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IMZA SHOW POLICIES

Miniature Zebu Cattle are a breed of *Bos indicus* bovine. In their homeland of India, they are referred to as “Nadudana” meaning small cattle. Miniature Zebras are considered multi-purpose cattle but are generally shown under the umbrella of beef cattle.

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A. General Rules and Regulations

(State and county fair open show rules and regulations may take precedence)

1. All entries must be registered with their respective registries (See Section L). Unregistered cattle may not be entered. IMZA registered cattle identifications will have a pre-fix of T, H1, H2, H3, or Z, followed by their individual number.
2. Original registration papers or photocopy of each entry must be available for inspection during check-in prior to showing.
3. Proof of ownership of each entry shall be the name on the registration certificate unless ownership has changed within 90 days of the show and a transfer of ownership form is presented with the photocopy of the certificate. In that case, ownership shall be the name listed on the transfer form. If a leased animal is entered, the lessee must provide photocopies of the lease agreement and the registration certificate showing proof of ownership of the lessor.
4. The actual handler of an animal entered may be the owner or anyone else designated as such by the owner.
5. An animal may be entered in only one age class or, if eligible, the Champion Challenge class. Proof of birth date shall be the birth date on the animal's registration certificate.
6. The base date for computing the age of the animal shall be the date of the show. If more than one show is scheduled at an event, the base date for computing the age of the animals for both shows shall be the date of the first show.
7. Health certificates may be required if specified in the show rules. When health certificates are not required, the show officials shall see that all animals brought to the show grounds are in apparent good health and free from noticeable disease. Show officials may deny entry if an animal does not appear in good health. There will be no refunds for animals deemed sick or unhealthy.
8. Show officials shall determine entry due dates.
9. Horned or dehorned animals are acceptable.
10. Hair coat: All animals must be shown with their hair coats lying naturally. Hair trimming is permissible and can be done in areas of the animal which may not lay flat against the body or to maintain consistent hair length throughout the animal. This is at the owner's discretion. Hair coat restrictions: Hair may not be trained upwards or forwards and/or pulled upwards or forwards on any part of the animals body. No animals may have any foreign objects, adhesives, glitter, or dye attached or applied to it in any manner. An animal that has its natural color altered in a manner so as to change the conformation or natural appearance is not allowed. An exhibitor who fails to abide by this rule will be disqualified and/or forfeit premiums, awards and point earned at that show. Only clear polish may be used on hooves and horns. Tail switch cannot be embellished in any way. No additions to the switch are allowed. The alteration of physical features and appearance of any animal by cosmetic and/or surgical means are deemed unethical practices and will be grounds for disqualification.
11. All animals must show with a halter and attached lead rope.
12. Nose rings are not required for animal control. However, the judge or a show official has the right to have an animal removed and disqualified from showing if it is too disruptive or a danger to any other animal or person.
13. Animals will enter show ring in ascending order according to age, youngest to oldest.
14. Exhibitors entering cattle over six months of age are encouraged to have the animal identified by (microchip, tattoo, brand, or ear tag) corresponding with that stated on

the registration certificate.

A. General Rules and Regulations(cont'd)

15. There are no minimum or maximum age restrictions.
16. All IMZA sanctioned shows should offer a Champion Challenge Class for the three class divisions (female, male, and steer).
17. All cattle, measured at the withers or directly behind the hump, shall not exceed 42". If they exceed the 42" maximum height, they shall be disqualified from being shown.

B. Class Rules and Regulations

1. Female Classes shall include the Heifer Division, ages 0 to under 42 months and the Cow Division (females that have calved at any age).
2. Male Classes shall include the Bull Calf Division, ages 0 to under 24 months, and the Senior Bull Division, ages 24 months and older.
3. Steer Classes include the Jr. Steer Division, 0 to 24 months, and Senior Steer Division, ages 24 months and older.
4. Males only compete with males; females with females; and steers with steers.
5. Permanent Grand Champion (PGCH) cattle may only be shown in the Champion Challenge Classes and not in any age classes.
6. The Champion Challenge Classes shall include the Grand Champions in each division and also the Permanent Grand Champions that have been entered.
7. The order in which females, males, and steers are shown shall be determined by the show superintendent and the judge. The individual class numbers shall remain as listed below.
8. Master Champion (MCH) cattle can only be shown at the National Show and vie for National Champion in the Champion Challenge class.
9. Each individual show host shall have the option of adding Group or Fun Classes such as: Showmanship, Color, Breed Character, Get-of-Sire, Produce-of-Dam, Cow-Calf-Pair, or Costume, etc. Group Classes shall begin with class 40. Entries in any group classes must also show in their respective age classes with the only exception being any nursing calf under four months of age. Calves shown in the Cow-Calf-Pair class must be under one year of age. A minimum of two and a maximum of four offspring may be entered in the Produce-of-Dam and the Get-of-Sire Classes.
10. A nursing cow may have her calf accompany her while she is being shown in her class as long as the calf is also handled with a lead. The calf must be under four months of age. Calves over three months of age (not entered in Class #1 or #18) must have their Certificate of Birth available at check in as proof of age.

