

2026-2027 Florida Junior Swine Circuit Fall/Winter Series

**Please note the highlighted sections, which denote new rules for the 2026-2027 Fall/ Winter Series.

Organization

1. The FJSC provides guidelines for all sanctioned shows to follow.
2. The FJSC senior board will serve as the official record keepers.
3. Any grievances must be presented to a FJSC senior board member within 24 hours of the incident. The grievance must be in writing and accompanied by a \$50 fee. The fee will be refunded **ONLY** if the grievance is approved. All grievance letters may be sent to fjjuniorswinecircuit@gmail.com
4. The end of the season awards, location, and time will be determined and announced by the FJSC board.
5. In case of inclement weather during an FJSC event, please be sure to find shelter and keep safe. Please refer to the following website for more information: <https://www.weather.gov/safety/lightning-sports>

Membership

1. **Membership fee of \$50** per exhibitor will be required for FJSC membership to be eligible for point accumulation. Membership fees are non-refundable and must be paid per series.
2. Points will not be accumulated until AFTER membership form and entry fee have been turned in.
3. First year FJSC members will have free membership for their first fall and summer series. Members must register as a first-year member in Showman. Refunds will not be issued for incorrect registration.
4. Members must be a full-time legal Florida resident.
5. **When a member is a minor, the parent or guardian is held responsible for rules infractions.**
6. Fall/ Winter Membership is open to Florida youth up to **21 years old as of September 1st** of the current year.
7. Summer Membership is open to Florida youth **up to 21 years old as of January 1st** of the current year.
8. There is no minimum age requirement to become a member. Parents are to use their best judgment. If the exhibitor has someone assisting them in the ring due to age, their points will not count.

Code of Conduct

1. All FJSC members and families are expected to conduct themselves at all times to be a credit to our organization. The FJSC senior board or sanctioned show coordinator discretion will be used for any judgment towards unsportsmanlike conduct. The FJSC highly encourages all exhibitors to be respectful in and out of the show ring.
 - a. If the FJSC senior board/show coordinators witness any malicious behavior, the exhibitor/parent/guardian will receive a warning letter to revoke FJSC good standing.
 - b. The SECOND instance will result in accumulated point cancellation.
2. Exhibitors (including FJSC members and nonmembers), parents, family members, and supporters who attend FJSC events are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship and courtesy toward all individuals, including the show committee, judges, FJSC show officials, and volunteers. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, show committee, volunteers, other exhibitors, or FJSC show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. Any instance in which the show committee, judges, FJSC show officials, or volunteers are disrespected, confronted, or subjected to profanity will result in immediate expulsion from the show, and all entry fees will be forfeited.
3. If an FJSC senior board member or show coordinator witnesses any malicious behavior, disciplinary actions as follows per season
 - a. Step 1- A verbal warning to the individual with a witness present by a fellow FJSC board member
 - b. Step 2- A written warning to the individual with a suspension from the next event
 - c. Step 3- A written response with a suspension from the FJSC current season

4. Social Media

- a. Direct criticism, false accusations, or inflammatory comments made on the FJSC social media pages will result in a direct ban on the individual responsible for said comments, to include direct messages made to the social media accounts. The individual responsible for said comments will receive a season long ban from any FJSC sanctioned event.

Attendance

1. If a member is unable to attend a FJSC show, the following conditions must be met in order for the member to still receive points in the market hog or breeding show:
 - a. If a member is missing due to health reasons, such as COVID or another illness, they must contact the FJSC Sr. Board prior to the start of the show.
 - b. If a member is missing due to a county or regional fair's mandatory swine show activities, the member must email a letter to the FJSC Sr. Board (fjuniorsswinecircuit@gmail.com) at least (7) days prior to the FJSC show explaining the conflict and request approval. The member **MUST have prior approval** before being allowed to collect points with another exhibitor showing their animal.
 - c. Other considerations may be made on a case-by-case basis for FFA/4H/ or other activities. A letter from the exhibitor must be emailed to the FJSC Sr. Board (fjuniorsswinecircuit@gmail.com) at least (7) days before the event (when possible) explaining the conflict and request approval. The member **MUST HAVE PRIOR APPROVAL** before being allowed to collect points with another exhibitor showing their animal.
 - d. In all instances of a member being unable to show their own pig, only market hog or breeding points will count. Showmanship points will not be accumulated if a member is unable to show.
 - e. In all instances of a member being unable to show their own pig, the member **MUST have prior approval** before being allowed to collect points with another exhibitor showing their animal.
2. In all instances during the course of a show day a member is found to be exhibiting another member's pig without prior approval, the FJSC senior board will strip the points without notice.

Sanctioned Show Divisions- Winter 2026

Showmanship:

1. Showmanship divisions will be broken as follows, with the age being as of September 1st.
 - a. PeeWee: 8 and under, with assistance
 - b. Novice: 8 and under
 - c. Junior: 9-12
 - d. Intermediate: 13-15
 - e. Senior: 16-21.
2. The hog being used for showmanship must qualify for the show either based on weight of animal for the market division or in the breeding gilt division based on the birthdate requirements and weight requirements.
 - a. If a protest is received (within 1 hour of the completion of the showmanship competition) from another exhibitor and found to be valid, the points from the referenced show will be nullified.
3. A showman may use someone else's hog for showmanship to accumulate points.
4. A Top 10 in the Novice, Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions will be awarded.
5. Members showing in the PeeWee Division will not accumulate points. All FJSC members registered as PeeWee will be recognized at the end of series banquet.
6. Members showing in Novice, Junior, Intermediate and Senior showmanship must be able to show without assistance. If a member requires an adult or another showman in the ring with them, they will show in the PeeWee Division.

Market Show:

1. Market Crossbred (Weight Limit 290 lbs)
 - a. Light Cross- 1 Division
 - i. Any hog with white and/or blue only
 - ii. Light and Dark Cross will be determined according to the new NJSA Rules. As the NJSA makes changes or clarifications to this rule, the FJSC will update to match the NJSA.
 - iii. A classifying committee (minimum 2 senior board members) will be available to assist with classifying hogs. If a judge or the committee determines that a hog has been classed incorrectly in the light division, the exhibitor will have a chance to show in the dark cross division.
 - iv. A hog's division may change as the hog grows, due to the changing/growing of color patterns.
 - b. Dark Cross- 5 Divisions
2. Purebred Market Divisions (Must be farrowed on or after 6/1/26; will be shown by weight; Weight limit 290 lbs):
 - i. Berkshire
 - ii. Duroc
 - iii. York
 - iv. AOB- Classification I and II will be combined together after showing in their own classes for an overall top 3 AOB
 1. AOB classification I (Chester, Landrace, Tamworth, Hereford)
 2. AOB classification II (Hampshire, Poland, Spot)
3. A top 3 in each division will be awarded
4. A Top 5 Overall Cross and a Top 5 Overall Pure will be awarded.
5. Reweigh Opportunities:

- a. If a member weighs a pig the night before the show and the animal is found to be over the 290lbs weight limit, the member will be afforded (1) reweigh on the morning of the show anytime before the scales close.
- b. If a member weighs in the morning of the show and is found to be overweight, the member is afforded (1) reweigh anytime before the scales close.
- c. If the animal is over weight after the 2nd weighing the animal will not be eligible to show that day.

Breeding Gilt Show:

1. Crossbred Breeding Gilt- Weight limit- 320 lbs
 - a. Light Cross- 1 Division
 - i. Any hog with white and/or blue only
 - ii. Light and Dark Cross will be determined according to the new NJSA Rules for the 2024 Series. As the NJSA makes changes or clarifications to this rule, the FJSC will update to match the NJSA.
 - iii. A classifying committee will be available to assist with classifying hogs. If a judge determines that a hog has been classed incorrectly in the light division, the exhibitor will have a chance to show in the dark cross division.
 - iv. A hog's division may change as the hog grows, due to the changing/growing of color patterns.
 - b. Dark Cross- 3 Divisions
2. Purebred Breeding Gilt Divisions (Must be farrowed on or after 6/1/26; Weight limit- 320lbs, will be shown by weight.)
 - a. Berkshire
 - b. Duroc
 - c. York
 - d. AOB- Classification I and II will be combined together after showing in their own classes for an overall top 3 AOB
 - i. AOB classification I (Chester, Landrace, Tamworth, Hereford)
 - ii. AOB classification II (Hampshire, Poland, Spot)
3. A top 3 in each division will be awarded
4. A Top 5 Overall Cross and a Top 5 Overall Pure will be awarded.
5. Reweigh Opportunities:
 - a. If a member weighs a pig the night before the show and the animal is found to be over the 320lbs weight limit, the member will be afforded (1) reweigh on the morning of the show anytime before the scales close.
 - b. If a member weighs in the morning of the show and is found to be overweight, the member is afforded (1) reweigh anytime before the scales close.
 - c. If the animal is over weight after the 2nd weighing the animal will not be eligible to show that day.

For both the Market and Breeding show, all breed divisions will be based on the prior year's average numbers at the discretion of the FJSC Senior Board. A recommended minimum is an average of 6 head per show in both breeding and market divisions.

****Please note: Gilts may enter only the breeding or market show. There are no double entries on gilts.**

Points System

Showmen will accumulate points throughout the show season as follows:

1. The number of shows that will count towards overall points will be one more than half the number of shows for the series. For the 2026-2027 Winter Series, there will be 8 sanctioned shows, with 5 shows counting towards overall points.
 - a. Points will not be accumulated until AFTER membership form and entry fee have been turned in.
 - b. Points will be affiliated to the showman, not the hog.
 - c. Points will only be counted for your highest points achieving hog for each show. If you show more than 1, the hogs that count towards your points may very well change at each show.
2. The FJSC member must show the hog entered in their name. If the FJSC member does not show their own hog, points will not accumulate for that hog.
 - a. An exception will be made if an exhibitor has more than one hog in the same class.
 - b. Other exceptions are included in the previous rule under Membership. Please see rule "h" for more clarification.
 - c. Once a hog is shown by one exhibitor, it may not be shown for point's accumulation by another.
 - d. If you do not want to receive points for a pig, please clarify on the show entry form.
3. In all instances during the course of a show day of a member found to be exhibiting another member's pig without prior approval, the FJSC senior board will strip the points without notice.
4. If a judge is unable to show up to a show due to an accident or medical emergency and cancels within 24 hours, the points for said show won't apply to the series for that season, at the FJSC Senior board's discretion.

Class Points:

- 1st= 10 x number of head in class (with max of 5 head)
- 2nd= 9 x number of head in class (with max of 5 head)
- 3rd= 8 x number of head in class (with max of 5 head)
- 4th= 7 x number of head in class (with max of 5 head)
- 5th= 6 x number of head in class (with max of 5 head)

Example:

7 head or over in a class: 1st place= 50 points

5 head in a class: 1st place= 50 points

4 head in a class: 1st= 40 points

3 head in a class: 1st= 30 points

Division Points:

Division Champion= 55 points

Division Reserve= 54 points

3rd Overall Division= 53 points

Top 5 Overall Points:

Grand= 65 points

Reserve= 64 points

3rd Overall= 63 points

4th Overall= 62 points

5th Overall= 61 points

The below point breakdowns are the **MAX POINTS** an exhibitor can receive for the hog that day if they place in division or overall. This will not include class point accumulation.

For example:

If a hog is 2nd in class, reserve division and 5th overall, they will receive 61 points for the day.

If a hog wins their class of 7 hogs and is left standing, they will receive 50 points for the day.

If a hog wins their class, their division and is grand overall, they will receive 65 points for the day.

Showmanship Points:

Champion= 10 points

Reserve= 9 points

3rd = 8 points

4th = 7 points

5th= 6 points

6th= 5 points

7th= 4 points

8th= 3 points

9th= 2 points

10th= 1 point

Purebred Regulations

Purebred registration papers must be in the FJSC member's name by the third show weekend of the series (12/6/2026) or the first show the pig is exhibited at if it is after that date.

1. If a pig places within the top three of its given breed, registration papers must be provided and verified at that time.
2. All papers from the first two shows will be checked retroactively.
3. If a member is having difficulty obtaining registration papers, please contact the FJSC Senior Board.
4. If an exhibitor is unable to present registration papers in the FJSC member's name with matching ear notches on a pig that places in the top of its given breed, then the exhibitor will be stripped of any accumulated points during that show. Furthermore the exhibitor must have all purebreds registration papers verified prior to entering the ring at all remaining FJSC shows by the assigned FJSC board member.
5. If any member falsifies Purebred verification, this will result in a one year suspension from showing at any FJSC sanctioned show.
6. Registration Papers should be submitted on Showman.app.
7. A purebred hog that is not in a member's name may be shown, however, it will not accumulate points for that exhibitor. Please make note of this on the entry form.
8. Purebred gilts and barrows must be farrowed on or after June 1, 2026.

Purebred Breeding Gilt Eligibility

All purebred breeding gilts must meet breed eligibility requirements set forth by the National Swine Registry, American Berkshire Association, and Team Purebred.

If there is a dispute about a given hog, a written grievance may be filed with the FJSC, with the accompanying \$50 fee. Upon written protest, the breed eligibility requirement of the subject animal will be evaluated by the FJSC board to confirm or deny breed eligibility.

If it is determined the subject animal does not meet breed eligibility the exhibitor has the option to continue to exhibit the animal in the market division. If determined the animal does not meet breed eligibility for the market division, then the animal will be shown in the crossbred divisions.

At the time of protest any points accumulated by the exhibitor with the subject animal will remain in the division the animal was originally shown. POINTS WILL NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO MARKET OR CROSS DIVISIONS.

Please visit the following websites to see if your hog meets breed eligibility:

- Americanberkshire.com
- nationalswine.com
- teampurebred.com

End of Season Awards

1. End of Season Awards will be solely dependent upon funding.
 - a. The minimum prizes for awards in the Summer and the Fall will include banners for each placing awarded, jackets based on available funding for each placing, and buckles for Grand and Reserve Overall placings.
2. Awards will be provided for the following:
 - a. Top 10 Market Hogs- Prizes will be awarded to the top ten overall exhibitors in Purebred and Crossbred Divisions for the Market Hog Show.
 - i. In the event of a tie, the FJSC senior board will use each exhibitor's next best show as a tiebreaker. If there is still a tie we will continue using the showman's next highest placing within the division until the tie is broken. If this is not able to resolve the tie, we will award ties in the overall placings.
 - b. Top 10 Breeding Gilts- Prizes will be awarded to the top ten overall exhibitors in Purebred and Crossbred Divisions for the Breeding Gilt Show.
 - i. In the event of a tie, the FJSC senior board will use each exhibitor's next best show as a tiebreaker. If there is still a tie we will continue using the showman's next highest placing within the division until the tie is broken. If this is not able to resolve the tie, we will award ties in the overall placings.
 - c. Showmanship- Prizes will be awarded to the top ten exhibitors in each division.
 - i. In the event of a tie in showmanship, the FJSC senior board will use the showman's next highest placing in showmanship. If there is still a tie we will continue using the showman's next highest placing within the showmanship division until the tie is broken. If this is not able to resolve the tie, we will award ties in the overall placings.
 - d. Supreme Showman
 - i. The Supreme Showman will be awarded to the member who has the highest score with a single hog in the following:
 1. -Total pig points for a single hog in one division (Breeding **or** Market) from your top 5 highest placing shows for **that hog**.
 2. - Total Showmanship points from your top 5 highest placing shows
3. Ties will be broken on the next highest placing score of the division in contention (breeding or market) and next highest placing showmanship score combined, until the tie is broken. If this is not able to resolve the tie, we will award ties in the overall placings.
 - a. Rookie of the Year Award
 - i. The Rookie of the Year will be awarded to the highest placing First Year or Second Year Member based on the Supreme Showman rules.
 - ii. Once the award is won a single time, it may not be won by the same member again.
 - iii. The winner of the Rookie of the Year will be awarded the Livestock Box, donated by TD Wall for the Winter 2026 Season.

All rules are subject to change if needed at the discretion of the FJSC senior board.