

“ITLA HIGH POINT SHOW LEGACY”

Standardized Rule Book

For the

INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SHOW

and

**ITLA
INTERNATIONAL QUALIFYING
REGIONAL SHOWS**

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Note: Items in Red are the 10/20/07 approved changes to the Standardized Rule Book.

This Standardized Rule Book is the governing document to be used when producing the International Championship Show, the International Youth Show and any regional shows where ITLA Qualifying Points are to be awarded. Deviations from the rules set forth in this book may result in the show being classified as a Non-Qualifying Show (with no qualifying points or High Point Legacy points recorded) unless the show chairman receives specific permission from the ITLA Board Of Directors prior to the show.

Periodically, the rules and regulations contained in this book are reviewed and revised by the ITLA Show Rules Committee. Changes are presented to the ITLA Board Of Directors for approval before inclusion. Every attempt will be made to inform members of any rule changes through updates in the ITLA Drover or posted on the official ITLA website. For more copies of this publication, or to verify that this booklet contains the most up-to-date regulations, please contact:

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Exhibitor attendance and participation is greatly appreciated throughout the show!!

SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION

Regional Shows and the International Championship Show were created by the International Texas Longhorn Association as marketing tools to promote and exhibit the finest quality Texas Longhorn cattle available today. Our ultimate goal is to not only produce show people, but also to produce good, sound, structurally correct cattle that will compete in the sale ring, on the range and in the show ring. The show ring is a tool to enlighten cattle people to the many true qualities of Texas Longhorn cattle, create marketing opportunities and identify superior cattle.

The rules and regulations in this booklet are designed to be used in the production of a qualifying ITLA show. We trust your integrity as a Longhorn producer will allow these rules to be followed in a simple and professional manner.

SECTION 2

PROCEDURES

Paragraph 1. All International Texas Longhorn Association Regional Organizations are encouraged to hold shows in their respective geographical areas to promote Texas Longhorn cattle. Individual producers may also sponsor shows. All show dates and judges must be submitted to the ITLA in order for them to be included in the official schedules of events and publicized in the ITLA Drover. This Standardized Rule Book provides all requirements for approved shows.

Paragraph 1a. Shows for the current show year must be held at least 30 days prior to the International Show for points to be tabulated for the current show year.

Paragraph 2. Judges will be chosen from the International Texas Longhorn Association list of approved judges. The approved judges list will be made available to all sponsoring groups upon request and is also available on-line at the ITLA website. A judge may not judge more than one show in a region in a quarter. A judge is not eligible to judge the INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW if he/she has judged a show in any region within 6 weeks of the International Show. The judge must sign the class sheets showing the placings before they are considered official.

Paragraph 2a. Each new prospective judge will be required to attend a judging clinic and to serve as an apprentice judge with an ITLA experienced judge before his/her first official show. **(Judges applications are available from the ITLA office or online at www.ITLA.com).**

Paragraph 2b. An annual review of the approved judges will be conducted by the ITLA Show Rules Committee and their recommendations made to the ITLA BOD for additions or deletions to the judges list.

Paragraph 2c. All Regional Shows must have a designated Show Chairman. The Show Chairman's duties are as follows:

- 1) Be responsible for a complete and accurate Show Book containing all pertinent information as listed in Paragraph 16.
- 2) Have names & addresses of all class exhibitors for reference in the front of the Show Book.
- 3) Check class assignments for correctness.
- 4) Be responsible for all show procedures being followed.
- 5) Prior to the show meet with the Judge to discuss show procedures.
- 6) Be available during show to answer any and all questions.
- 7) Make certain a completed Official Placings Booklet with all placings and results is sent to the ITLA office for Points Rating. Results must contain ITLA Member numbers and ITLA Registration Number. The Official Placing Booklet will be mailed from the ITLA office.
- 8) Prior to judging the class a judge should receive a sheet which includes only data listing the entry number, birth date, pregnancy status of dry cows, date of birth of calf at side and the class age.

Paragraph 2d. All entries for the International Championship Show should be postmarked a minimum of 21 days prior to show date. Entries postmarked 14 to 20 days prior to the Show will require an additional fee per class entry. No entries will be accepted after the 14 day deadline. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Paragraph 3. All cattle registered with the International Texas Longhorn Association, Cattlemen's Texas Longhorn Registry or Texas Longhorn Breeders Association of America are eligible to compete in International Texas Longhorn Association Regional shows. A photocopy of the registration papers must accompany the International Texas Longhorn Association entry form. **No cattle with pending registration will be accepted.** Registrations other than ITLA will be charged an extra \$5.00 and this fee will be used to dual register, if so desired. Dual registration must be decided when entries are mailed for any show. All cattle competing in the annual International Championship Show must be registered with ITLA.