C. Class Schedule

The following class schedule shall be used at all IMZA sanctioned shows. However, the show superintendents of individual and club shows shall have the discretion to combine single-entry classes within each division. Female or Male Divisions may be combined at small shows in order to meet sanctioning requirements. (See Section I. Sanctioning Requirements, Page 9) **Note:** State and county fair class schedules shall supersede this schedule.

Female Classes

Heifer Division

1. Heifer, 0 to under 4 months
2. Heifer, 4 to under 8 months
3. Heifer, 8 to under 12 months
4. Heifer, 12 to under 18 months
5. Heifer, 18 to under 24 months
6. Heifer, 24 to under 30 months
7. Heifer, 30 to under 42 months
(Heifers 42 months and older may not be shown until they have calved and can then be shown in the cow classes)
8. Grand Champion Heifer
9. Reserve Grand Champion Heifer

Cow Division

10. Cow, under 3 years old
11. Cow, 3 to under 4 years
12. Cow, 4 to under 5 years
13. Cow, 5 to under 6 years
14. Cow, 6 years and older
15. Grand Champion Cow
16. Reserve Grand Champion Cow
17. Champion Challenge Female

Male Classes

Bull Calf Division

18. Bull Calf, 0 to under 6 months
19. Bull Calf, 6 to under 12 months
20. Bull Calf, 12 to under 18 months
21. Bull Calf, 18 to under 24 months
22. Grand Champion Bull Calf
23. Reserve Grand Champion Bull Calf

Senior Bull Division

24. Bull, 2 to under 3 years
25. Bull, 3 to under 4 years
26. Bull, 4 to under 5 years
27. Bull, 5 years and older
28. Grand Champion Senior Bull
29. Reserve Grand Champion Senior Bull
30. Champion Challenge Male

C. Class Schedule (cont'd)

Steer Classes

Junior Steer Division

31. Steer, 0 to under 6 months
32. Steer, 6 to under 12 months
33. Steer, 12 to under 18 months
34. Steer, 18 to under 24 months
35. Grand Champion Jr. Steer
36. Reserve Grand Champion Jr. Steer

Senior Steer Division

37. Steer, 2 to under 3 years
38. Steer, 3 years and older
39. Grand Champion Senior Steer
40. Reserve Grand Champion Senior Steer
41. Champion Challenge Steer

Optional Classes

(See Section B. Class Rules and Regulations, Rule #9)

Premium money and awards shall be determined by IMZA, Show Host, or other officials of each individual show.

