

American Junior Maine-Anjou Association By-Laws

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Article I **Titles/Objectives**

- Section 1. **Title:** This Association shall be known as the American Junior Maine-Anjou Association.
- Section 2. **Objectives:** The purpose of this Association is both educational and charitable including the improvement and development of the capabilities of youth, both individually and through group participation, in the breeding and raising of Maine-Anjou cattle and the developing and improving of scholarship, leadership and community interest and participation of youths interested in the breeding and raising of Maine-Anjou cattle. The organization is to act as an adjunct of the American Maine-Anjou Association in its endeavor to further the growth of the Maine-Anjou breed and to participate in activities relevant to the purpose of furthering the beef industry and the Maine-Anjou breed.

Article II **Membership**

- Section 1. As a condition of membership in the Association, each member shall agree to conform to and abide the By-Laws, rules and regulations of the Association and amendments or modification thereto, which may from time to time be adopted.
- Section 2. Members of the Association shall be admitted, retained and expelled in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Board may, from time to time, adopt.
- Section 3. **Qualifications:** Must be a member of qualifying age – cannot have reached their 21st (twenty-one) birthday prior to January 1 of current year.
- Section 4. **Dues:** Fees will be \$25.00 annually. Dues must be current to remain active. Junior dues apply as long as the member qualifies for Junior Membership.

Article III **Board of Directors**

- Section 1. **Number of Directors:** The AJMAA Board of directors shall consist of 8 (eight) persons, of which there can be no more than 2 (two) from any given state. The board will consist of 6 (six) regional directors, 2 (two) from each of the 3 (three) AMAA regions, and 2 (two) at-large directors. If any given region does not have enough applicants to fill their

2 (two) director positions, the region director openings may be filled by an additional at-large director from any region for a 1 (one) year term.

Section 2. Eligibility, Duties, Official Dress, Dismissal:

- A. Application and Candidacy: Candidates must be nominated by their home-state Junior Maine-Anjou Association. A state may nominate up to 1 (one) regional and 1 (one) at-large director each year, as long as that would not increase their board representation past the 2 per state limit. Candidates must submit application for election to AMAA headquarters. Applications must be postmarked on or before the National Junior Maine-Anjou Show entry deadline.
- B. Eligibility: Candidates must be 15 years-of-age and have attended 1 (one) National Junior Maine-Anjou Show prior to the year of candidacy. Candidates must be active members of both the AJMAA and their home-state Junior Maine-Anjou Association. A member will be eligible for a term on the Board of Directors as long as he or she is able, under AJMAA By-Laws, to participate in as many more National Junior Maine-Anjou Shows as the term length entails.
- C. Duties: Junior Maine-Anjou Board members are expected to attend the National Junior Show, the AMAA National Show and Convention and at least one state junior activity in their region annually, apart from their home state. All Directors must attend one double-point show of the AMAA and are encouraged to attend the AMAA summer board meetings. Each of the duties should be performed in a positive and professional manner.
- D. Official Dress: Official dress is required at events. The handbook outlines where official dress is required. The Youth Director will determine dress for special events and will notify Directors.
- E. Dismissal: Unexcused absences at events, failure to comply to dress code, failure to complete duties, or actions contrary to the AJMAA Code of Ethics may be documented and could result in expulsion by the Junior Board. Probation or dismissal will be up to the AJMAA Board, with the person in question being able to explain their reasons to all Board Members. The AJMAA Board will decide if a junior member has violated the requirements. Dismissal requires a 75% vote of the entire board with the chairperson voting. Voting to be done by secret ballot.
- F. Vacancies: Vacancies caused by death, resignation, incapacity, removal, disqualification or lack of qualified applicants at the AJMAA Annual Meeting will be filled by a 2/3 vote of the AJMAA Junior Board at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose, and such person elected to fill any such vacancy shall serve at

the pleasure of the Association until the next Annual Meeting when a successor will be elected.

G. Junior Maine-Anjou Board members shall not be allowed to vote as their state's voting delegate at AJMAA meetings. However, if the number of exhibitors from their state is 1 or 2, which would require that the board member be a voting delegate, the state may assign another junior from their region to vote proxy.

H. Voting of Junior Board Directors:

Region I delegates vote for Region I candidates.

Region II delegates vote for Region II candidates.

Region III delegates vote for Region III candidates.

All voting delegates vote for at-large candidates.

Section 3. Term of Office: Each Director's term will be for 2 (two) years with 4 Board members elected each year. Directors will be limited to 2 (two) consecutive terms. Members of the Board will be elected by each state's voting delegates designated at the Annual Meeting held at each year's National Junior Maine-Anjou Show.

Section 4. Officers, Terms of Office, Eligibility:

A. There shall be three elected officers of this Board and shall consist of 1) President; 2) Vice-President; 3) Secretary/Treasurer.

B. Each term of office will be one year (National Junior Show to National Junior Show) and any one member will be limited to one year in any given office.

C. The officers shall be elected from the current Board by the current Board members and must have already served at least 1 (one) year as a member of the Board of Directors. In the event there are not enough current Board members to fill all three offices, officer positions will be filled by returning Board members first with remaining positions open to new Board members.

D. Removal: Any officer so elected may be removed by a 2/3 (two-thirds) vote of the board or state's voting delegates present at any regular meeting or special meeting called for that purpose, provided that such removal is without prejudice.

E. Vacancies: Vacancies caused by death, resignation, incapacity, removal or disqualification of an officer of the Board shall be filled by a 2/3 (two-thirds) vote of the Board or states' voting delegates at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose and such person so elected to fill any such vacancy shall serve at the pleasure of the Association until the next AJMAA Annual Meeting when a successor will be elected.

Section 5. Committees: The chairperson may from time to time appoint standing or special committees which may include non-members of the Junior Board.

Article IV Rules and Regulations of Exhibition

Section 1. The rules and regulations of the AJMAA will remain congruent with the American Maine-Anjou Association.

Section 2. A junior member is eligible for exhibition in the National Junior Maine-Anjou Show as long as he or she has not reached his or her 21st (twenty-first) birthday previous to January 1 of the year the show is to be held.

Article V Miscellaneous

Section 1. Amendments: The By-Laws of the Association may from time to time be altered or amended in any respect or repealed in whole or in part by a 2/3 (two-thirds) vote of the voting delegates designated at each year's Annual Meeting. All By-Law amendments or changes must be presented in written form 1 (one) meeting prior to voting.

Article VI Headquarters

Section 1. The official headquarters of the American Junior Maine-Anjou Association shall be congruent with the American Maine-Anjou Association headquarters.