

2019/20 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 in any of the Holstein Australia Regions or Sub-Branches.
- 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.
- At Holstein Australia's request entries must submit either a negative, in the case of film photographs, or a RAW image, in the case of digital photography. Holstein Australia reserves the right to disqualify an entry refusing to submit either a negative or a RAW 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 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 and photographers 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 six months of the date of the qualifying show, 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, 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 nominated All-Australian Feature 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 Strategic Directions Committee 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 Holstein 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 Breed Development and Conformation Committee who will administer the competition according to the rules.

The exhibitor of the All-Australian in each class will receive from the Association a framed, enlarged photograph of the entry, together with \$250 cash prize from Semex Australia and the Reserves and Honorable Mentions will receive Semex Australia prizes of \$150 and \$100 respectively.

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	2 points
in milk classes	3 points	3 points
Each All-Australian: dry classes	3 points	3 points
in milk classes	5 points	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:

- 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
- All Australian Holstein Youth Calf Class

Sub-branch responsibilities

It is no longer necessary for a Sub-branch to apply for the recognition of every All-Australian qualifying show unless its nominated show has been changed from the previous year's venue.

It is essential for each Sub-branch to lodge with Holstein Australia each year a report of its All-Australian qualifying shows, including:

- Name of Sub-branch, and names and dates of nominated shows, including all Calf Days in which an All-Australian Holstein Youth Calf Class was featured.
- Names of appointed inspectors and name of the National, State or International Judge who officiated.
- The number of Holsteins which competed (not entered) at the show, and listing of the show results stipulating the 1st and 2nd placing, plus 3rd place getters if 40 or more eligible Holsteins shown; plus 4th place getters if more than 75 Holsteins shown; plus 5th place getters if more than 100 Holsteins shown and up to 10th place if more than 150 Holsteins were shown.