D. Selection of Champions

1. Grand Champion Heifer shall be selected from the first place winners in each class of the Heifer Division.
2. Reserve Grand Champion Heifer shall be selected from the heifer which stood second to the Grand Champion Heifer in its individual class and the remaining first place winners of the other Heifer Division classes.
3. Grand Champion Cow shall be selected from the first place winners in each class of the Cow Division.
4. Reserve Grand Champion Cow shall be selected from the cow which stood second to the Grand Champion Cow in its individual class and the remaining first place winners of the other Cow Division classes.
5. Grand Champion Bull Calf shall be selected from the first place winners in each class of the Bull Calf Division.
6. Reserve Grand Champion Bull Calf shall be selected from the bull calf which stood second to the Grand Champion Bull Calf in its individual class and the remaining first place winners of the other Bull Calf Division classes.
7. Grand Champion Senior Bull shall be selected from the first place winners in each class of the Senior Bull Division.
8. Reserve Grand Champion Senior Bull shall be selected from the Senior Bull which stood second to the Grand Champion Senior Bull in its individual class and the remaining first place winners of the other Senior Bull Division classes.
9. Grand Champion Jr. Steer shall be selected from the first place winners in each class of the Jr. Steer Division.
10. Reserve Grand Champion Jr. Steer shall be selected from the steer which stood second to the Grand Champion Jr. Steer in its individual class and the remaining first place winners in the Jr. Steer classes.
11. Grand Champion Senior Steer shall be selected from the first place winners in each class of the Senior Steer Division.
12. Reserve Grand Champion Senior Steer shall be selected from the steer which stood second to the Grand Champion Senior Steer in its individual class and the remaining first place winners of the senior steer classes.
13. Champion Challenge Female shall be selected from the Grand Champion Heifer, Grand Champion Cow, and any Permanent Grand Champion (PGCH) Cows entered in the Champion Challenge Female Class.
14. Champion Challenge Male shall be selected from the Grand Champion Bull Calf, Grand Champion Senior Bull, and any Permanent Grand Champion (PGCH) Bulls entered in the Champion Challenge Male Class.
15. Champion Challenge Steer shall be selected from the Grand Champion Steer and any Permanent Grand Champion (PGCH) Steers entered in the Champion Challenge Steer Class.

Show Responsibilities

E. Show Host

1. State, county, or local fairs, organizations, clubs, or private individuals may host shows.
2. Entry fees shall be determined by the show host.
3. The show host shall appoint an official show superintendent to oversee the event.

F. Superintendent's Responsibilities

1. Submit Sanction Request Form to have the show(s) sanctioned. (See page 20 for request form)
2. Appoint the following show officials:
 - A. The Secretary will record and sign the official report of show placings and championships.
 - B. The Emcee will announce each class entering the ring. After the judge has completed the final placings for each class, the emcee will announce the placing and name of each animal and its exhibitor.
 - C. The Staging Coordinator will make sure the animals in each class are lined up, youngest to oldest, and ready to enter the ring when the class is announced.
 - D. The Ring Steward will direct the movement of the cattle in the show ring and help when an exhibitor needs assistance moving or controlling an animal.
 - E. The Awards Presenter will hand out the ribbons or awards in each class after the judge has completed the final placings. This can be done as the animals are in place or as they exit the show ring.
3. Appoint other personnel to assist as needed.
4. Receive entries, collect and record monies, check all entries to verify the following information is correct: registration number, birthdate, name, classes entered, and ownership.
5. Acquire a qualified judge approved by IMZA. The approved judge shall be provided with a copy of the official "IMZA Show Manual". The name of the judge should be announced prior to the entry deadline.
6. Ensure that the judge does not have any ownership or part ownership of an animal entered or have an immediate family member's animal entered in a show that he or she will judge.
7. Sequester the judge the day of the show. If the superintendent has ownership of any animal entered then the judge should be met and sequestered by someone else who does not have ownership.
8. Check that each animal's individual identification (microchip, tattoo, brand, ear tag) matches their registration certificate and entry. Animals under six months of age are exempt from having individual identification.
9. Ensure that a copy of "The IMZA Show Policies" is available at all times during the show.
10. Ensure that any animal entering the show ring meets the height requirement.
11. Enforce all IMZA Show Policies.

G. Judge's Responsibilities

1. All cattle will be judged according to the IMZA Miniature Zebu Cattle Judging Score Card and Disqualification list. (See pages 19 and 17).
2. The judge shall make the award according to the merit of the animal in any class in which there is no competition.
3. The judge shall sign the official show results form, as provided by the show secretary, verifying that he/she judged that show on that specific date.
4. This is a miniature breed. In the event that two or more animals achieve the same total score when judged on their reflection of breed standards, (where a tie breaker is required) preference should be given to the animals in the order of shortest height to tallest.

H. Sanctions Offered and Fees

1. Officially recorded sanctions shall be for the Grand Champion and Champion Challenge winners of each division.
2. All sanctions should be applied for in advance of a show in order to become official.
3. A Sanction Request Form (See Page 20) and a copy of the schedule of classes (if different from Section C - Class Schedule) should be sent to the IMZA Show Administrator.
4. Sanction Request Forms should be submitted to the IMZA Show Administrator at least three weeks prior to the show for the following regular sanction fees to apply:

Heifer Division	\$
Cow Division	\$
Heifer/Cow combined	\$
Bull Calf Division	\$
Senior Bull Division	\$
Bull Calf/Senior Bull combined	\$
Steer Classes	\$
5. A late fee may be added to the charge for processing applications received less than three weeks prior to the show.

