Royal National Junior Beef Heifer Show

Royal Beef Classic Selection Class Description

The Royal Beef Classic Heifer Selection Class is a special selection class held at 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show. The selection of this class will determine the Nova Scotia Royal Beef Team members, who will travel to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in November to compete as a team in the National Junior Beef Heifer Show.

This class is eligible to members that:

- are 14 years of age and older by January 1 of the current 4-H year;
- have completed at least one year of the beef project and are currently registered in at least their second year of the beef calf project;

Invitation to the Selection Class is by the 4-H Show Judges; Judges will hand out 'tickets' during the beef conformation classes at 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show. Members that receive a 'ticket' during their conformation class are invited to return to the Royal Beef Classic Heifer Selection class.

All calves in the Selection Classes for the Royal (including showmanship and the Murray Parker Selection class) must be pre-registered and eligible for the Beef Classic Heifer Show and must have qualified at their county show to attend the 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show. Registration for the Royal Selection Classes (including Murray Parker Selection Class) is completed through the online Livestock Registration, which is due no later than May 15 of the show year. It is the responsibility of the Member to confirm their eligibility in advance of 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show.

Members must be showing their own current 4-H year calf, which they have pre-registered in the Beef Classic Heifer selection class.

During the Royal Beef Classic Heifer Selection class, a maximum of ten (10) Nova Scotia Beef members and their calves will be selected.

- At least eight (8) will be selected based solely on conformation, the other two (2) positions will be held for the Top Senior Beef Showperson (if eligible), and the Top Murray Parker Selection (if eligible).
- If either the Top Senior Beef Showperson or the Top Murray Parker Selection are not eligible to attend the Royal, nine (9) will be selected during the Beef Classic Heifer Selection Class.
- If both the Top Senior Beef Showperson and the Top Murray Parker Selection are not eligible to attend the Royal, all ten (10) will be selected during the Beef Classic Heifer Selection Class.
- If the Top Senior Beef Showperson and/or the Top Murray Parker Selection are eligible to attend the Royal, they will be asked to stand ring-side during the Royal Beef Classic Heifer Selection Class and enter the ring following selection of the remainder of the team.

Mixed breed beef cattle are also eligible for the Beef Classic Heifer Show Selection Class. Entrants will be judged on conformation only. Members who have attended the Royal Beef Heifer Show for two (2) consecutive years shall not be eligible to attend in the third year but will be eligible to participate in subsequent years. This does not apply to the Top Beef Showperson or the Murray Parker selection.

Murray Parker Memorial Award Class Description

This award is to be given each year at the 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show to the top 4-H Beef Calf bred, born, and raised on the home beef farm. The 4-H member showing the animal must live on the family's home beef farm. All animals that qualify for 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show through either showmanship or conformation will be eligible for this class if the calf was bred and raised on the home beef farm. Members who buy or borrow calves from another farm are not eligible.

This award aims to demonstrate the importance of good breeding stock to produce good calves, to help develop good selection skills, and teach members to build a quality beef herd through effective breeding practices.

The top member in this class who has pre-registered and meets all the Nova Scotia Royal Beef eligibility requirements will be selected as a member of the Nova Scotia Royal Beef Team. Members who intend to participate in this class at 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show must register for this class on their Livestock Registration form (Royal Beef Committee, 2024).

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4-H Nova Scotia Section Requirements

1. **Pre-registration is required for the Royal Beef Classic Selection Class and the Murray Parker Memorial Award Class. Pre-registration is only available through 4-H Nova Scotia's Online Livestock Registration form.**
   4-H members who would like to pre-register their beef heifer to be eligible for the Royal Beef Classic Selection Class and the Murray Parker Memorial Award Class (if applicable) at the 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show must complete the applicable portions of the Online Livestock Registration (new in 2024), **by no later than May 15, of the current year.** For information on the Online Livestock Registration, please visit www.4hnovascotia.ca or reach out to your Regional Program Coordinator. Members should be prepared to upload their heifer's registration papers (if purebred) and provide the calf's CCIA Tag Number.

2. **Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted. No exceptions.**
   The member is responsible for ensuring applications are complete and received on time.

3. **Purebred calves must be shown in the purebred category.**
   If a member registers a purebred calf, that calf must be shown in the purebred category at county show/exhibition and 4-H NS Provincial Show to be eligible for the selection classes. If a member registers a commercial calf, that calf must be shown in the commercial category at county show/exhibition and 4-H NS Provincial Show to be eligible for the selection classes. Members showing a purebred calf must provide a legible copy of the calf's registration papers with their Online Livestock Registration, which will be verified through the associated breed association.

4. **The animal identification information entered on the pre-registration must match the animal's identification information upon arrival at 4-H NS Provincial Show.**
   The CCIA Tag Number (and the animal's tattoo number, if applicable) registered on the Online Livestock Registration form will be used to identify your heifer upon arrival at 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show. If the animal identification information does not match, your animal will not be permitted to enter the show. If your animal loses a tag, it is your responsibility to report it immediately to 4-H Nova Scotia.

