



# 2025 ALL-ONTARIO COMPETITION GUIDELINES

**This competition is effective for the 2025 Show Season and is open for members of Ontario exclusively. Animal must be a Registered Holstein, 75% purity or higher.**

To be eligible, animals must achieve at minimal one (1) of the qualifying show placings (as outlined below) while owned by or in partnership with an Ontario member. Qualifying show placings include the following:

- First (1) or second (2) prize at an Ontario County Show, OR
- Top five (5) at an Ontario Regional Show, including Ontario Spring Discovery, Ontario Summer Show, EOWQ Championship Show, and Autumn Opportunity, OR
- Top eight (8) Ontario-owned placings at the 2025 National Black & White Holstein Show or Red & White Holstein Show at the Royal Winter Fair or 2025 National Convention Show.

Each herd must be comprised of three (3) separate animals and must qualify separately as per the requirements above. In the Breeder's Herd and Junior Herd classes, only one substitute will be allowed per herd.

Senior animals (cow classes) must qualify while in milking form, including Milking Yearlings, and only show placings while in milking form will be considered relevant. Summer calves may qualify via a Spring Calf Class, but only if a Summer Calf Class is not available at the qualifying show. Production cows may qualify via a Mature Cow Class, but only if a Production Class is not available AND Production Qualifications of 70,000 KGs are met at the qualifying show.

*\*Placings at shows outside of Ontario must be provided, but are not considered qualifying shows. Only results from valid show classes, as recognized by Holstein Canada, will be eligible to be included.*

## ENTRIES

Owners must submit an official entry via Assist Expo for each animal they wish to enter. Go to <https://www.assistexpo.ca/all-ontario-holstein-competition> to enter by November 26, 2025. *Note: Each entry for each class requires a photo (see photo requirements below). A fee of \$50 per entry (\$25 for 4-H) applies.*

**ENTRY DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 26, 2025.** For Further Information contact Holstein Ontario: 519-653-6180  
[www.ontarioholstein.ca/all-ontario-contest](http://www.ontarioholstein.ca/all-ontario-contest)

## BLACK & WHITE CLASSES

1. Summer Calf – *born on or after June 1, 2025*
2. Spring Heifer – *born March 1, 2025 - May 31, 2025*
3. Winter Heifer – *born December 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025*
4. Fall Heifer – *born September 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024*
5. Summer Yearling – *born June 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024*
6. Spring Yearling – *born March 1, 2024 - May 31, 2024*
7. Winter Yearling – *born December 1, 2023 - February 29, 2024*
8. Junior Breeder's Herd – *3 animals must have the same prefix*
9. Winter Yearling In Milk – *born December 1, 2023 - February 28, 2024*
10. Fall Yearling In Milk – *born September 1, 2023 - November 30, 2023*
11. Summer 2 Year Old – *born June 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023*
12. Spring 2 Year Old – *born March 1, 2023 - May 31, 2023*
13. Winter 2 Year Old – *born December 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023*
14. Fall 2 Year Old – *born September 1, 2022 - November 30, 2022*
15. Junior 3 Year Old – *born March 1, 2022 - August 31, 2022*
16. Senior 3 Year Old – *born September 1, 2021 - February 28, 2022*
17. 4 Year Old – *born September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021*
18. 5 Year Old – *born September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2020*
21. Mature Cow – *born prior to September 1, 2019*
22. Longtime Production Cow – *must have made 70,000 KG by show time*
23. Breeder's Herd – *3 animals must have the same prefix*

## 4-H CLASSES

24. 4-H Spring Heifer – *born March 1, 2025 - May 31, 2025*
25. 4-H Winter Heifer – *born December 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025*
26. 4-H Fall Heifer – *born September 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024*
27. 4-H Summer Yearling – *born June 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024*
28. 4-H Spring Yearling – *born March 1, 2024 - May 31, 2024*

## RED & WHITE CLASSES

29. Red & White Summer Calf – *born on or after June 1, 2025*
30. Red & White Spring Heifer – *born March 1, 2025 - May 31, 2025*
31. Red & White Winter Heifer –  
*born December 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025*
32. Red & White Fall Heifer –  
*born September 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024*
33. Red & White Summer Yearling –  
*born June 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024*
34. Red & White Spring Yearling –  
*born March 1, 2024 - May 31, 2024*
35. Red & White Winter Yearling –  
*born December 1, 2023 - February 29, 2024*
36. Red & White Junior Breeder's Herd
37. Red & White Milking Yearling –  
*born September 1, 2023 - February 28, 2024*
38. Red & White 2 Year Old – *born September 1, 2022 - August 31, 2023*
39. Red & White 3 Year Old – *born September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022*
40. Red & White Sr. Cow – *born prior to September 1, 2021*

## RED & WHITE CLASSES

- Animal must have been shown at any recognized Branch Holstein show to qualify for entry.
- Classes must achieve a minimum number of entries to run. The committee reserves the right to combine classes

## 4-H CLASSES

- You must be a member of a 4-H Dairy Calf Club.
- You must have shown your project at your club achievement day, or in situations where a non-show achievement day took place, you completed all requirements for your 4-H club.
- Entry form must show calf's actual placing in the class, as well as 4-H placing in the class.
- 4-H Members must lead their own calf in at least two (2) Holstein Ontario recognized shows but the animal need only qualify in one (1) show to be eligible:
- Calf placed 1st or 2nd 4-H Calf (in its class) at a Holstein Ontario County Show.
- Calf placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd 4-H Calf at Ontario Spring Discovery, Ontario Summer Show, EOWQ Championship Show, Autumn Opportunity Show or an Official 4-H Show with 75 or more 4-H members participating in the show. The date and location of these 4-H shows needs to be submitted to Holstein Ontario prior to the show date and a complete marked catalogue must be sent to the Branch office no later than 15 days after the shows.
- Calf placed in the top eight (8) Ontario-owned 4-H placings at the 2025 National Holstein Shows or the TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic at the Royal Winter Fair.
- Classes must achieve a minimum number of entries to run. The committee reserves the right to combine classes.
- All-Ontario 4-H entries require a separate entry form and photo, listing only those shows where the 4-H member led their own calf.

## PHOTO REQUIREMENTS

Your entry must be accompanied by a professionally-taken 5x7 side-shot photo taken in the current show season. Photos must show the stage of lactation the cow was in when she competed. A Senior Yearling may be entered in both the milking & non-milking class but a picture must be provided in both milking and non-milking form. Exhibitors must submit three (3) individual pictures of the members of your Breeder's Herd and Junior Breeder's Herd. Group shots will not be accepted. Digitally manipulated photos will not be accepted.

## SELECTION

All qualifying entries received by the deadline will be submitted to a panel of 18 judges who will place their top six in each category. Points will be assigned as follows: 1st (9 points), 2nd (6 points), 3rd (4 points), 4th (3 points), 5th (2 points), and 6th (1 point). Judges who bred or owned the animal at any point in its lifetime will be blocked from judging that animal in the competition. Additionally, 12 randomly-selected voting results will be compiled from the 18 sets of results to determine the All-Ontario winner for each class. Top placing animals will be recognized as All-Ontario, Reserve All-Ontario, and Honourable Mention All-Ontario respectively, followed by 3 nominated animals (4 in the case of a tie). Prior to voting, an effort will be made to allow each entrant 24 hours to review the accuracy of their entry via a live link, as well as view others in the class.

Entrants will be notified of the final results via email. Results will be published in the Winter 2026 issue of The Link Magazine. Presentation of awards will be made at the Holstein Ontario AGM and Convention in February. Results will not be considered official and cannot be published by any other company until after presentations are made.