I. Sanctioning Requirements

1. Heifer Division: There must be a minimum of four (4) heifers shown and a minimum of three (3) owners for the win to be considered an "Official Leg" toward a Permanent Grand Champion (PGCH).
2. Cow Division: There must be a minimum of four (4) cows shown and a minimum of three (3) owners for the win to be considered an "Official Leg" toward a Permanent Grand Champion (PGCH).
3. Combined Heifer & Cow Divisions: There must be a minimum of six (6) females shown and a minimum of three (3) owners for the win to be considered an "Official Leg" toward a Permanent Grand Champion (PGCH). All may be heifers, all may be cows, or any combination thereof.
4. Bull Calf Division: There must be a minimum of three (3) bull calves shown and a minimum of two (2) owners for the win to be considered an "Official Leg" toward a Permanent Grand Champion (PGCH).
5. Senior Bull Division: There must be a minimum of three (3) senior bulls shown and a minimum of two (2) owners for the win to be considered an "Official Leg" toward a Permanent Grand Champion (PGCH).
6. Combined Bull Calf & Senior Bull Divisions: There must be a minimum of four (4) males shown with a minimum of two (2) owners for the win to be considered an "Official Leg" toward a Permanent Grand Champion (PGCH). All may be calves (under two years of age), all may be seniors (two years of age or older), or any combination thereof.
7. Jr. Steer Division: There must be a minimum of three (3) steers shown and a minimum of two (2) owners for the win to be considered an "Official Leg" toward a Permanent Grand Champion (PGCH).
8. Senior Steer Division: There must be a minimum of three (3) steers shown and a minimum of two (2) owners for the win to be considered an "Official Leg" toward a Permanent Grand Champion (PGCH).
9. Combined Jr. & Senior Steer Division: There must be a minimum of four (4) males shown with a minimum of two (2) owners for the win to be considered an "Official Leg" toward a Permanent Grand Champion (PGCH). All may be calves (under two years of age), all may be seniors (two years of age or older), or any combination thereof.
10. Any animal disqualified from its class will not be counted in the total number of animals shown for sanction purposes.

J. Obtaining Permanent Grand Champion Status (PGCH)

1. The animal must obtain at least four Grand Champion wins under at least three different judges.
2. Males may win two of the four required Grand Champion legs as a bull calf (under 24 months of age). At least two of the four required legs must be awarded as a senior bull (24 months of age or older). All four of the required legs may be won at 24 months or older.
3. Females may win two of the four required Grand Champion legs as a heifer (under 42 months of age). At least two of the four required legs must be awarded as a cow. All four of the required legs may be won as a cow (at any age after having at least one calf).
4. Steers may win two of the four required Grand Champion legs under 24 months of age. At least two of the required legs must be awarded at 24 months or older. All four of the required legs may be won at 24 months or older.

K. Obtaining Master Champion Status (MCH)

1. The animal must win at least four Champion Challenge wins under at least three different judges after becoming a Permanent Grand Champion (PGCH).
2. Only Champion Challenge legs won after an animal becomes a Permanent Grand Champion (PGCH) will be counted toward an animal's Master Champion (MCH) status.
3. Showing Master Champion cattle (See Section B. Class Rules and Regulations, Rule #8).

L. Registries

1. Once a registry is recognized by the IMZA as a legitimate association, the Miniature Zebu cattle registered with that association shall be eligible to be entered and shown at all IMZA sanctioned shows.
2. Registries shall be added to this list after they have been approved by the IMZA. The recognized registries are:
American Miniature Zebu Association (AMZA)
3. Grand Champion and Champion Challenge winners that are registered with the above listed recognized registries will not have their wins officially recorded as legs toward PGCH or MCH status until they are registered with the IMZA. Once an animal is registered with the IMZA, all previous championship wins at other recognized registry sanctioned shows are eligible to be officially recorded as legs toward PGCH or MCH status with the IMZA. It shall be the responsibility of the animal's owner to provide proof of such wins.

M. Recognition of Show Wins

1. Qualified show wins of IMZA registered animals shall be recorded and displayed on the IMZA online herd book, provided that the owner is an IMZA member in good standing and further provided that the animal is permanently registered once it reaches three years of age.