Paragraph 3a. A calf shown with a cow shall not be older than 210 days of age. A calf shall be at least 180 days of age to show in individual classes. Calf at side may show only in one class – as calf at side with dam or in an individual class.

Paragraph 3b. Each class will have an entry limit of one animal per clonal family per owner.

Paragraph 4. Exhibitors and owners competing in the International Championship Show must be members of the International Texas Longhorn Association. Regional organizations at their discretion may require exhibitors at Regional Shows to be ITLA members.

Paragraph 5. The ITLA'S goal is to show longhorns in their natural condition with the exception of trimming prepuce hair and trimming hooves. Exhibitors are expressly prohibited from altering the physical appearance or features of any animal on show premises.

Exhibitors are encouraged to bathe and brush their cattle and present them in a neat and professional manner. **Any animal physically altered on show premises will be removed from the show by the show chairman.**

Paragraph 6. Cattle cannot show both haltered and non-haltered in the same age group within a single show.

Paragraph 7. Any protest, dispute of a final interpretation or any incident occurring during the course of the ITLA Championship Show should be brought to the attention of the International Show Committee. Final decisions regarding protests or interpretations will be expressly and exclusively reserved to the International Show Committee. By signing the required entry form, exhibitors give unqualified consent and agreement to abide by all printed rules.

Paragraph 8. Health certificates (Certificates of Veterinary Inspection), issued by a licensed veterinarian, are required for **all** cattle competing in the ITLA Championship Show.

Paragraph 8a. Show chairmen are tasked with being aware of the current animal health statutes as they apply to cattle attending their show. Generally, any cattle attending from out of state will require health certificates, and the requirements for them *may* be waived by certain jurisdictions if no cattle originating from out of state are in attendance. The ITLA supports all destination state regulations.

Paragraph 8b. Pregnancy status and/or DOB of calf at side must appear on health certificates to confirm the eligibility of all female cattle 30 months and older entered in the show. Pregnancy status can be determined by palpation, ultrasound or blood test and reported by a licensed veterinarian or certified technician. In cases where no health certificates are required, the pregnancy status will be acceptable if reported on a letter (with letterhead identifying the facility) and signed by the veterinarian, which clearly identifies the animal(s). Any proof of pregnancy status must be dated within 30 days of the show the animal is entered into.

Paragraph 9. No written **ranch** advertising **on clothing worn into the show arena** will be permitted. **Logos, labels, and clothing manufactures writing will be accepted.** Exhibitors shall conduct themselves in a professional manner in the show ring. Class numbers shall be worn on the left side.

Paragraph 10. Calves shown at side in the haltered show must be on halter and be led by an exhibitor. Animals must be kept under control at all times. Should an animal become unmanageable, the Judge shall have the right and responsibility to remove such animal from competition and all entry fees shall be forfeited.

Paragraph 11. Within 10 days of completion of a show, the Show Chairman shall forward to the ITLA office the official results of the show, signed by the Judge. **In order for the points to be awarded to the animals entered in any ITLA qualifying show, the results must be recorded on the official books sent from the ITLA office. No other forms or records will be recognized. The results must show ITLA member number, ITLA registration number and name of each animal entered in each class, and the official placings within each class.**

Paragraph 12. The International Championship Show will be held each year at a location approved by the Board of Directors. ITLA Regional Organizations may request the opportunity to serve as Host. However, the administration and authority over the show shall remain with ITLA.

Paragraph 13. “ ITLA Point Merit System for ITLA High Point Show Legacy”: The ITLA will retain a permanent record of “competitively successful cattle” for special recognition, including annual and lifetime awards. The ITLA membership regions may earn local merit acknowledgment as well as international year-end competitive awards. The ITLA Office will maintain documentation of winnings per Point Rating System.

Mixed Registry Class Points: ITLA Points are awarded according to the ITLA Merit Point System. Entries not registered with the ITLA are not awarded points. For example: Suppose your entry wins first in a class with a total of eight entries, and yours is the only entry registered with the ITLA. Your first place entry is awarded five merit points and no other points will be awarded to the other entries. If your entry wins second in this same class, and again yours is the only ITLA registered entry, your entry is awarded four points and no other points are awarded. If all entries in this class of eight were ITLA registered, first place would be awarded five points, second would be awarded four points, third would be awarded three points, fourth would be awarded two, and fifth place would be awarded one point. No other points would be awarded in this class.

