



## Canadian Simmental Association Award of Excellence Program (AOE)

The Canadian Simmental Association’s Award of Excellence is a program established in 2017 to promote and recognize the top bulls and females in the Simmental Breed that are exhibited at shows across the country each year.

The Award of Excellence Program encourages Simmental breeders to attend multiple shows and exhibit their cattle. Each Provincial Simmental Association is encouraged to select two shows that will qualify for the Award of Excellence Program (same day shows may count for 1 but exhibitors can only enter animals at 1 of the shows.)

The CSA must be provided with the provincial qualifying shows by May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. A list of the nominated shows, as well as general rules and regulations will be made available on the CSA website for reference. The Provincial Associations are also responsible for tabulating show placings and forwarding them to the CSA office. Results must be submitted to the CSA office no later than two weeks after their respective provincial show.

Bulls and females exhibited at these shows will be recognized based on a calculated points system, determined by show placings from 1-10 in each class. Points differ based on the size of the show and with the number of cattle that are exhibited. Extra points will also be given to the Grand and Reserve Division Champions and to the overall Grand and Reserve Champions.

### Award of Excellence Points Table:

Points Table	Class A Show (100+ head)	Class B Show (80-99 head)	Class C show (60 - 79 head)	Class D Show (40 - 59 head)	Class E Show (20- 39 head)
Placing	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points
1	15	14	13	12	10
2	14	13	12	11	9
3	13	12	11	10	8
4	12	11	10	9	7
5	11	10	9	8	6
6	10	9	8	7	5
7	9	8	7	6	4
8	8	7	6	5	3
9	7	6	5	4	2
10	6	5	4	3	1
Division Champion	14	12	10	8	6
Reserve Division Champion	13	11	9	7	5
Grand Champion	14	12	10	8	6
Reserve Grand Champion	13	11	9	7	5

### **Rules and Regulations for Qualifying Animals:**

This is a CSA program and as the CSA operates within the parameters of the Canadian Animal Pedigree act, the qualifying shows will be required to meet the following standards to qualify for points.

- All animals that are exhibited in any CSA Award of Excellence show must be registered or recorded with the Canadian Simmental Association. All Provincial Associations are responsible for ensuring that each animal is also legibly and properly tattooed as indicated on the animal's registration paper at each of their qualifying shows.
- As per the CSA's bylaws, all animals need to be tattooed before they are six months of age. Although the animals are welcome to complete in the show, animals that are not properly registered or have tattoos upon the arrival of the participating show will be ineligible to compete in the AOE points program.
- If animals are not examined for proper tattoos or registration as per rule above, then that show will be disqualified from that year's Award of Excellence program.
- Young Canadian Simmental Association shows do not qualify for the Awards of Excellence program
- Cattle exhibiting in designated AOE shows are encouraged to be tagged with a Canadian Simmental RFID back button but it's not mandatory.
- Complete and accurate show results must be submitted to the CSA office no later than two weeks after each show
- Provinces will receive a show results template to fill out and send along with a copy of the complete show program to help the CSA office with accuracy.
- Although we do encourage anyone showing cattle to use our blue Simmental personalized RFID tags they are not required in the show ring to qualify for points.

### **Presentation**

Awards to be presented annually at Agribition before the Simmental Sale.

- Winning cattle are asked to be in attendance if they are at Agribition for showcase and picture.