

# MISSOURI JUNIOR ANGUS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

## Article I. NAME

Section 1 This organization shall be known as the Missouri Junior Angus Association.

## Article II. PURPOSE

Section 1 The purpose of the Association shall be to encourage and extend the influence of Angus cattle; to promote the interests of its membership by creating educational and competitive opportunities; to promote closer relations between the membership and to stimulate greater activity among them.

Section 2 To help sponsor and conduct field days, tours and meetings on their own and in association with the Missouri Angus Association to help promote Angus in Missouri.

Section 3 To encourage and assist junior Angus activities in Missouri and to provide leadership training.

## Article III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Any resident of the state of Missouri who is under 21 years of age as of January 1 of the current year and interested in breeding Angus cattle may become a member of this Association by sending his or her name and address together with the annual membership fee to the treasurer.

## Article IV. OFFICERS

Section 1 The officers of this Association shall be president, 1<sup>st</sup> vice president, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, reporter, and nine directors elected from the nine established electoral areas of the Missouri Angus Association.

Section 2 The executive committee shall be composed of the officers, adult advisors and regional directors of this Association to act upon all emergency matters or upon any other questions referred to them for decision.

## Article V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND ADVISORS

Section 1 The officers of this Association shall be elected by ballot or show of hands, by all paid members, at the meeting of the Missouri Junior Angus Association held in conjunction with the Missouri Angus Futurity. The directors shall be elected by ballot or show of hands, of the paid members of their electoral area at the meeting of the Missouri Junior Angus Association held in association with the Missouri Angus Futurity. Officers and directors shall be elected for a term of one (1) year.

Section 2 The advisors will be elected for a term of three (3) years, electing one (1) advisor/ advisor couple per year. The advisors in their third year will serve as lead advisors. The advisors can volunteer or be nominated by other advisors and voted on by the junior members at the Missouri Junior Angus Association meeting held in association with the Missouri State Fair. The advisor/advisor couple must be a member of the Missouri Angus Association.

Section 3 The Missouri Angus Association general manager shall serve in an advisor capacity to facilitate a good working relationship between the adult and junior associations.

## Article VI.

### **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 1 The president shall call and conduct all meetings, shall fill by appointment all temporary vacancies in office and all committees not otherwise provided for, and perform any other duties pertaining to the office of president. The president shall also prepare a monthly article for the Trails publication.

Section 2 The 1<sup>st</sup> vice president shall preside in the absence of the president and perform all duties pertaining to that office. The 1<sup>st</sup> vice president shall coordinate all elections and oversee the work of appointed and special committees, and chair the by-law committee.

Section 3 The 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president shall preside in the absence of the president and vice-president. The 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president shall chair the awards committee.

Section 4 The secretary shall conduct a roll call of all members at each meeting. He/she shall record in a book kept for that purpose of members at each meeting and all proceedings of the Association to report to the general membership at each meeting. The secretary shall also conduct all correspondence of the Association and such duties as pertain to the office of secretary.

Section 5 The assistant secretary shall help the secretary verify the members at each meeting and keep a second set of notes on all proceedings of the Association. The assistant secretary shall preside in the absence of the secretary and perform all duties pertaining to that office.

Section 6 The treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all receipts and expenses, collect and dispense funds as directed by the membership, maintain an active (paid) and accurate membership list, give a report of such a meeting and such duties as pertain to the office of treasurer. The treasurer will provide the adult advisors the paid membership list quarterly. The treasurer shall serve on the fundraising committee.

Section 7 The reporter shall collect any information that will be helpful to the Association and work with all officers and committees if needed, send a report of all Missouri junior activities to the Missouri Angus Association general manager for publication, and coordinate social media posts.

Section 8 The advisors will guide, direct and offer assistance to the officers and members of

the Association while allowing decisions to be made by the membership and officers of the Association. Duties of the advisors shall also include:

- a. Coordinate fundraising activities
- b. Order awards for showmanship and the annual banquet.
- c. Work alongside the awards committee to secure award sponsors for the Missouri Junior Angus Preview Show.
- d. Coordinate stalling, activities and contests teams for the National Junior Angus show.
- e. Provide monthly articles for publication to the Missouri Angus Association general manager outlining upcoming events and deadlines.

**Section 9** The area directors will work with the executive board in carrying out duties as assigned and communicating closely with the members of their area.

Article VII.

**COMMITTEES**

Section 1

Activities Committee

1. Shall plan and execute activities for meetings, shows and/or events.

Section 2

Awards Committee

1. Shall secure sponsors for the awards presented at the Missouri Junior Angus Preview Show.

Section 3

By-Law Committee

1. Shall review and suggest changes to the by-laws as deemed necessary.

Section 4

Fundraising Committee

1. Shall plan and execute money-making projects of the organization.

Section 5

State Display Committee

1. Shall be in charge of a plan and execution of the state display at the National Junior Angus Show.

Section 6

Executive Committee

1. Shall consist of the officers, directors and advisors.

Section 7

Special Committee

1. Shall be appointed by the president to perform special functions of the organization as needed.

Article VIII. **ORGANIZATION**

Section 1 Shall run from January 1 to December 31.

Article IX. **DUES**

Section 1 Dues shall be set by a majority vote of the membership present at the regular meeting of the Association during the Missouri State Fair. Dues will be paid annually.

Article X. **MEETINGS**

Section 1 A minimum of three meetings per year shall be held; one of which shall be in conjunction with the Missouri Angus Futurity, the second at the Missouri Junior Angus Preview Show, and the third will be during the Missouri State Fair. Other meetings may be held as needed and must be called by the president or by a petition of a minimum of five members of the executive committee.

Section 2 The president and the executive committee may call a special meeting at any time deemed necessary.

Article XI. **SHOWS AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

Section 1 Missouri Angus Futurity

1. Elections of officers are held at the annual meeting. Committees will be formed.

2. Contest sign ups for the National Angus Show shall begin. Advisors will coordinate with juniors to fill teams and encourage participation.

Section 2 Missouri Angus Preview

1. Selection of a champion and reserve champion showman in the National Junior Angus Show Showmanship Qualifier Class will be selected at the beginning of the Missouri Angus Preview Show. Two alternates will also be chosen at this time. If alternates do not compete at the NJAS, they are eligible to compete in the following years as long as qualifications are met. Candidates must be paid members of the Missouri Junior Angus Association for the current and previous year, must own registered Angus cattle and meet National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest rules of eligibility.

2. A regular meeting of the membership will be held 30 minutes after the conclusion of the junior Angus show.

Section 3

National Junior Angus Show

1. Juniors shall stall according to state.
2. Stalling assignments will be determined by the advisors.
3. Advisors shall determine contest team assignments when restrictions to team size or number of teams deem necessary. Additional smaller contests or interviews may be conducted by the adult advisors to aid in selection of team members.

Section 4

Missouri State Fair

1. A regular meeting of the membership will be held 30 minutes after the conclusion of the junior Angus show.

Article XII.

**OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION**

Section 1

The Missouri Angus Association's publication will be the official publication for notification of meetings and events for this Association.

Article XIII.

**AMENDMENTS**

Section 1

The foregoing by-laws or any part of them, or any amendment thereto, may be modified or annulled at any of the meetings by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Section 2

Upon request of any member of the executive committee, the president must appoint a constitution committee to consider the proposal.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Record number and names of those present
2. Minutes of the last meeting
3. Treasurer's report
4. Reports of officers and committees
5. Election of officers (when applicable)
6. Unfinished business
7. New business
8. Adjournment