IMZA COW BREED STANDARDS

Conformation: Body parts proportioned relative to the size of the cow. Length of leg should be in relation to length, depth, and width of cow. Cow should not appear to be a “dwarf”, nor should it appear to be excessively “leggy”. Refined bone, not heavy or thin boned. Feminine in appearance, angular, and athletic with adequate muscling. Not fat or too thin.

Breed Character: Miniature Zebu cows, *Bos indicus*, have a uniquely different breed character from *Bos taurus* cattle. Refined, angular, never square or boxy; athletic and fluid in their movement.

Head: Moderately long coffin shaped skull. Not too wide or short. A chiseled appearance with a convex profile, never dished. Eyes should be almond shaped, smoothly set into the skull. Eyes and profile should be almost Egyptian in appearance. Mouth should be free of excess fleshing, clean and tight. Head should be feminine in appearance.

Hump: Moderate to well developed, pronounced and balanced. Upright and firm, never leaning to the left or right, placed directly above or slightly ahead of the withers.

Top Line: Back straight and level in the chine and loin with a natural slope to the rump from hip to pin bones. Rump should be sloping with a smooth, round appearance.

Horns: Balanced and symmetrical, elliptical at the base. Any horn pattern is acceptable as well as naturally polled or de-horned. De-horned cows should be free of unsightly horn scurs.

Ears: Leaf shaped or elliptical with a pointed end, never round. Non-pendulous, held outward or slightly upward and not too far forward. Balanced in size relative to the head. Usually less than 9” long.

Neck: Feminine, moderately long, strong, set high into the shoulder and withers with an upstanding appearance. Never short or low set.

Dewlap: Moderately developed, free of excessive fleshiness or folds.

Brisket: Smoothly laid into the chest floor, free of excessive fat, never bulging or protruding excessively. Cows will generally exhibit a slightly larger brisket than bulls.

Body: Moderate body length, not too long or too short, deep in the heart girth with a slight increase in depth of body from the heart girth into the rear barrel and flank. Ribs should be well sprung and deep, never thin or “slab-sided”, with adequate body capacity, proportionate relative to the size of the animal.

Legs and Feet: Medium length legs proportionate and relative to body size. Legs should be strong yet somewhat fine-boned. Legs should be straight when viewed from the front or rear. Rear legs should be angular with incurving thighs when viewed from the side. Fetlocks should be short. Pasterns strong, angled approximately 45 degrees. Hooves should be small and hard with equal halves and a moderate cleft between toes.

Hindquarters: Muscular but not meaty with moderate width in the pin bones. Moderate width in the escutcheon carried down through the hocks.

- Cow Breed Standards (cont'd)

Tail: Smoothly set and high at the rump, long and slender, lacking kinks or crooks. Switch should be long and full, hanging below the hocks.

Mammary System: Appreciable in size with balance and proportion. Well attached with smooth rear and fore udder blending. Even udder quarters with four medium size teats.

Size: Measured at the withers directly behind the hump, height not to exceed 42' with no minimum.

Weight: Varies significantly. Balanced body proportion takes precedence.

Hair Coat: Short, straight, dense, and slick; never curly or excessive in length. (Note: cattle at winter shows may display a winter hair coat which may be moderately longer, thicker, and not as slick)

Color: All colors are acceptable.

IMZA BULL BREED STANDARDS

Conformation: Body parts proportioned relative to the size of the bull. Length of leg should be in relation to length, depth, and width of bull. Bull should not appear to be a “dwarf”, nor should it appear to be excessively “leggy”. Refined bone, not heavy or thin boned. Strong masculine appearance with good muscling, yet angular and athletic. Not fat or thin.

Breed Character: Miniature Zebu bulls, *Bos indicus*, have a uniquely different breed character from *Bos taurus* cattle. Refined, angular, never square or boxy; athletic and fluid in their movement.

Head: Moderately long coffin shaped skull. Not too wide or short. A chiseled appearance with a convex profile, never dished. Eyes should be almond shaped, smoothly set into the skull. Eyes and profile should be almost Egyptian in appearance. Mouth should be free of excess fleshing, clean and tight. Head should be masculine in appearance. Bulls may exhibit a slightly protruding forehead.