5. **Eligible members must be at least fourteen (14) years of age by January 1 of the current 4-H year, and they must have completed a minimum of one year of the beef project and be currently enrolled in at least their second year (Royal Beef Committee, 2010).**

6. **4-H calves must qualify to go to the 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show through their county show/exhibition to be eligible for the Royal Beef Classic Selection Class.**

7. **4-H calves eligible for nomination include purebred registered heifers and commercial heifers. Second-year Non-Recognized Beef projects are NOT eligible. Each member**

may only nominate one heifer.

8. **Selection of the NS Royal Beef team will be based on a maximum of:**
   - **One (1) Murray Parker Memorial Heifer Award Class – the Top calf from this class if pre-registered and eligible.**
   - **One (1) Senior Beef Showperson – the Top Senior Beef Showperson at the 4-H NS Provincial Show if pre-registered and eligible.**
   - **Eight (8) pre-registered and eligible entries as selected during the Royal Beef Classic Selection Class based on 100% conformation.** If any one category is not filled as listed above, then an additional selection will be made based on 100% conformation.

9. In accordance with the Royal, **a 4-H member is not eligible to compete in both the Royal National Junior Beef Heifer Show and the Royal Classic Dairy Show in the same year.** Therefore, if a 4-H NS member is invited to be in both provincial selections, they must choose which one they will accept, before the selection class.

10. **Each member must show his/her own calf in this selection class.**

11. **Members who attend the Royal National Junior Beef Heifer Show for two (2) consecutive years shall not be eligible to attend in the third year but will be eligible to participate in subsequent years. This does not apply to the Top Senior Beef Showman or the Top Murray Parker Memorial Award Selection at 4-H NS Provincial Show.**

12. **4-H members who have registered for the Royal Beef Selection class are required to bring the following information to the 4-H NS Provincial Show in case they are selected.** Members of the NS Royal Beef Team must complete the required forms during the Royal Beef Team meeting following the Royal Beef Classic Selection Class, including:
    - Health Card Number, Doctor's Name, Address, and Phone Number
    - Personal identification card or passport
    - Animal's registration papers

13. **4-H members who are selected for the NS Royal Beef Team are responsible for arranging transportation for their heifer to get to the central pick-up location**, where they will be loaded on the truck with the other beef heifers going to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

14. **All 4-H beef calves must be identified following National Livestock Identification / RFID guidelines. All purebred animals must be tattooed.**

15. **Members who pre-register for the Royal Beef Selection Class will be asked to support fundraising efforts.** To be eligible to enter the selection class, all fundraising expectations, as outlined in the applicant letter (described below and provided following pre-registration), must be met by the fundraising deadline(s). **Members who have not met the fundraising expectations will not be permitted to enter the Royal**

Beef Selection Class.
Fundraising Expectations for ALL Royal Beef Applicants (Royal Beef Committee, 2025): As the costs associated with this trip continue to rise annually, the Royal Beef Committee and 4-H Nova Scotia regularly explore methods to reduce expenses and identify new funding opportunities. Nonetheless, the responsibility for fundraising primarily rests with the applying members. Participating in this trip is a valuable opportunity, and applicants are encouraged to demonstrate their commitment through active fundraising efforts.

When applying for the Royal Beef Selection, please ensure that you are prepared to meet the fundraising expectations as follows:

- **Sale of Cash Prize Raffle Tickets: Each applicant is expected to sell 20 raffle tickets, priced at $10 each. The prizes for these tickets include cash awards for first through eighth place, which will be awarded during the Royal Selection Class at the Provincial Show. Members will be billed directly in May for $200 and will receive the tickets immediately upon registering for the Royal Beef Selection Class via the 4-H Nova Scotia Livestock Registration system. Payment of the $200 fee is required upfront, and members may retain the funds raised from ticket sales. If payment is not received within 30 days of the invoice date, the member's application to the Royal Selection Class will be considered ineligible.**
- **Sponsorship: Each successful applicant (team member) is expected to secure $1,000 in sponsorship funding. The applicant package, which will be mailed along with the raffle tickets after registration is received, includes a template sponsorship letter to assist members in securing sponsorship. To ensure commitment to fundraising, half of the sponsorship amount ($500) must be paid upfront. The remaining $500 is to be secured by October 15, 2026. Failure to pay for both installments by this date will result in inability to participate in the Royal Beef Team, regardless of selection status.**
- **Auction Items: Successful applicants (team members) are required to contribute two (2) high-value auction items, as detailed in the application package, to the Online Royal Beef Team auction.**

16. **4-H members are reminded that if selected to represent Nova Scotia at this event, they must remain in good standing with 4-H Nova Scotia, participate in the NS Royal Beef team, and abide by the 4-H NS Code of Conduct. Selected members must sign a delegate conduct form before participating in and traveling that reinforces their commitment to the event, to the 4-H Beef team, and to the rules and guidelines outlined. Furthermore, if the chaperones on the trip determine that the member has breached the 4-H NS Code of Conduct, the member will be sent home at their own expense.**

For additional information/questions, please contact:

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