when social distancing is not possible.

- Only the youth and one adult should come into the check-in area. Masks will be required during check-in, which includes youth and/or others that might be bringing animals to be checked-in and/or weighed.
- The plan is to have cones to designate spots in the line-up area to help with social distancing. We ask that traffic in this area be minimized to youth and one adult.
- Youth will be required to wear a mask while in the show-ring as well as while completing the skillathon. Youth should begin wearing a mask now while they work with animals so that youth and are accustomed to the mask.
- Show staff and judges will also be wearing a mask.
- Everyone attending the shows are encouraged to wash hands multiple times daily.
- High risk individuals should refrain from attending this event.

Back card numbers for each exhibitor will be in an envelope for them when they arrive.

County Group classes will not be held.

We plan to hold a socially distanced Premier Exhibitor Award ceremony in the show ring after the show on Saturday.

There are RV spots available at the TN Valley Fairgrounds that include water and electrical hook-ups. They are \$30 per night and reservations may be made by contacting [gina.kirby@asmknoxville.com](mailto:gina.kirby@asmknoxville.com).

There will be signs to remind everyone to maintain social distancing, to wash hands regularly and to wear a mask.

Families should refrain from having large group meals with other families.

Attendees are asked to register their attendance and answer some health related questions through an online survey located at: <https://ksjce2021.questionpro.com>.

Your patience and adherence to these policies are much appreciated. We are extremely lucky to even be able to host the shows. Without these additional policies/changes, hosting KSJCE would not be possible.

## **Changes**

### **Schedule**

- One important change to the schedule is that cattle will not be allowed to arrive until Friday morning. This was necessary to be able to host this event as it minimizes our time on-site.

### **Divisions**

- The Showmanship, Skillathon and Premier Exhibitor divisions have been changed to the 5-division model to be consistent with Beef Expo. That includes: Explorer (grade 4); Junior (grades 5-6); Junior High (grades 7-8); Senior Level 1 (grades 9-10); and Senior Level 2 (grades 11-12).

## **Reminders**

### **Skillathon**

- Skillathon will be setup in the typical covered pavilion location adjacent from the show ring. Youth will go to the appropriate location for their division and complete the skillathon stations by themselves. Only 1 youth will be permitted at a table at a time. They will use one answer sheet for all 5 stations. Youth will be required to wear a mask while completing skillathon.

### **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)**

- Youth must be YQCA certified in order to exhibit at KSJCE. More information about YQCA is available at [www.yqca.org](http://www.yqca.org).