

Brown Swiss Association

National Junior Bell Ringer

Program Rules

The National Junior Bell Ringer Program provides an opportunity for Juniors across the country to participate in a national activity. It recognizes outstanding Junior-owned or leased animals exhibited at the Junior's canton show and/or any other designated qualifying junior shows. The application for this contest is a photo and label explained below. Included in the contest are 16 standard female classes: Spring Heifer Calf, Winter Heifer Calf, Fall Heifer Calf, Summer Yearling Heifer, Spring Yearling Heifer, Winter Yearling Heifer, Fall Yearling Heifer, Yearling in Milk, Junior Two-Year Old, Senior Two-Year Old, Junior Three-Year Old, Senior Three-Year Old, Four Year-old, Five Year-Old, Aged Cow, and Component Merit.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for competition:

- 1.) In Junior Shows, the junior member who owns the animal is to show her. If the owner cannot attend the show, another Brown Swiss Association junior member of the same age or younger may show the animal. Also, in a class where a junior member owns more than one animal, the owner must show one animal; another Brown Swiss Association junior member of the same age or younger may show the second animal.
- 2.) An animal must have stood first or second in the blue ribbon group of the Junior's canton show or at one of the qualifying junior shows as designated by the state association and must have been shown by the junior. (Juniors living in states not having a state organization may qualify for competition on the national level if their animals place first or second at their state fair junior and/or open show.) Pictures from these states should be sent directly to the National Office.
- 3.) Animals entered in the National Junior Bell Ringer Program must be registered in the Official Herdbook (white registration certificate with green border) or Second Step of the Identity Enrollment Program (IE green certificate with black border). The animal must be registered before the canton or qualifying show with the Certificate of Registry available for inspection at the show.
- 4.) The Certificates of Registry must show the animal to be owned or leased through the National Brown Swiss Youth Lease program by the Junior before the animal's second birthday. If an animal is purchased after she is two years old, the animal must be owned by the junior member for at least one year from sale date before it can be shown as junior-owned. Partnership or farm-owned animals are not allowed.
- 5.) This program is open to National Brown Swiss Junior members and youth participating in the National Brown Swiss Youth Lease Program. Juniors must be at least nine years of age by January 1 of the current year and not yet have reached their 20th birthday by the same date.

ENTRIES

A color, professional, unretouched 5X7 photo taken of the animal during the calendar year must be provided.

Information on the back of the picture should include:

The animal's name and registration number, birthdate, class entered, up to three Junior Show placings at qualifying Junior Shows where animal is shown by the junior as described under Eligibility, and name and address of junior. Labels are available from your state secretary, youth chairman, Association web page, or the national office and should be completed and affixed to the back of the picture. No other information other than what is asked for on the label should be included on the back of the picture.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Each state association should establish a deadline for entries. Entries should be sent to an officer or committee chairman of the state association, not to the National Office.

The state association is responsible for appointing a special committee to select the State Bell Ringer and Reserve State Bell Ringer in each class as soon as possible after the shows are completed and the pictures are available. A state officer or committee member is responsible for seeing that the State and Reserve Bell Ringer selections, properly identified and with the aforementioned label affixed to the back of the pictures, are sent to the National Office by December 1. Both State and Reserve pictures should be sent; remember the picture with the label attached is the entry. State Bell Ringer certificates will only be furnished for those animals for which an entry (i.e. picture) was sent to the National Office and which met all qualification requirements. Juniors living in states that do not hold state contests should send their entries directly to the national office.

JUDGING AND AWARDS

The State Bell Ringers and the Reserve State Bell Ringers will be recognized in the January issue of the *Brown Swiss Bulletin*. Each state is responsible for contacting the *Bulletin* if they want their state winners published.

Owners of the State and Reserve Bell Ringers will be awarded certificates by the corresponding State Brown Swiss Association.

The National Bell Ringer selections, including a reserve winner in each class, will be chosen by a committee of three judges; one from each of the two largest National Junior Shows (currently the Eastern and Southeastern National Junior Shows) and a third judge chosen from one of the other National Shows on a rotational basis. Entries will be judged on pictures and Junior Show placings. The National Bell Ringer selections will receive a plaque and be published in the March issue of the *Brown Swiss Bulletin*.

Submit by National Deadline: December 1

1... Color professional 5X7 photo.

2... Completed sticker attached to back of photo.