

2010 GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC.
GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES

1. All exhibitors are cautioned to read carefully the following rules and regulations, as well as each division rules, as same will be strictly enforced.
2. All animals will adhere to the Texas Animal Health Commission Rules. The Livestock Committee will issue updates as necessary. However, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to comply with the Texas Animal Health Rules.
3. Market divisions are restricted to the following:

Steers	County Steer Division	Poultry	Market Broiler Division
Steers	Market Steer Division	Poultry	Market Turkey Division
Pigs	Market Swine Division	Rabbits	Market Rabbit Division
Sheep	Market Lamb Division	Goats	Market Goat Division
4. Breeding divisions are restricted to the following:

Junior Commercial Heifer Division	Breeding Beef Division
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5. A. Exhibitors/Substitute/Stand-in Exhibitors must be enrolled in a Galveston County I.S.D. public school, or a Galveston County private school or TEA-approved schooling at home, elementary, or secondary, or is a resident of Galveston County, and be a member of a Galveston County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, **HAVING A FAIR PROJECT ENTERED, TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE.**
B. Exhibitors who have completed academic requirements for graduation at mid-term of the current school year and are a member of a Galveston County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, are eligible to participate.
6. