

Pen of 3 Competition Guidelines

Overview

The **Pen of 3 Competition** evaluates groups of three bulls or heifers on their Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs), physical traits, and overall consistency within the group. Taking place in the Sales Arena in front of a live audience, this event is an excellent platform to showcase your breeding operation. Exhibitors will also have the chance to share insights about their program during the judging process.

Please note that entry numbers may be capped depending on demand and capacity in the marshalling area, so make sure to secure your spot early.

Key Information

- **Eligibility:** Animals must be bred and owned by the exhibitor and must be entered and exhibited together at AngusEXPO.
- **Entries:** Each exhibitor may enter **one team of heifers** and **one team of bulls** only.
- **Nomination Fee:** \$300 per team. This will be charged to your Angus Australia membership after the close of entries.
- **Site Booking:** To participate, you must book a cattle display site at AngusEXPO. Contact directly if you haven't secured your spot yet.
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- **Animal Registration:** All animals must be registered with Angus Australia (HBR, APR, MBR registers) or with the Red Angus Society.
- **Entry Deadline:** Entries close on **April 4, 2025**, at 5:00 PM.

Judging Schedule

- **Pen of 3 Heifers Judging:** Saturday, May 3, 2025 (Time TBC)
- **Pen of 3 Bulls Judging:** Sunday, May 4, 2025 (TimeTBC)

Bump-In/Bump-Out:

- Bump-in: April 30–May 2, 2025 (scheduled by distance from AELEC, details supplied closer to the event).
 - Bump-out: May 5, 2025. After 8am
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Health

Insurance and Induction Requirements

- All animals must be **PI-negative**, and test results certificate must be submitted by **April 4, 2025**.
 - Complimentary vaccination advice and products will be provided by Zoetis to ensure your animals are in an appropriate program before AngusEXPO. A Zoetis representative will be in contact soon.
 - Exhibitors must submit a **Certificate of Currency for Public Liability Insurance** by the 4th of April.
 - An online safety induction to AELEC will also be required to be completed prior to attendance at AELEC. This will be checked at the Security gate to gain entry.
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Competition Format

Judging will take place in the Sales Arena, with animals presented **unled**. They may be led to the marshalling yard but must be penned in the holding area prior to their allocated judging time.

Process:

1. **Individual Animal Assessment:** Each bull or heifer will be assessed unled for 1 minute.
2. **Group Assessment:** The group will then be judged together for 1 minute.
3. **EBVs & Final Assessment:** Judges will evaluate EBVs and provide final remarks during the last 2 minutes.

Vendor Presentation:

Each exhibitor or their representative will have up to 2 minutes to introduce their group, breeding program, and the highlights of the cattle being presented. This will take place from the rostrum during the first minute of judging.

Judging Criteria:

- **EBV Profile (45 points):** Assessment of genetic potential and adaptability to the "Angus for every system" concept.
- **Phenotype & Physical Assessment (45 points):** Evaluation of structure, muscle, type, mobility, and overall conformation.
- **Group Consistency (30 points):** Uniformity in size, traits, and overall appearance across the group.

Maximum Score: 300 points per team.

Age Categories

- Animals must be under **25 months old** as of May 1, 2025 (born after May 1, 2023).
 - Age of group will be taken from the oldest animal in the pen team.
 - Minimum age: **8 months old** (and weaned) as of May 1, 2025.
 - Classes and divisions will be determined after entries close and judged in age order, youngest to oldest.
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Awards

- **Champion Teams:** Announced at the conclusion of each day's judging.
- **People's Choice Award:** Both live attendees and online viewers can vote for their favorite bull or heifer team via online voting. Winners will be announced on Sunday, May 4, during the evening session following the sale.

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