ITLA MERIT POINT SYSTEM

Class Points:

5 points = 1st place
4 points = 2nd place
3 points = 3rd place
2 points = 4th place
1 point = 5th place

Champion Points:

Champion = 7 points
Reserve Champion = 5 points

All Age Champion Points:

All Age Grand = 10 points
All Age Reserve = 7 points

Merit System:

50 points = Silver Merit of Honor
100 points = Gold Merit of Honor
200 points = Elite Merit of Honor

High Point Show Legacy Regional Owner Awards: Most overall points (all classes) per owners region. This award will consist of a certificate and plaque to be hung in the ITLA's office.

High Point Show Legacy Champion Awards: Champion and Reserve Champion animals gaining the most points in shows in their respective regions. Points won outside the region are not tabulated for these particular awards.

High Point Show Legacy Honor Roll of the Year Awards: Most points per age and sex group overall. Points for animals in all shows in every region are tabulated. Points continue from year to year for annual and lifetime awards.

High Point Owner Award for Annual International Championship Show: Total points gained at the championship show are tabulated for High Point Grand Champion Owner and Reserve Champion Owner Awards will be presented the following year at the Awards ceremony.

Paragraph 14: The title of International Champion Texas Longhorn is reserved solely for use by the ITLA. No other organization may use the International Champion Texas Longhorn name or title.

Paragraph 15: Cattle Eligible to Compete in the ITLA Championship Show: ITLA registered Texas Longhorn cattle that have earned one or more merit points through the ITLA show system during the current show year are eligible to compete in the International Championship Show. Unqualified, ITLA registered, cattle may show in the International Championship Show for an additional fee of **\$35.00** per entry.

Paragraph 16: Published Show Information: The show producer shall make available the following pertinent information:

- 1) Lodging recommended by sponsors, including phone numbers and addresses
- 2) Show date, time and location (accurate to scale map recommended)
- 3) Entry application form
- 4) Livestock feed and water availability
- 5) Judge's name(s)
- 6) Entry deadline and all fees
- 7) Cattle arrival and departure time
- 8) Types of awards and sponsors
- 9) Animal health certificates required

Paragraph 17: Entry form: The Show Chairman must request show entry forms from the ITLA Office. These will be generic and all shows will have the same entry form. All member numbers and animal registration numbers must be included.

Paragraph 18: Show Registrations: (See Paragraph 3) To receive ITLA merit awards, membership on the date the award is bestowed is required. Despite owner ineligibility, the ITLA registered animal's merit points will be recorded in its permanent record.

Paragraph 19: Fees: In order to cover the costs of tabulating ITLA Merit points and providing the Legacy Awards, **\$5.00 must be included for each entry in an ITLA approved Open Show.** This fee, the official show book and a copy of the show program must be sent to the ITLA Office within 10 days of the show date. This fee applies to all classes in this publication except the youth classes.

Paragraph 20: There will be no ties in any class. Only one animal can be placed in each position.

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SECTION 3

APPROVED CLASSES
FOR ITLA REGIONAL &
INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

FEMALES:

(Approved Classes for both Haltered and Non-Haltered Females)

Junior Heifer Classes:

Class 1	Born March - April of current year (must be 180 days of age at show time.) This class does not have to qualify for the International Show.
Class 2	January - February of current year
Class 3	Born November - December of 1 st preceding year
Class 4	Born September - October of 1 st preceding year
Class 5	Born July - August of 1 st preceding year
Class 6	Born May - June of 1 st preceding year
Class 7	Born March - April of 1 st preceding year
Class 8	Born January - February of 1 st preceding year

CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER - RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER

Note: Females over 30 months of age must be shown with calf at side or be verified safe in calf as outlined in Paragraph 8b.

No crossbred calves may be shown at side of cows.

Senior Heifer Classes:

Class 9	Born September - December of 2 nd preceding year
Class 10	Born May - August of 2 nd preceding year
Class 11	Born January - April of 2 nd preceding year

CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER - RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER

Junior Cow Classes:

Class 12	Born 3 rd preceding year
Class 13	Born 4 th preceding year
Class 14	Born 5 th preceding year

CHAMPION JUNIOR COW - RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR COW

FEMALES: (Continued)

Senior Cow Classes:

Class 15	Born 6 th & 7 th preceding year
Class 16	Born 8 th & 9 th preceding year
Class 17	Born 10 th preceding year and before

CHAMPION SENIOR COW - RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR COW

GRAND CHAMPION ALL AGE FEMALE

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION ALL AGE FEMALE

BULLS:

(Approved Classes for Haltered Bulls)

Note: All bulls will be shown haltered and must have nose lead when shown without their dam.)

