

Led steer competition pathway

How to be MSA eligible



A pathway is available which enables animals purchased from led steer competitions to be processed, graded and packed as MSA. The approval of this pathway provides cattle producers, involved in these competitions, the ability access MSA markets. To meet MSA requirements the competition committee/show society must ensure that:

- **All** exhibitors in the competition are required to be MSA registered. It is not possible to have a mix of registered and non-registered exhibitors.
- The showground associated is required to be registered as an MSA producer (the showground will require a PIC and LPA to do this). Registration can be completed online at mla.com.au/msa.
- Each exhibitor will need to supply the show committee with an MSA vendor declaration for the animals they bring to the contest.
- The showground is required to provide a single overarching National Vendor Declaration and MSA vendor declaration to the MSA licenced processor. A copy of the original owner paperwork must be included with this.
- All animals are to be on full feed and water prior to dispatch from the showgrounds.
- All animals are to be slaughtered within 24 hours of dispatch from the showgrounds.
- Cattle from **unled** and **prime stock** competitions are **NOT** eligible for an MSA pathway and cannot be processed as MSA.
- All animals must reside on the vendors property of origin for 30 days prior to the show and cannot attend other shows in those 30 days.
- Any cattle that are mixed, drafted or boxed while unaltered with other vendors' animals prior to transport for any purpose, will become ineligible for MSA.
- Milk Fed Vealers (MFV) are NOT eligible for the MSA Led Steer pathway.

Information for processors: Cattle must be processed following the MSA saleyard pathway. Please contact MSA prior to processing these animals to obtain credentials needed to complete the data upload.

For more information

Please contact Meat Standards Australia | 1800 111 672 | msaenquiries@mla.com.au

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Please ensure that the society/committee get in touch with the MSA team prior to the competition to ensure eligibility of the animals at processing.