



American Miniature Zebu Association, LLC

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GUIDE TO AMERICAN MINIATURE ZEBU SHOWS

The overall purpose of a show is to select animals which come closest to the ideal of a “perfect Zebu” as set by AMZA’s strict breed standards. Each show is a comparative study of “a” group of animals on one particular day.

Who is the Judge?

The judge at your show is a member of a very select community. Fewer than 40 people in the United States currently are licensed to judge shows sanctioned by the American Miniature Zebu Association. To qualify for a license, applicants must pass a stringent written and oral tests, demonstrating thorough knowledge of correct conformation and the ability to organize and communicate that knowledge.

What does a Judge look for?



AMZA provides all of its judges with a scorecard to evaluate each animal. The scorecard is divided into four (4) sections—1) General Appearance, 2) Breed Character, 3) Body Capacity, and 4) Reproductive System.

There are a number of defects which may cause the Judge to disqualify an animal. Such as blindness, serious emaciation, permanent lameness, double teats or other permanent physical defects.

How are Shows organized?

Shows are first divided into sex and age appropriate divisions. Animals are divided by sex and then into age classes. Thus, each animal competes against others of its own sex and approximate age.

Junior division classes shall include all Bull calves less than 24 months and Heifers less than 48 months who have never freshened (calved).



How are Shows organized? Cont'd

Senior division classes shall include all Bulls that are 24 months and older and all Cows that have freshened (calved) at any age.

Steer division classes will include all ages.

Generally, first place winners from each class compete for Grand and Reserve Champion. Each group (Junior, Senior, and Steer) will compete for their own Grand and Reserve Champions. Once the Grand Champion is selected, the Reserve Champion is chosen from the remaining first place winners plus the animal which placed second in its class behind the animal chosen for Grand Champion. The Junior Division Grand Champion, the Senior Division Grand Champion and any Permanent Grand Champions will compete for the "Champion Challenge". Permanent Grand Champions can be shown in their respective age division OR the Champion Challenge, but not both.

Some shows have showmanship competition, in which the judge considers the appearance of the animal and the exhibitor as well as the actual showing, looking for the exhibitor who shows his or her animal to best advantage without undue fussing and maneuvering.



How are Classes Judged?

Each class follows a set pattern. As the show steward will call the class the exhibitors enter the ring leading their animals in predetermined pattern set by the judge. The judge observes the animals as they move by.

Once all animals have entered the ring, the judge will start her or his evaluation process. This process may involve maneuvering the animal around the ring in several different positions to best evaluate the animal.

Having completed the process of placing the animals, the judge takes the microphone and gives reasons for each placing, telling why the animal ahead is superior to the animal behind. While the judge is giving reasons, winning exhibitors receive ribbons and/or trophies.

What are the Benefits of Showing?

Showing can be a valuable experience for you. The show gives breeders the opportunity to have their animals and breeding program evaluated by a highly trained professional. You will have the opportunity to listen to the judge as she or he gives reasons for the placings. Often the judge will be willing to talk with you after the show if you don't understand the placings. You can also talk with the exhibitors and see the animals in their pens.



Progressive Show Win Policy

American Miniature Zebu Association provides a progressive show winnings program. This program consists of zebras becoming Permanent Grand Champions and the progressing to become Master Champions at AMZA sanctioned shows.

To become a Permanent Grand Champion, a zebu must win 4 Grand Champions by 3 different judges. Two of these winnings may be as a junior bull, a heifer, or a steer under the age of 2 years old.

Once a zebu has become a Permanent Grand Champion the zebu may progress to become a Master Champion.

To become a Master Champion the zebu must win 4 Best In Shows/Champion Challenges by 3 different judges after becoming a Permanent Grand Champion. Best of Show/Champion Challenges wins before the PGCH status does not apply to the Master Grand Champion status.

Once the zebu has become a Master Champion they may only be shown at an AMZA National Show in the National Champion Class.



Show Official Disqualifications



Some faults, including those which keep the animals from being functional, productive and reproductive have to be considered show ring disqualifications due to their seriousness. The show ring is the only venue we have to spotlight the highest quality animals available for public viewing in one location.

All breeding Bulls and Cows:

- Serious Emaciation
- Total Blindness
- Permanent Lameness
- Evidence of any inability to reproduce
- Permanent Physical Defect
- Excessive hair length and/or curly coat
- Animals over 42 inches

Cows:

- * Non functioning udder
- * Blind teats
- * Active mastitis or any cause of abnormal milking

Bulls

- * Crooked or wry face
- * One or no testicles
- * Total lack of breed character

Steers

- * Serious emaciation
- * Excessive hair length and/or curly coat
- * Total blindness



FILSON LIVESTOCK CALF TABLE

This calf table has a unique design in that it will roll either left or right which makes for easy access to both sides of the animal. The circle concept allows the weight of the calf and the table to always remain in the center of the base. Works well with animals up to 500 lbs.

Options:

- Right or Left hand controls
- 8" taller U-bars (if branding high on hip)
- Drop floor
- Drop sides
- Wheel Kit



Specs: Weight 570 lbs. Width 55" Height 60" Depth 61"

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