Hump: Large and well- developed, pronounced and balanced. Upright and firm, never leaning to the left or right, placed directly above or slightly ahead of the withers. Shark fin-like profile.

Top Line: Back should be straight and level in the chine and loin with a natural slope to the rump from hip to pin bones. Rump should be sloping with a smooth, round appearance.

Horns: Balanced and symmetrical, elliptical at the base. Any horn pattern is acceptable as well as naturally polled or de-horned. De-horned bulls should be free of unsightly horn scurs.

Ears: Leaf shaped or elliptical with a pointed end, never round. Non-pendulous, held outward or slightly upward and not too far forward. Balanced in size relative to the head. Usually less than 9” long.

Neck: Masculine, muscular, moderately long, strong, set high into the shoulder and withers with an upstanding appearance. Never short or low set.

Dewlap: Moderately developed, free of excessive fleshiness or folds.

Brisket: Smoothly laid into the chest floor, free of excessive fat, never bulging or protruding excessively. Bulls will generally exhibit a slightly smaller brisket than cows.

Body: Bulls should have moderate body length, not too long or too short, strong shouldered and deep in the heart girth. Ribs should be well sprung and deep, never thin or “slab-sided”, with adequate body capacity, proportionate relative to the size of the animal.

Legs and Feet: Medium length legs proportionate and relative to body size. Legs should be strong and somewhat fine-boned. Legs should be straight when viewed from the front or rear. Rear legs should be angular with incurving thighs when viewed from the side. Fetlocks should be short. Strong pasterns, angled approximately 45 degrees. Hooves should be small and hard with equal halves and a moderate cleft between toes.

Hindquarters: Round and full, muscular but not meaty with moderate width in the pin bones. Moderate width in the escutcheon carried down through the hocks.

Tail: Smoothly set and high at the rump, long and slender, lacking kinks or crooks. Switch should be long and full, hanging below the hocks.

- Bull Breed Standards (cont'd)

Testicles: Two, well developed, balanced and symmetrical. The scrotum should be strongly attached with four even rudimentary teats.

Size: Measured at the withers directly behind the hump, height not to exceed 42' with no minimum.

Weight: Varies significantly. Balanced body proportion takes precedence.

Hair Coat: Short, straight, dense, and slick; never curly or excessive in length. (Note: cattle at winter shows may display a winter hair coat which may be moderately longer, thicker, and not as slick)

Color: All colors are acceptable.

IMZA STEER BREED STANDARDS

Conformation: Body parts proportioned relative to size of the steer. Length of leg should be in relation to length, depth, and width of steer. Steer should not appear to be a “dwarf”, nor should it appear to be excessively “leggy”. Refined bone, not heavy or thin boned. Moderately masculine in appearance with good muscling. Angular and athletic. Not too fat but never thin.

Breed Character: Miniature Zebu steers, *Bos indicus*, have a uniquely different breed character from *Bos taurus* cattle. Refined, angular, never square or boxy; athletic and fluid in their movement.

Head: Moderately long coffin shaped skull. Not too wide or short. A chiseled appearance with a convex profile, never dished. Eyes should be almond shaped, smoothly set into the skull. Eyes and profile should be almost Egyptian in appearance. Mouth should be free of excess fleshing, clean and tight. Head generally more moderate in appearance, not too feminine or too masculine.

Hump: Moderate to large, pronounced and balanced. Steers seldom develop the quantity of hump that bulls display. Upright and firm, never leaning to the left or right, placed directly above or slightly ahead of the withers. Shark fin-like profile.

Top Line: Back straight and level in the chine and loin with a natural slope to the rump from hip to pin bones. Rump should be sloping with a smooth, round appearance.

Horns: Balanced and symmetrical, elliptical at the base. Any horn pattern is acceptable as well as naturally polled or de-horned. De-horned steers should be free of unsightly horn scurs.

Ears: Leaf shaped or elliptical with a pointed end, never round. Non-pendulous, held outward or slightly upward and not too far forward. Balanced in size relative to the head. Usually less than 9” long.

Neck: Masculine, muscular, moderately long, strong, set high into the shoulder and withers with an upstanding appearance. Never short or low set.

Dewlap: Moderately developed, free of excessive fleshiness or folds.

Brisket: Smoothly laid into the chest floor, free of excessive fat, never bulging or protruding excessively.

