



# 2027 World Dairy Expo Judge Nomination Form

*This judge nomination form will be used for  
all eight 2027 breed shows, including Junior Holstein.*

**Nominations close October 2, 2026 at 5 p.m.**

**Breed** \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination for \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination for \_\_\_\_\_

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor Signature must be legible or printed clearly.  
Ballots must be signed to be counted.

Nominations may also be submitted online at [worlddairyexpo.com](http://worlddairyexpo.com), login to your exhibitor account.  
Nominations will be accepted for the breed show in which the exhibitor has entered cattle.

**Please note:** The Ayrshire, Brown Swiss and Junior Holstein judges must be on the Association's approved judge list, please take this into consideration when making nominations.

**The following individuals may NOT be nominated to judge the same breed in 2027:**

Ayrshire: Kurt Wolf, Brandon Ferry, Gregory Evans, and David Hanson  
Brown Swiss: Chris Lahmers, Phillip Topp, Allyn "Spud" Paulson, and Richard Thompson  
Guernsey: Kevin Hartmann, Lynn Harbaugh, Mark Rueth, and Chris Lang  
Holstein: Lynn Harbaugh, Jamie Black, Aaron Eaton, and Ryan Krohlow  
Jersey: Mike Duckett, Ryan Krohlow, Kelly Barbee, and Mike Berry  
Milking Shorthorn: Brandon Ferry, Chris Lahmers, Mike Maier, and Matt Henkes  
Red & White: Phillip Topp, Kevin Doeberier, Adam Hodgins, and Aaron Eaton  
Junior Holstein: Callum McKinven, Mandi Bue, Pierre Boulet, and Ben Wallace

**This form may be reproduced for multiple breed owners.**

**Full details on the respective breeds' Judge Selection Procedures,  
can be found on the back of this page.**

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## Judge Selection Procedure

1. Judge nomination may be submitted with online entries or by paper form available in the premim book or Dairy Cattle Exhibitor Information webpage. Nominations are due October 2, 2026, close of World Dairy Expo.
2. A Judge Selection Committee, comprised of the specific breeds of World Dairy Expo exhibitors, selected by the Overall Dairy Cattle Show Superintendent and Chair and Vice-Chair of the Dairy Cattle Exhibitor Committee, will present a list of at least six (6) names. The Overall Dairy Cattle Show Superintendent will serve as the chair of the Judge Selection Committee.
  - a. The Judge Selection Committee will consist of six people plus the Dairy Cattle Exhibitor Committee At-Large breed representative(s).
    - i.) Guernsey nominations will be reviewed by the Association Show Committee. The Association Show Committee will provided a ranked list of six (6) nominees submitted by World Dairy Expo Guernsey exhibitors.
    - ii.) Selection Committee Co-Chairs have authority to invite up to three (3) people to serve as backup to any breed show judge selection committee when vacant seats become available after nomination.
  - b. Term length for the Judge Selection Committee is three years; two new members will join the committee each year.
  - c. Once individuals have served their term length, they cannot be reappointed until they have been off the committee for at least two years.
  - d. WDE Judge Selection Committee members, including spouse or immediate family, cannot be on the ballot while serving on the committee.
  - e. WDE Judge Selection Committee members may not add additional names to the list of nominees collected with World Dairy Expo entries.
3. The Judge Selection Committee is encouraged to rank at least six names in priority as they would like them to appear on the judge's ballot.
  - a. A maximum of three names will appear on the ballot, with the highest ranked eligible individuals given preference. Individuals found guilty of an ethics violation at the most recent World Dairy Expo or those found guilty of a past ethics violation where a penalty term is still in force are ineligible and will not be in consideration for the ballot.
  - b. The Judge Selection Committee shall not consider any individual that is not in good standing with the breed association or a North American dairy cattle show.
4. The ballot will be e-mailed on or before November 15th and will be due the first week of December. The ballot will be distributed to the exhibitor/owner contact email and allow one (1) breed judge vote for each animal placed in the current year's completed breed show. Once your vote has been submitted you will no longer be able to go back in to change or resubmit your vote.
5. The individual receiving the most votes will be selected as the official judge.
6. Upon acceptance of the judging assignment, the official judge will be asked to submit three names for his/her associate judge to the Judge Selection Committee for approval. Upon review of these three names, the Judge Selection Committee will accept or deny the names submitted.
  - a. At the discretion of the official judge, the associate judge may be asked to place the second half of the class. The official judge shall review all placings before completion of the class.
  - b. Should the official judge or associate judge not be able to fulfill their respective role, World Dairy Expo maintains a contract for a confidential stand-by-judge. The stand-by-judge will fulfill either role if the contracted judge is unable.
  - c. The associate judge may not be an immediate family member of the official judge (defined as: spouse, significant other, father, mother, brother, sister, child, stepchild, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law or grandparent. "Significant Other" is defined as: an individual with whom the judge has a romantic or domestic relationship, including a domestic partner, fiancée, boyfriend or girlfriend. Evidence that an individual is in a Significant Other relationship may include but is not limited to joint responsibility for each other's common welfare, shared financial obligations or there is a shared primary residence.