



GJCA Sweepstakes Contest

The *GJCA* Sweepstakes Contest is designed to reward *GJCA* members for their participation in the various events including showmanship and leadership activities held throughout the year.

The point system will begin March 1st and will conclude on February 28th the following year. All point sheets must be submitted on or before February 28th in order to be entered in the current contest. After the contest year has ended, points cannot be submitted until after March 10th. The online system will be cleared for the new contest year. All points submitted prior to that date will be deleted and will have to be re-entered for the following contest year. There will be no exceptions.

All youth interested in the beef and dairy industries, are *GJCA* members and Georgia residents are eligible to compete in the sweepstakes contest as long as they do not turn age 22 before the completion of the contest.

The contest will be split up into two divisions. The junior division will consist of *GJCA* members who are in 8th grade or under. The senior division will consist of *GJCA* members who are 9th grade and above. Divisions will be determined based on the grade level of the *GJCA* member at the time of the beginning of the contest. For example, a member who is in 8th grade at the start of the contest on March 1st will be considered a contestant of the junior division even though he/she will be in the 9th grade at the completion of the contest.

Points may be accumulated based on eight areas including the beef ambassador contest, showmanship, *GCA* Convention, *GJCA* Field Day, attending livestock shows, judging contest at the Beef Expo, attending local chapter meetings, and attending beef industry meetings.

In the result of a tie, the tie will be broken depending on the number of points obtained in the membership category. Whoever has the most points for recruitment of new junior members will be declared the winner. **The following is a list of the eight events/activities in which points may be accumulated:**

I. Beef Ambassador Contest (Jr. and Sr. Divisions)

*Contest rules can be found at www.gabeef.org/gjca.

Each participant will receive 5 pts.

1st place= 20 additional pts

2nd place= 15 additional pts

3rd place= 10 additional pts.

II. Showmanship

Points will be awarded at the Beef Futurity, Georgia National Fair, and the Georgia Junior National Livestock Show. Contestants may also count either the UGA show or the ABAC show, but not both. Contestants may also choose two additional shows of their choice to count for points. Note: Only results from one showmanship (steer or heifer, not both) class may be reported per show, for a maximum of six showmanship point reports per contest year. Contestants exhibiting dairy cattle may substitute one show in place of the Beef Futurity and one show in place of either the ABAC or UGA show.

Participation = 1 pt.

10th place = 2 additional pts.

9th place = 3 additional pts.

8th place = 4 additional pts.

7th place = 5 additional pts.

6th place = 6 additional pts.

5th place = 7 additional pts.

4th place = 8 additional pts.

3rd place = 9 additional pts.

2nd place = 10 additional pts.

1st place = 11 additional pts.

III. GCA Convention

Points will be awarded for attendance. In addition points will be awarded for participating in convention activities, which will be determined prior to convention. Example, one year there could be activities such as quiz bowl/beef jeopardy, stockman's quiz, photography, poster, judging, educational seminar, etc.

Attendance = 10 pts.

Participation in convention contests = 5 additional pts. for each contest

1st place = 10 additional pts.

2nd place = 8 additional pts.

3rd place = 6 additional pts.

IV. GJCA Field Day

Points will be awarded for attendance. In addition points will be awarded for participating in field day individual contests, which will be determined prior to the date. Group activities such as the barnyard olympics and the scavenger hunt will just receive participation points.

Attendance = 10 pts.

Participation in field day contests = 5 pts. for each activity/contest

1st place = 10 additional pts.

2nd place = 8 additional pts.

3rd place = 6 additional pts.

V. Livestock Shows

Points will be awarded for attending the Beef Futurity, Georgia National Fair and the Georgia Junior National Livestock Show. In addition contestants may turn in points for attending either the ABAC or UGA show, but not both. No other shows will be accredited with points. Contestants interested in dairy cattle may substitute one show in place of the Beef Futurity and one show in place of either the ABAC or UGA show. **If you turn in points for showmanship at any of the above-mentioned shows, you are not eligible for livestock show attendance points.**

Attendance = 5 pts.

VI. Judging Contest at Beef Expo

This contest is held in conjunction with the Georgia Beef Expo held each year in April. For additional information please contact the GCA office at 478-474-6560.

Participation = 10 pts.

10th place = 1 additional pt.

9th place = 2 additional pts.

8th place = 3 additional pts.

7th place = 4 additional pts.

6th place = 5 additional pts.

5th place = 6 additional pts.

4th place = 7 additional pts.

3rd place = 8 additional pts.

2nd place = 9 additional pts.

1st place = 10 additional pts.

VII. Local Chapter Meetings

Points will be awarded for attending local chapter cattlemen's associations meetings. A total of 4 meetings per sweepstakes contest may be turned in.

Attending a local chapter meeting = 5 pts.

VIII. Georgia Beef Industry Meetings

Points will be awarded for attending Georgia beef industry educational seminars or events. This may include breed association activities, hay and forage meetings, agricultural days, farm safety days, tours, two cattle sales/auctions, beef short courses, etc. In order for points to be obtained, the seminar/event must be at least 3 hours in length and relative to the beef industry. No additional livestock shows will be accepted in this category. Eligible events must be held within the state. Final determination of points is up to the GCA staff and GJCA leadership's discretion. A total of 8 seminars/events per sweepstakes contest may be turned in.

Attending a Georgia beef industry educational seminar/event = 5 pts.

Submitting Point Reports

1. All GJCA members are eligible to participate in the sweepstakes contest.
2. Contestants may begin submitting points any time throughout the year. (Keep in mind that points that may have been earned earlier in the year will not be counted toward the total unless they are submitted within the two-week deadline. See #4. The contestant's first point report will establish his or her participation in the sweepstakes contest.
3. Fill out the corresponding point submission with each event.
4. All points must be submitted online to the official Sweepstakes website within two weeks of the last day of the event. For example, if a contestant wants to turn in points from showmanship at the state show, since the last day of the event is February 24th (this is a Sunday, so the last day will be considered the February 25th) your points report must be submitted on or before March 10th to be eligible. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!** Any points submitted after the two-week deadline will be considered ineligible.
5. All submissions must include the name of the event, a contact person, and comments/descriptions or the points will not be accepted.
6. Please keep in mind that even though many of these events are coordinated by GCA and we will know who participated and how they placed, the contestant must still submit their score sheets in order for the points to count toward the sweepstakes.
7. A junior may win the competition in his or her division each year but cannot consecutively win use of the trailer.
8. All points must be submitted online at <http://www.gabeef.org/gjca/login.php>. This is the official website for the GJCA Sweepstakes Contest points submissions.