

Truro to host national Junior Angus show “Showdown” first time in Nova Scotia

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The Canadian Junior Angus Association will be holding its National Junior show “Showdown” in Truro, N.S., this summer from July 28–30.

This is the first time Showdown will be held in Nova Scotia and the first time in seven years that “Showdown” will be in the Maritimes (it was held in Dundas, Prince Edward Island, in 2009).

“Showdown” is an opportunity for junior members (aged 9–21, as well as Pee-wee members under the age of 9) to display their cattle as well as their various talents in other competitions that take place throughout the course of the weekend (showmanship, judging, photography, print marketing, sales talk, art, public speaking, graphic design, farm sign, team grooming and cook-off).

Members are vying for the top prize of a belt buckle and \$750 cash for the Grand Champion Aggregate in each of the age divisions which will be handed out at the final banquet on Saturday July 30.

The three categories for the actual cattle show are bred and owned, owned, and open. There will be mostly purebred classes, however there will also be classes for crossbred heifers and steers.

We are expecting at least 60 junior members from the Maritimes all the way to British Columbia to be in attendance, and some families from the West are planning on making a vacation out of it.

While all of the juniors from outside the Maritimes may not have cattle at the show, they can still compete in the other categories and we're hoping that Maritime breeders will allow some of them to show Maritime cattle.

We are also hoping that Maritime cattle enthusiasts will take in the show and come meet some of the next generation of the beef industry.

The entry deadline is June 1 and entry forms will be available soon. You must become a member of the CJAA if you wish to enter.

For forms and up-to-date information click on juniors.cdnangus.ca/showdown.