Body: Moderate body length, not too long or too short, deep in the heart girth with a slight increase in depth and body from the heart girth into the rear barrel and flank. Ribs well sprung and deep, never thin or “slab-sided”, with adequate body capacity, proportionate relative to the size of the animal.

Legs and Feet: Medium length legs proportionate and relative to body size. Legs should be strong yet somewhat fine-boned. Legs should be straight when viewed from the front or rear. Rear legs should be angular with incurving thighs when viewed from the side. Fetlocks should be short. Pasterns strong, angled approximately 45 degrees. Hooves should be small and hard with equal halves and a moderate cleft between toes.

Hindquarters: Round and full, muscular but not meaty with moderate width in the pin bones. Moderate width in the escutcheon carried down through the hocks.

- Steer Breed Standards (cont'd)

Tail: Smoothly set and high at the rump, long and slender, lacking kinks or crooks. Switch should be long and full, hanging below the hocks.

Testicles: None. Steers must be castrated.

Size: Measured at the withers directly behind the hump, height not to exceed 42" with no minimum.

Weight: Varies significantly. Balanced body proportion takes precedence.

Hair Coat: Short, straight, dense, and slick; never curly or excessive in length. (Note: cattle at winter shows may display a winter hair coat which may be moderately longer, thicker, and not as slick)

Color: All colors are acceptable.

Disposition: Steers should exhibit a good disposition.

IMZA ANIMAL DISQUALIFICATIONS

Some faults, including those which keep the animals from being functional, productive, and reproductive, have to be considered show ring disqualifications due to their seriousness. The show ring is the only venue we have to spotlight the highest quality animals available for public viewing in one location.

Bulls, Heifers, Cows:

1. Serious emaciation
2. Total blindness
3. Permanent lameness
4. Excessive hair length and/or curly coat. (Note: cattle at winter shows may display a winter hair coat which may be moderately longer, thicker, and not as slick)
5. Total lack of breed character
6. Crooked or wry face
7. Evidence of any inability to reproduce (Hermaphroditism)
8. Permanent physical defect (obvious naval hernia)
9. Over 42"

Cows:

1. Non-functioning udder quarter (or blind teat)
2. Supernumerary teats (extra teats)
3. Active mastitis or any cause of abnormal milking

Bulls:

1. Only one or no testicles

Steers:

1. Serious emaciation
3. Total blindness
4. Permanent lameness
2. Excessive hair length and/or curly coat
5. Total lack of breed character
6. Crooked or wry face
7. Permanent physical defect (obvious naval hernia)
8. Over 42"

Recommended Attire for Participating in an IMZA Miniature Zebu Cattle Show

1. Nice shirt with a collar - may be long sleeved or short sleeved.
2. Denim Jeans, slacks, or skirts, with no holes or rips.
3. Belts may be worn if desired
4. Boots.

Some venues may require or not allow the following:

Please check your venues show rules to be sure.

1. Number Holding Harness or belt clip is recommended and may be required.
2. Hats may or may not be allowed to be worn. Attire with logos, including hats, may not be allowed in the show ring.
3. Chewing gum may not be allowed in the ring.
4. Shorts are not recommended and may be prohibited at some shows.

IMZA Miniature Zebu Cattle Judging Score Card

General Appearance:	Bulls - 40	Cows - 38	Steers - 35
Topline	7	6	6
Legs, feet and tracking	8	7	7
Smoothness of blending	4	4	4
Balance and symmetry	6	6	6
Muscling and condition	5	5	7
Angularity	5	5	5
Masculinity/Femininity	5	5	
Breed Character:	Bulls - 35	Cows - 30	Steers - 32
Head	11	9	10
Eyes	4	4	4
Ears	4	4	4
Hump	9	7	8
Dewlap	4	3	3
Hair coat	3	3	3
Body Capacity:	Bulls - 22	Cows - 22	Steers - 25
Proportion relative to size	7	7	7
Width of body	5	5	6
Depth of body	5	5	6
Length of body	5	5	6
Productivity - Reproductivity	Bulls - 3	Cows - 10	
Testicle development and size	3		
Mammary System:			
Balanced and proportioned udder		3	
Four correct teats and teat placement		3	
Fore udder extension and attachment		2	
Rear udder height and attachment		2	
Steers Only:			Steers - 8
Temperament			8
Total Points	100	100	100

Note to Judges: This is a miniature breed. In the event that two or more animals achieve the same total score when judged on their reflection of breed standards, (where a tie breaker is required) preference should be given to the animals in the order of shortest height to tallest.

