

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
DNA & Registrations and Transfers
Are you ready for the 2025 AJBA All American?

What to do before you go:

✓ **Register Animals in the Exhibitor's Name**

- All animals must be fully registered **in the exhibitor's name only** (no multi-owned animals allowed).
- **Ownership deadline: May 1, 2025**



✓ **Submit DNA Early**

- DNA processing takes **4–6 weeks**, including lab time and Digital Beef updates.
- Plan ahead to avoid delays that may affect eligibility.

✓ **DNA Requirements for A.I./ET Calves**

- All A.I. and E.T. calves born in 2025 and shown at an ABBA-sponsored event (including the All American) **must have a DNA profile or genotype on file.**
- **DNA requirements do not apply to F1 Cattle**

✓ **Ensure AJBA Membership is Active**

- Exhibitors must be active AJBA members.
- Memberships can be paid online or by phone with a credit card.

Do I need my original registration certificate for cattle check-in?

Yes. Proof of registration is required at cattle check-in.

- Only **original hard-copy certificates** will be accepted.
- **Printed digital certificates or electronic records will NOT be accepted.**

Need a duplicate?

- Submit a notarized **Duplicate Certificate Request Form** to the ABBA office.
- The ABBA office will be open **June 30 – July 3** for assistance. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are highly recommended for faster service.

Reminder: Multi-owned animals are not eligible to show.

Regular entries open on May 1 and close on May 20. (Late entries close on June 1).

Online Contest submission deadline is June 10.

We understand some animals may still be pending registration due to DNA processing.

Exhibitors are encouraged to **enter using the animal's "P" (pending) number**, but please be aware:

Entry does NOT guarantee eligibility to show.

To check in at the show:

- The animal must be **fully registered** (no "P" prefix), and
- You must present the **original registration certificate** at check-in.

Show Requirements and Additional Rules

Bred & Owned Rules

- Exhibitors of animals entered in the Bred and Owned classes must have been the recorded owner (in the ABBA official herd book) of the **dam** prior to conception.
- Animals must **only carry the exhibitor's own holding brand or the holding brand of their immediate family.**
- Any animal not meeting this requirement will be **disqualified** from the Show.

BSE Eligibility

- Bulls must be calved **January 1 – April 30, 2023**

Pregnancy Requirement (Oldest Female Class – January/February 2-Year-Olds)

Must either:

1. Be bred, with a **certificate issued within 30 days of check-in** by a licensed veterinarian verifying pregnancy status, or
2. Be shown with her **natural, nursing calf at side** (said calf being **not older than 240 days** on show date).
 - Veterinarian certificates will be presented at check-in.
 - Failure to meet this requirement will result in **disqualification.**

Color Classification

Thursday, **July 3rd**, from **2:00–4:00 PM**

Birth queue errors:

Birth Queue Error	What it means
If the error says that the "Sire not genotyped".	This means the sire must have DNA on file before the registration can be completed. Please contact the DNA Coordinator to get started on the DNA process
If the error message states "AI certificate needed from Person A (12345) or Person B (67890)".	This means that an AI certificate must be submitted by either Person A or Person B in order to proceed with the registration. Please contact them to get that released.
If the error message states 'ET certificate needed from Person A (12345) or Person B (67890)".	This means that an ET certificate must be submitted by either Person A or Person B in order to proceed with the registration. Please contact them to get that released.
Error says that "All ET calves born in 2024 must have a genotype on file prior to registration through the ABBA. Please contact the ABBA Office for more information."	This animal must have DNA on file before registration can be completed. Please contact the ABBA DNA Coordinator for assistance.
Error says that "PHN is already in use."	You cannot register two animals of the same sex with the same PHN. A female and male can have the same PHN, but two females or two males cannot have the same PHN.