

# **MISSOURI JUNIOR CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

## **BYLAWS**

### **PREAMBLE**

Realizing the importance of the livestock industry to both the Missouri economy and to Missouri citizens, and recognizing that there are vast numbers of Missouri young people who are interested and/or involved in livestock production, care, breeding and feeding, and further recognizing the importance of cooperation and harmony among the various segments of the livestock chain from producer to consumer, the following constitution and By-Laws are adopted for the governing of the association.

### **ARTICLE I -- Organization**

- Section 1. Entity: The Missouri Junior Cattlemen's Association is the official association of members of the Junior Division of the Missouri Cattlemen's Association with offices at 2306 Bluff Creek Drive, Columbia, MO 65201. The official address of the MJCA shall be the same as the MCA address. One MCA staff member will act as advisor to MJCA.
- Section 2. Name: The name of this non-profit organization shall be the MISSOURI JUNIOR CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION, hereafter referred to as the MJCA or the Association.
- Section 3. Purpose: The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the welfare of the livestock industry, to further the education and cooperation of young people interested in livestock, and to aid in the attainment of mutual goals set by MJCA members interested in all phases of this business and all possible career opportunities.

### **ARTICLE II -- Membership**

- Section 1. Eligibility: Eligibility for membership in the MJCA shall be limited to those Junior Members of the Missouri Cattlemen's Association who are 21 years of age and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- Eligibility for exhibiting cattle at any MJCA Show shall be limited to those members who are a minimum of eight (8) years of age as of show day.
- Section 2. Fees: Membership Dues of \$10.00 are payable annually as set by the Missouri Cattlemen's Association Board of Directors. All funds of the MJCA shall be collected, held, invested and maintained by the Missouri Cattlemen's Association.
- Section 3. Each member of the Association shall be entitled to one vote in any regular or special meeting of the Association.

- Section 4. Members shall vote in person. No voting by proxy shall be allowed, nor shall any member vote in more than one capacity or represent more than one member. All votes shall be by voice, unless otherwise ordered by a majority vote of all the members present.

#### **ARTICLE IV -- Annual Meetings**

- Section 1. The supreme authority of the Association shall be vested in the annual MJCA meeting. This meeting shall be held during the year at such time and place as shall be fixed by the officers and Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE V -- Board of Directors**

- Section 1. The directors of the Association shall be twelve (12), one from each of the seven established Missouri Cattlemen's Association (MCA) regions and 5 at-large positions. The Past President will also serve a one-year ex-officio term as outlined in Article VI, Section 2.
- Section 2. It shall be the duty of the MJCA Board of Directors to administer the general affairs of the Association. The Board of Directors shall meet a minimum of once each quarter in the calendar year in addition to the annual meeting. They may also be called together by the President at such other times as may be necessary.

#### **ARTICLE VI -- Officers**

- Section 1. The officers of MJCA shall be elected at the annual meeting by the members present. Officers shall not succeed themselves in the same office. The officers of MJCA shall include a President, a Vice President, a Secretary/Treasurer, a Reporter/Public Relations Director, and a Leadership/Membership Director. They shall be elected by the members present and shall perform the duties outlined by the Constitution and By-Laws, and such other duties that the Association may direct.
- Section 2. Ex-officio Member: The outgoing president shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors for a year following his/her term in office. In the event the President serves another year or the outgoing President is unwilling or unable to serve, the Board of Directors may appoint another outgoing officer or director to serve as an ex-officio member of the Board. Such ex-officio member shall be non-voting and may serve regardless of his/her eligibility by reason of age.
- Section 3. President: It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Association and Board of Directors. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and Board of Directors and be in charge of the annual meeting and in the absence of both the President and Vice President, members shall choose a temporary chairman to preside during the meeting.

- Section 3a Vice President: It shall be the duty of the Vice President to assist the President in all meetings.
- Section 4. Secretary/Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the Secretary/Treasurer to record and preserve the minutes of each meeting of the general membership and the Board of Directors. These minutes shall be submitted to the junior advisor for distribution to the Board of Directors. The Secretary/Treasurer shall also be responsible for coordinating fund-raising efforts for the group and shall communicate with the junior advisor regarding financial status of the Association.
- Section 5. Reporter/ Public Relation Director: It shall be the duty of the Reporter/ Public Relations Director to assist and coordinate the writing of articles for the Missouri Beef Cattlemen's magazine. The Director shall also be responsible for notification of meeting and event to all of junior membership.
- Section 6. Leadership/ Membership Director: It shall be the duty of the Leadership/ Membership Director to assist with the planning and organization of the Missouri Junior Beef Tour. Leadership/ Membership Director shall also be responsible for all activities involving recruitment and membership development within the Missouri Junior Cattlemen's Association.

## **Article VII -- Elections**

- Section 1. At the first meeting conducted under the new By Laws (written 6/04), the members shall elect five directors to serve two year terms and five directors to serve one year terms. Each year thereafter, six directors will be elected to serve two year terms (per the amendment passed at the MJCA annual meeting June 10, 2006).
- Section 1a. The president shall be elected to a two year term, with past president serving for a one year term. Each of the seven region representatives will serve two year terms, with the four at large directors serve for one year terms. Even numbered regions will be elected during the even numbered years and odd numbered regions will be elected in odd numbered years.
- Section 2. The directors shall be elected at the annual meeting by the members present. Members shall vote from the slate of the officers presented to the membership at the meeting. Nominations from the floor may also be accepted.
- Section 3. To run for a director position, MJCA members must be at least 16 years old and under 20 years old on January 1, of the election year. Each candidate must complete an application to run for the board of directors.

## **ARTICLE VIII -- Advisory Committee**

- Section 1. The Junior Advisor, MCA Executive Vice President, MCA President and MJCA Board of Directors shall appoint a committee of Missouri Cattlemen's Association members to serve as advisors to the Missouri Junior Cattlemen's Association. The advisors will serve two-year terms. Policies, projects or changes in the By-Laws of MJCA shall be approved by this committee.

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