

All-Australian Photographic Competition

The All-Australian competition is open to all Holstein Australia members. It is open to Holstein Australia Herdbook, as well as Appendix 1, 2 and 3 females.

The competition will consist of the following classes:

- 6 years and over
- 5 year old
- 4 year old
- 3 year old
- 2 year old In-Milk
 - 30 months and under on the day of the show
 - Over 30 months on the day of the show
- Senior yearling Dry
 - 15 months and under on the day of the show
 - Over 15 months on day of the show
- Holstein Youth Calf Class – Under 12 months at time of show and handled by an under 17-yr-old

NOTE:

- Holstein Youth Calf Class entries require the handler to be Under 17 and must include the name and date of birth of the handler on the entry form.
- Cow will be placed into the class which corresponds to her age at the time of the nominated qualifying show (i.e. if she was 3 years old when shown, then she will be placed in the 3yr old class).
- Entries owned by multiple owners must be cited in the entry form to ensure all parties are appropriately acknowledged in competition results and correspondence.
- Entries shown at International Dairy Week must stipulate the specific show entered – i.e. Youth Show, Red & White Holstein Show or Holstein Show.
- Animals that are pending/on hold are not eligible to enter. Please check all genomics and flush paperwork for ET's & Imports are qualified & submitted.

ENTERING THE COMPETITION:

- Please **DO NOT** take a photo of your entry form. We require a PDF or Word version attached with your email.
- Please **DO NOT** embed images in the body of an email. We require the original JPEG file of your animal attached to your email. Original attachments supplied by photographers need to be over 1MB.
- Full competition conditions for the 2025/26 All-Australian Competition can be found on the Holstein Australia website www.holstein.com.au and on the final page of this entry form.
- Closing date is **5pm on Sunday 31st May 2026**. Entries and photographs received after this date **will not be accepted**.

To enter, complete this entry form and return to Holstein Australia by Sunday, 31st May 2026.

Digital entries can be emailed to awards@holstein.com.au

Printed entries can be posted to Holstein Australia, All Australian Competition, AgriBio, 5 Ring Rd, Bundoora VIC 3083.



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ENTRY FORM



I/we wish to submit the following entries in the 2025/26 Semex Holstein Australia All-Australian Competition.
I/we realise this is a photographic competition only.

ANIMAL NAME	HB NO.	D.O.B	QUALIFYING SHOW	SHOW DATE	CLASS	PLACING

YOUTH CALF CLASS: Any entries in the Holstein Youth Calf Class – Under 12 months at time of show, please include handler’s details below:

Note: Handler must be Under 17 years old at time of show.

ANIMAL NAME	HANDLER’S NAME	HANDLER’S D.O.B (DD/MM/YYYY)

MUTIPLE OWNERSHIP: If you have any entries that are under Multiple Ownership, please state the names to be recognised on all entries and results:

ANIMAL NAME	MUTIPLE OWNERS TO BE RECOGNISED

ENTRANT CONTACT DETAILS:

CONTACT NAME:	PREFIX:	MEMBER NO:
ADDRESS:		
MOBILE:	EMAIL:	
SOCIAL MEDIA (please list your social handles for Facebook, Instagram etc. if you wish to be tagged in posts):		

I declare that my photo(s) for the 2025/26 Semex Holstein Australia All Australian Photographic competition is an original photo which has not been scanned or digitally modified in any way that affects the conformation of the cow. I understand that photos entered in the competition will be randomly checked for digital alterations and any positive evidence will cause the photo to be disqualified. **The photo was taken within three months of the All-Australian qualifying show entered.**

SIGNED (Entrant):	DATE:
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2025/2026 All-Australian Photographic Competition Rules

Holstein Australia with the generous support of Semex Australia is proud to continue the All-Australian Competition Photographic Competition, the largest photo competition available in Australia.

Eligibility

The All-Australian Competition is open to Holstein Australia Herdbook and Appendix 1, 2 and 3 females. The owner must forward a suitable photograph to the Association, together with the prescribed entry form, before the closing date for acceptance of entries each year. To be eligible for consideration by the All-Australian Selection Committee, the following conditions shall apply:

- An animal is eligible to compete in the All-Australian Photographic Competition if they obtained;
 - first or second place (if less than 40 Holsteins shown)
 - up to third place (if more than 40 Holsteins shown)
 - up to fourth place (if more than 75 Holsteins shown)
 - up to fifth place (if more than 100 Holsteins shown)
 - up to tenth place (if more than 150 Holsteins shown)
 at any Australian show adjudicated by a member of the National Judges Panel, another Australian dairy breed association panel or international judge.
- Only one photograph of each animal may be submitted in any one year for any one class, and no single photograph may be entered in consecutive years of the competition. Printed or digital photographs will be accepted for entry. Photographs shall be in full colour and printed photographs are to be no more than 13cm by 18cm (5x7 inch) in size.
- Entries submitted as film or digital photography must include an original unedited image. Holstein Australia reserves the right to disqualify an entry refusing to submit either a negative or original unedited image. Photographs which have been subjected to digital modification will be ineligible with the exception of alterations which do not affect the conformation of the cow. Random testing for digital enhancement of photographs may be done at the discretion of the Breed Development and Conformation Committee (BDCC) and their decision will be final. All photographs that return a positive to any sort of enhancement (with the exception of the above) will be disqualified. Members entering the competition must sign the entry form which states that there has been no digital enhancement of the image which would affect the conformation of the cow.
- Animals must be photographed within three-months of the date of the qualifying show and prior to the closing date of entries, and milking cows must be photographed in the same lactation as at the time of qualifying.
- Each animal shall be entered for the All-Australian Competition in the name/s of its owner/s at the time of qualifying.
- As stated in Rule a) any show must be judged by a member of the National Judges Panel, another Australian dairy breed association panel, or international judge, with the exception of calf shows from which entries are accepted for the All-Australian Holstein Youth Calf Class.
- Holstein Australia reserves all rights to use submitted photographs for any purpose that it sees fit.
- Members of the judging panel who receive a judging booklet are not eligible to judge a class in which they have an animal entered or any interest in an animal entered.

All-Australian Holstein Youth Calf Class

The following additional rules and guidelines apply to All-Australian Holstein Youth Calf Classes:

- A special class known as the All-Australian Holstein Youth Calf Class for junior handlers under 17 years of age may be established at all Calf Days and All-Australian Shows.
- Entries in the All-Australian Holstein Youth Calf Class may compete in any other single class on the day as well as in championships.
- Fully Registered and Appendix 1, 2 and 3 calves under 12 months of age at the date of the show will be eligible for entry, and photographs must be taken within the prescribed period.

- The calf need not be owned or entered by the junior handler, but the junior handler's name and the name of the calf must be supplied to the show organisers prior to judging on the day of showing.
- The calf must be led by the nominated junior handler in the All-Australian Holstein Youth Calf Class and held only by the junior handler without adult assistance for competition photographs. The junior handler must be seen in the photograph and the photo must be in full colour.
- First to fourth place getters in a nominated All-Australian Holstein Youth Calf Class will be eligible for entry in the All-Australian Competition.

Selection and Awards

The All Australian Selection Committee is appointed by the Breed Development and Conformation Committee (BDCC) with three judges appointed for a three year term on a rotating basis. The Selection Committee meet each year to select the finalists and winners in each of the classes. Finalists will be published in the Spring issue of The Australian Dairy Breeds journal indicating the name of the animal, the owner and the qualifying show for each.

Six finalists will normally be selected in each class, but the All-Australian Selection Committee reserves the right to include more or fewer finalists depending on the quality of entries. Selections will be made by consensus of the Committee and a Chair appointed by the BDCC who will administer the competition according to the rules.

The winning exhibitors of the All-Australian in each class will receive from the Association a framed, enlarged photograph of the entry.

In addition, the Association will provide inscribed plaques for the Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor in each All-Australian Competition year, and the awards will be calculated as follows:

Points Allocation for Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor

	Premier Breeder	Premier Exhibitor
Each Finalist:	2 points	2 points
Each Hon Mention:	1 point	1 point
Each Reserve AA:	Dry classes	2 points
	In milk classes	3 points
Each All-Australian:	Dry classes	3 points
	In milk classes	5 points

Points allocation and multiple ownership

Premier Exhibitor: For the purpose of calculating the Premier Exhibitor Award, when an animal receives an award and that animal is held in multiple ownership, the relevant points will be divided equally amongst the multiple owners.

Premier Breeder: For the purpose of calculating the Premier Breeder Award and that animal is held in multiple ownership, the relevant points will be allocated to the entrant and not to the individuals within the multiple ownership. Additional points for the Premier Breeder Award are gained only when the entrant's multiple ownership is exactly the same.

The following classes shall be recognised for the All Australian Photographic Competition and an All Australian, Reserve All Australian and Honourable Mentions All Australian Award shall be issued for each class:

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- All Australian Holstein Youth Calf Class