



BPA PIG OF THE YEAR COMPETITION 2026



1. Qualifying rounds will be arranged at Agricultural Shows, leading to a Final.
2. A condition of entering the competition is that prize winners at preliminary rounds must intend to exhibit at the Final. **All POY pigs MUST be on site by 8pm on the Monday before the show starts.** Any pig not forward will need to be reviewed by a panel of three individuals, and a monetary fine may be applied should the panel not feel the reason justified. £25 first offence, increasing for repeat offences or withdrawals. This could lead to a ban from the competition.
3. The award is open to all breeds of pedigree pigs entered in your show. The object is to determine the best modern and traditional breed pigs as an example of their respective breeds.
4. All animals entered in this Competition must be the property of a member of the British Pig Association or the British Lop Society and must be registered in a herd book of The British Pig Association or the British Lop Pig Society.
5. Judges must be chosen from the BPA "Interbreeds" Judges List. They may only act for one qualifying round. The judge of the Final will not have acted for a qualifying round.
6. Classes from which pigs are chosen, and therefore eligible for qualifying rounds, must be judged by a BPA approved judge.
7. To be eligible for a qualifying round a pig (male or female) must be born on or after 1 July of the year previous to the Show (see 9 below).
8. A pig judged Best Male (Modern or Traditional) or Best Female (Modern or Traditional) in a qualifying round cannot compete in any subsequent round. If a pig having qualified at an earlier show again qualifies at a later show the judge for that breed shall select an alternative pig of the same breed and sex from any class covering the required age group.
9. Where a single breed has more than one class covering the required age group for either sex, so permitting more than one 1st prize animal, the judge must nominate one of these for the qualifying round.
10. Where there are multi-breed classes, i.e. any other modern/any other traditional breed or a similar classification, the judge must nominate the best male and best female of the qualifying age of each breed represented (regardless of class prizes). These pigs will compete in the qualifying round with eligible entries from individual breed classes.
11. At each qualifying round the judge will select the Best Male from a Modern Breed, Best Male from a Traditional Breed, Best Female from a Modern Breed, Best Female from a Traditional Breed and Best Pig.
12. Prize money for preliminary rounds will be £10 for the best Modern Breed pig of each sex and £10 for the best Traditional Breed pig of each sex, with £10 and a glass trophy for the overall winner. **Note: Rosettes only will be presented at each preliminary round. Glass trophies for preliminary rounds will be presented at the Final. Prize money will only be paid on appearance in the final.**
12. The Best Males Modern and Traditional and Best Females Modern and Traditional from each of the qualifying rounds will qualify for the Final to be held at the Great Yorkshire Show.
13. The Final will be to judge the Best Modern Male and Female with Reserves and the Best Traditional Male and Female with Reserves; the Best Pig (i.e. Pig of the Year) and Reserve.
14. In the Final at Great Yorkshire Show the Modern and Traditional Male and Female Champions will each receive £60, Reserve Champions £30. Overall Champion £200 and The Geoffrey Cloke Memorial Salver, and Reserve £150.
15. A travel allowance of 20p per mile will be paid by the Great Yorkshire Show to exhibitors attending the Final.