Junior Bull Classes:

Class 18	Born March - April of current year (must be 180 days of age at show time.) This class does not have to qualify for the International Show.
Class 19	Born January - February of current year
Class 20	Born November - December of 1 st preceding year
Class 21	Born September - October of 1 st preceding year

CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL - RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL

Intermediate Bull Classes:

Class 22	Born July - August of 1 st preceding year
Class 23	Born May - June of 1 st preceding year
Class 24	Born March - April of 1 st preceding year
Class 25	Born January - February of 1 st preceding year
Class 26	Born September - December of 2 nd preceding year

CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE BULL-RESERVE CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE BULL

Senior Bull Classes:

Class 27	Born May - August of 2 nd preceding year
Class 28	Born January - April of 2 nd preceding year
Class 29	Born May - December of 3 rd preceding year

CHAMPION SENIOR BULL - RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR BULL

GRAND CHAMPION ALL AGE BULL

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION ALL AGE BULL

STEERS:

(Approved Classes for both Haltered and Non-Haltered Steers)

Junior Steer Classes:

Class 30	Current Year. This class does not have to qualify for the International Show.
Class 31	Born July - December of 1 st preceding year
Class 32	Born January - June of 1 st preceding year
Class 33	Born July - December of 2 nd preceding year
Class 34	Born January - June of 2 nd preceding year
Class 35	Born January – December 3 rd preceding year

CHAMPION JUNIOR STEER - RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR STEER

Senior Steer Classes:

Class 36	Born January – December 4 th preceding year
Class 37	Born January – December 5 th preceding year
Class 38	Born January – December 6 th preceding year
Class 39	All steers born the 7 th preceding year and before

CHAMPION SENIOR STEER - RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR STEER

GRAND CHAMPION ALL AGE STEER

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION ALL AGE STEER

Group Classes:

Class 40	Produce of Dam – Two or more animals from the same dam, any sex. Natural birth only – calves resulting from Embryo Transfer will not be eligible to compete in this class.
Class 41	Get of Sire – Three or more animals by the same sire, any sex

Group classes will be shown at halter. All Animals must be **at least** 180 days old. These will be point classes, with a high point award given at the end of the year to the respective animal's owner.

Paragraph 21. These approved classes are valid for the entire calendar year. Shows conducted *after* the Championship Show will use the same classes as those prior to it; however, the merit points earned from those shows will be credited to the next calendar year totals.

SECTION 4

PERFORMANCE STEERS (exhibition only)

Junior Steers – Born 4th preceding year and before

Senior Steers – Born 5th preceding year and later

Trail Class:

All age riding registered Texas longhorn Steers can compete in this class. Each show chairman or show committee may determine the obstacles to be used or obtain the standard course diagram from the ITLA Office.

Riders Choice:

The handler has the complete freedom to exhibit his/her riding or pulling Longhorn Steer any way they choose to show them to their best advantage.

Pulling Class:

One or more longhorn steer will pull a buggy, wagon, sled or stone boat.

The required course may be obtained from the ITLA Office.

Paragraph 22. An ITLA qualifying show is not required to offer all approved classes. The classes that will be recognized at any ITLA Qualifying Show must be clearly defined **in advance** for all material promoting the show. If a show chairman elects not to offer all approved classes at a show, then it is recommended that all classes within a gender group be offered. As a minimum, all classes within a *division* must be offered. If all classes within a gender group (i.e. all female, all bull, or all steer classes) are not offered, then the Champion and Reserve Champion All Age classes cannot be offered.

Some suggested themes for shows not offering all classes would be a “Heifer Debutante”, (for only Junior and Senior Heifer classes, no All-Age classes); “a Select Female Show” (for **all** approved female classes, including All-Age); “a Performance Bull Show” (for **all** Bull classes, including All-Age); or “a Steer Bonanza” (for **all** steer classes, including Trophy Steer and All-Age).

SECTION 5

YOUTH SHOW REGULATIONS

The International Youth Show may be held each year in conjunction with the ITLA International Championship Show. Rules that apply to the International Championship Show also apply to the Youth Show. Rules pertaining specifically to the Youth Show are listed below. **Although youth show participation is encouraged throughout the year, cattle entered in the International Youth Show are not required to qualify in the same manner as cattle entered in the International Championship Show.**

Paragraph 24. An exhibitor must be a member of the International Texas Longhorn Youth Association (ITLYA) to compete in the International Youth Show.

Paragraph 25. An exhibitor must be 18 years of age or younger on January 1 of the show year to compete in Youth Shows.

