

# **MI Pigs – Sanctioned Show Guidelines: 2026**

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MI Pigs values the dedication and hard work that goes into hosting swine jackpot shows. These events provide crucial opportunities for young exhibitors to develop their skills and passion for the swine industry. We'd be thrilled to have you as a part of our Sanctioned Show community. By joining MI PIGS, your show gains access to a network of support, resources, and recognition that will enhance the experience for all participants. Whether you're an exhibitor or breeder, MI Pigs offers a platform to connect, compete, and grow. Our commitment is to create a supportive environment where young people can develop their skills, showcase their hard work, and achieve their goals.

## **Steps to becoming a Sanctioned Show:**

- Shows must be scheduled between January 1st and October 1st
- Shows must follow the guidelines, rules, and regulations set forth by MI Pigs for record keeping and general fairness to all exhibitors.
- Please ensure that you provide all the necessary details on the sanction form and forward your registration information to the Program Director.
- Showman.app provides a 45-minute tutorial that walks every Show Manager through the setup process, ensuring your show is registered properly and ready to run smoothly.
- Show Managers should complete the sanction process by December 1, 2025 to be included for the 2026 season. (Refer to Showman.app)

## **Showman.app**

- Online Entry Software
- MI Pigs will make a \$200 contribution to Showman.app cost to all officially Sanctioned Shows in 2026.
- Showman.app calculates points automatically for the MI Pigs Program.
- Showman.app accommodates the following, as well as for show managers:
  - Online Registration
  - Payment online
  - Check-in
  - Weight Recording
  - Class Breaks

## **Sanctioned Shows MUST include these details in their show rules and regulations:**

- ALL pigs shown at MI Pigs Sanctioned shows are required to have an 840 tag.

- Michigan residents do NOT need to bring health papers. However, out-of-state exhibitor health papers are required and must be presented to participate.
- Exhibitors must show their own animal in showmanship to receive points.
- It is critical to record every youth who participates in showmanship, regardless of placement. Also, please record the youth who make a “call back” in their age division, as well as final placings.
- Please include the MI Pigs logo on your registration/rules information.
- Consideration of the MI Pigs Code of Conduct should be considered during MI Pigs-sanctioned shows.
- **Effective 2026 Show Season**, MI Pigs implemented a SANCTIONED SHOW ORDER (Scroll down toward the bottom of this page to VIEW the SHOW ORDER)
- **Effective 2026 Show Season**, MI Pigs points will be awarded to the **TOP 5 exhibitors** in each class. Please accurately record using the Showman.app online software.
- **Effective 2026 Show Season**, MI Pigs will no longer recognize both AM and PM shows held at the same venue. The show manager will need to designate in advance which show will be sanctioned and count towards MI Pigs points program.

Any show can offer Breeding Gilt Classes; just note that placements will NOT be counted in the MI Pigs Points Program.

**MI Pigs Sanctioned Shows Welcome all exhibitors from all states.**

Michigan residents who have registered for the MI Pigs program will be eligible to earn points at all MI Pigs sanctioned shows.

MI PIGS-sanctioned shows must follow the age guidelines that will allow

- youngest (3 yrs. as of 1/1/26) or oldest (21 yrs. as of 1/1/26, not older)
- Please note that MLE age requirements are an exception
- Showmanship will be offered at every MI PIGS-sanctioned show.

Shows should also welcome youth with a chronological age greater than 21 years of age who participate in 4-H or school activities with their developmental aged peers. (As recommended by the Americans with Disabilities Act).

## **SANCTIONED SHOW ORDER**

- **Showmanship:**

Beginner Showman (3-7 years)  
Novice Showman (8-11 years)  
Junior Showman (12-14 years)  
Intermediate Showman (15-17 years)  
Senior Showman (18-21 years)

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- **Purebred Market Hogs**

Berkshire Market Hogs (Gilts & Barrows)  
**Champion/Reserve Berkshire**  
Chester Market Hogs (Gilts & Barrows)  
**Champion/ Reserve Chester**  
Duroc Market Hogs (Gilts & Barrows)  
**Champion/Reserve Duroc**  
Hampshire Market Hogs (Gilts & Barrows)  
**Champion/Reserve Hampshire**  
Hereford Market Hogs (Gilts & Barrows)  
**Champion/Reserve Hereford**  
Landrace Market Hogs (Gilts & Barrows)  
**Champion/Reserve Landrace**  
Poland Market Hogs (Gilts & Barrows)  
**Champion/Reserve Poland**  
Spotted Market Hogs (Gilts & Barrows)  
**Champion/Reserve Spot**  
Tamworth Market Hogs (Gilts & Barrows)  
**Champion/Reserve Tamworth**  
Yorkshire Market Hogs (Gilts & Barrows)  
**Champion/Reserve Yorkshire**

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- **Crossbred Market Hogs**

Light Crossbred Gilts (Champion/Reserve)  
Dark Crossbred Gilts (Champion/Reserve)

Light Crossbred Barrows (Champion/Reserve)  
Dark Crossbred Barrows (Champion/Reserve)

### **Overall Crossbred Market Hog (Champion/Reserve)**

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## **Top 5 Overall Market Hogs**

- ★ *Divisions can be used at the show manager's discretion (Light, Medium, Heavy divisions)*
- ★ *After the Top 5 Market Hogs have been selected, all Sanctioned Shows own the right to add any additional classes at their discretion, with the understanding that MI Pigs points will not apply outside the Sanctioned Order.*

### **Recommended Guidelines for a Sanction Shows:**

- Entry fees are between \$30-\$40
- Class-winning payouts should begin at a minimum equal to the entry fee.
- Payout the TOP 3-5 exhibitors in each class
- Award Showmanship with Prizes
- All Sanctioned Shows should be registered for 2026 on Showman.app by December 1, 2025
- Review the Fundamentals of Running a Sanctioned MI Pigs Shows.
- Judges cannot be assigned to more than one MI Pig Sanctioned Show.
- Swine Judges Contact List available upon request.
- Ask Questions as needed, always here to help!

**Questions or Concerns, please contact  
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