Welcome to the IMZA Show Family.

The IMZA want the shows that it sanctions to be fun for all while being operated in a professional manner.

We expect our members who exhibit to also be professional in the way they display and handle their show cattle. We expect show guests to be treated with respect and kindness.

A Sanction Request Form should be filled out for each show and submitted to the IMZA Show Administrator no later then 3 weeks prior to the date of the show. The form below should be filled and submitted online.

Email to: IMZAShows@gmail.com



Sanction Request Form

Name of Show: _____ Date of Show: _____

Location: _____

Host or Sponsor: _____

Type of Show ☐ State Fair ☐ County Fair ☐ Club ☐ Other: _____

Has this show been previously sanctioned by IMZA in the past? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Judge: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Superintendent: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

NOTE: Submitting this request form does not automatically qualify a show for sanctions. Shows must still meet all the applicable sanctioning requirements. (See Section I on page 7 of this show manual)

Show Results for each show must be submitted to the IMZA for sanctioning. This can be done either by filling out the form below or by submitting an official show program with the placings and championships indicated. The program or form submitted must be signed by the officiating judge and show secretary.

Email to: IMZAShows@gmail.com



Show Results Form

Name of Show: _____		Date of Show: _____
Judge	Show Secretary	
Signature: _____	Signature: _____	
Judge	Show Secretary	
Printed Name: _____	Printed Name: _____	
Superintendent: _____		

Heifer Division	Gr Champion:	IMZA#	Owner:	
	Res Gr Champion:	IMZA#	Owner:	
Cow Division	Gr Champion:	IMZA#	Owner:	
	Res Gr Champion:	IMZA#	Owner:	
Female	Ch Challenge:	IMZA#	Owner:	
Combined Female Divisions	Gr Champion:	IMZA#	Owner:	
	Res Gr Champion:	IMZA#	Owner:	
	Ch Challenge:	IMZA#	Owner:	
Bull Calf Division	Res Gr Champion:	IMZA#	Owner:	
	Gr Champion:	IMZA#	Owner:	
Senior Bull Division	Res Gr Champion:	IMZA#	Owner:	
	Ch Challenge:	IMZA#	Owner:	
Male	Ch Challenge:	IMZA#	Owner:	
Combined Male Divisions	Gr Champion:	IMZA#	Owner:	
	Res Gr Champion:	IMZA#	Owner:	
	Ch Challenge:	IMZA#	Owner:	
Steer Division	Gr Champion:	IMZA#	Owner:	
	Res Gr Champion:	IMZA#	Owner:	
	Ch Challenge:	IMZA#	Owner:	
SANCTIONING STATISTICS			TOTAL # ANIMALS SHOWN	TOTAL # EXHIBITORS
		Heifers		
		Cows		
		Bull Calves		
		Senior Bulls		
		Steers		

Only Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, and Champion Challenge wins will be considered for certification. This certification process applies to IMZA registered cattle that were awarded championships under other recognized registries' shows or championships won at IMZA shows prior to having cattle registered with the IMZA. In order that an animal's previous wins can be considered for certification, the owner must fill out the form below with as much information as possible.

Email to: IMZAshows@gmail.com



Previous Win Certification Request Form

Owner: _____

Previous Owner: _____

(Provide if previous win was attained under former ownership)

Animal Name: _____ IMZA # _____

1. Show Name: _____ Date: _____

Judge's Name: _____

Type of Win: _____

2. Show Name: _____ Date: _____

Judge's Name: _____

Type of Win: _____

3. Show Name: _____ Date: _____

Judge's Name: _____

Type of Win: _____

4. Show Name: _____ Date: _____

Judge's Name: _____

Type of Win: _____

This request form will be reviewed by the IMZA certification committee. One or more of the following items should be provided for consideration by the committee as proof of an animal's win(s) or Championship status:

- A. Copy of official show program
 - B. Photo with official background and trophy, banner, or ribbon identifying win
 - C. Copy of recognized registry's registration certificate displaying "PGCH" or "MCH" next to animal's name
- NOTE: If the registration certificate has not been updated but the animal's name appears on the registry's certified list of champions, then that will constitute proof of championship status.