Paragraph 26. The dress code for the Youth Shows will be the same as for the ITLA open shows.

Paragraph 27. No adults, except for show officials and judges, will be allowed in the show arena except in emergencies, or during the Pee Wee Division.

Paragraph 28. When questions arise concerning items not covered by these rules, the Show Committee for the respective show will make the decision and their decision will be binding.

SECTION 6

PEE WEE EXHIBITION DIVISION

Children 6 years of age and under as of January 1, may show a calf, of any age, male or female. This is the only youth class for which adults will be allowed in the show ring.

SECTION 7

SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS

(Ages as of January 1)

Junior Division.....	7-9 years
Intermediate Division.....	10-12 years
Teen Division.....	13-14 years
Senior Division.....	15-18 years

SECTION 8

APPROVED YOUTH SHOW CLASSES (Shown at Halter)

FEMALES:

Junior Heifer Classes:

Class 1	Born March – April of current year
Class 2	Born January – February of current year
Class 3	Born November – December of 1 st preceding year
Class 4	Born September – October of 1 st preceding year
Class 5	Born July – August of 1 st preceding year
Class 6	Born May – June of 1 st preceding year
Class 7	Born March – April of 1 st preceding year
Class 8	Born January – February of 1 st preceding year

CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER – RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER

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No crossbred calves may be shown at side of cows.

Senior Heifer Classes:

Class 9	Born September–December of 2 nd preceding year
Class 10	Born May – August of 2 nd preceding year
Class 11	Born January – April of 2 nd preceding year
Class 12	Born September – December of 3 rd preceding year

CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER – RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER

GRAND CHAMPION ALL AGE FEMALE

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION ALL AGE FEMALE

BULLS:

(All bulls must be shown with nose lead when shown without their dam.)

Junior Bull Classes:

Class 13	Born March – April of current year
Class 14	Born January – February of current year
Class 15	Born November – December of 1 st preceding year
Class 16	Born September – October of 1 st preceding year
Class 17	Born July – August of 1 st preceding year
Class 18	Born May – June of 1 st preceding year

CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL – RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL

BULLS: (Continued)

Intermediate Bull Classes:

Class 19	Born March – April of 1 st preceding year
Class 20	Born January – February of 1 st preceding year
Class 21	Born November – December of 2 nd preceding year

CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE BULL - RESERVE CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE BULL

GRAND CHAMPION ALL AGE BULL

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION ALL AGE BULL

STEERS:

Junior Steers:

Class 22	Current Year
Class 23	July – December of 1 st preceding year
Class 24	January – June of 1 st preceding year
Class 25	July – December of 2 nd preceding year
Class 26	January – June of 2 nd preceding year

GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR STEER

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR STEER

Senior Steers:

Class 27	Born January – December 3 rd preceding year
Class 28	Born January – December 4 th preceding year
Class 29	Born January – December 5 th preceding year

GRAND CHAMPION SENIOR STEER

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION SENIOR STEER

GRAND CHAMPION ALL AGE STEER

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION ALL AGE STEER



Dear Texas Longhorn Friend:

ITLA is the registry of choice for the Texas Longhorn breed. In addition to promoting Texas Longhorns, ITLA issues registration certificates, transfer certificates, stores breed performance data, publishes, a bimonthly full color slick magazine (The Drover), approves breed shows, maintains active membership files, trains approved show judges, and sponsors an annual convention and International Championship show. The purity and preservation of the breed is protected by having a completely closed registry. Only cattle with registered sires and dams may be entered into the registry. The number of people becoming involved in the Texas Longhorn industry is increasing every day. Inquiries are accelerating at a rapid pace. Texas Longhorn activities, shows, field days, ranch tours, sales, computer inquiries, etc., are happening at the speed of a stampeding Longhorn! It is a good time to own Texas Longhorns and be a part of the International Texas Longhorn Association Check it out today at www.itla.com.

**JOIN TODAY
AND HAVE A VOICE
IN YOUR FUTURE!**



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 Lifetime Membership \$700
 10-Year Membership (Can convert to Lifetime for \$300)..... \$400
 Youth Membership (Thru Age 18 - Annual Dues) \$15
 Associate Membership (Annual Dues) \$40

Birthdate for Youth Member: _____
 List Membership In:
 Individual
 Ranch Name

Name _____
 Ranch Name _____
 Mailing Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone: (H) _____ (O) _____
 (R) _____ (FAX) _____

Yes, I want to be an ITLA Member, I am the registered owner of one or more Texas Longhorn Cattle (not required for Youth or Associate members).

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please draw your brand here:

Membership Sponsor: _____