

MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE

North American Limousin Foundation Standard Rules & Regulations

For the Exhibition of **Lim-Flex®** Cattle at

2010 *Major* (Level I) Medal of Excellence (MOE) Shows

1. All animals must be registered with the North American Limousin Foundation. Any animal over 30 days of age, including calves to be shown at side of dam, must have proof of a registration certificate and be recorded with the North American Limousin Foundation. For ET calves, parentage verification paperwork must be in the NALF system.
2. All animals must be registered as Lim-Flex® and have purple registration papers from NALF. In order to meet these criteria they must be 25 to 75 percent Limousin and 25 to 75 percent Angus or Red Angus, with a maximum allowance of another breed or unknown breed composition of 12.5 percent (1/8th). The sires of registered Lim-Flex® animals must be registered with NALF or the sire's respective breed association and have documented pedigree information for both parents. The dam of registered Lim-Flex® animals must be documented as from a registered sire included in either the NALF herd book or that of another breed association and have actual percent blood information recorded.
3. All animals must be properly tattooed and will be inspected at the show. Tattoos must be legible and must properly match the registration certificate. If an animal's tattoo is not legible and cannot be read the first time through processing, it will not be allowed to come back through with a fresh tattoo. Fresh tattoos are acceptable but animals that do not have legible tattoos when first processed will not be reprocessed.
4. To maintain a high degree of confidence in Limousin shows, the North American Limousin Foundation reserves the right to disqualify any animal that has been fitted in an unethical manner. Unethical fitting shall include the following:
 - a) any use of paints, hair coloring conditioners, colored show foam, graphite, colored powders or any other substances; all animals subject to white towel test;
 - b) The addition of any hair or hair like substances, including false tail heads and false polls (false tail switches are allowed);
 - c) The cutting, tearing or gluing of the hide or underneath the hide or removal of tissue in an attempt to alter the shape of the animal or the injection of any gas, solid or liquid under the hide to alter the normal conformation;
 - d) Any products/solutions/liquids administered internally or externally to alter the conformation of the animal is prohibited. This includes the use of steroids, growth

promotants, and the act of artificially filling animals internally, which would include stomach pumping, drench tubes, or any other method.

EXCEPTIONS: In the case of severely sick or severely dehydrated animals, the exhibitor may have fluids or electrolytes administered by the licensed official show veterinarian with the approval of the show superintendent and/or North American Limousin Foundation representative. This exception is not applicable on show day or weigh-in/check-in day.

5. All bulls over one (1) year of age must show with a nose-lead. The right to disqualify from the show any animal deemed unmanageable is reserved by the Limousin show superintendent and the show management.
6. All protests against exhibitors, individual animals or fitting violations of show cattle must be submitted in writing and signed by five (5) active members of the North American Limousin Foundation and presented to the show superintendent within 12 hours after the completion of the show.
7. The North American Limousin Foundation reserves the right to mouth animals for dental development at any show sponsored by the Foundation.
8. Classes and championship breaks will be determined after all cattle have been checked-in. No class shall contain more than 20 head or have an age spread of more than 60 days unless the animals are over two years old. Premiums will be awarded on a graduated basis through 5th place after the show has been completed.
9. Calves exhibited alongside dams in the cow/calf division **are eligible** to show as individuals. Calves registered as Lim-Flex® will compete in Lim-Flex® classes. Calves 75% Limousin and greater with orange registration papers will compete in Limousin classes. Exhibitors please note: if you intended to show the calves as individuals you must enter both the cow/calf pair and the individual calf.
10. All cattle will be processed before the show.
11. **In shows occurring after January 1, 2010; animals born through August 31, 2009 are eligible to show.**
12. The North American Limousin Foundation reserves the right to collect hair samples from any animal, at any show.
13. All animals shown must be solid red or black above the flanks, except birth marks.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be met to receive points at Medal of Excellence events.

To receive MOE points all cattle must have the following performance data submitted and on file at the North American Limousin Foundation prior to December 1:

- a. Birth Weight (bulls and heifers)
- b. Weaning Weight (bulls and heifers)
- c. Yearling Weight (bulls and heifers)
- d. Scrotal at 1 year of age (bulls only)
- e. Pregnancy test (any female 600 days old at seasons end)
- f. Breeding Soundness Exam and Semen Test (all bulls over 400 days old)

NOTE:

All performance data must be submitted by December 1 of the current show season. Failure to have documentation on file at NALF by this date will result in disqualification from the MOE program and no points will be awarded. It is the responsibility of the breeder/owner/exhibitor to submit this information; NALF will not send any communication to owner/exhibitor requesting this information.

Credibility Requirement:

In order to maintain a high degree of integrity and credibility in all Limousin shows, all owners and exhibitors will be expected to adhere to all North American Limousin Foundation rules and regulations regarding the exhibition of Limousin cattle. In addition, adhering to any rules or regulations deemed suitable by the particular show, fair or exhibition.

MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE POINT DISTRIBUTION

1 st in class	20 points
2 nd in class	18 points
3 rd in class	16 points
4 th in class	14 points
5 th in class	12 points
6 th in class	10 points
7 th in class	9 points
8 th in class	8 points
9 th in class	7 points
10 th in class	6 points
Division Champion	20 points
Division Reserve	17 points
Grand Champion	20 points
Reserve Grand	17 points

MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE SHOW CLASSES

Animals Eligible for Show:

Females Calved September 1, 2008 thru August 31, 2009

Bulls Calved January 1, 2008 thru August 31, 2009, unless your show is held January, February or March then bulls calved January 1, 2007 thru August 31, 2009 are eligible to show.

Cow/Calf Pair: Cows must be a registered Lim-Flex® dam with natural calf at side. Cow must be born on or before August 31, 2008. **Calf must be registered Limousin or registered Lim-Flex** and not more than 250 days old on date of show.

In shows occurring after January 1, 2010; animals born through August 31, 2009 are eligible to show.

Champions Will Be Selected As Follows:

FEMALES

Division I, II, III, IV, V, VI Champion and Reserve Champion

Cow/Calf Champion and Reserve Champion

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Female

BULLS

Division I, II, III, IV, V, VI Champion and Reserve Champion

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion

Cattle showing in the Lim-Flex® Division are not eligible for group classes.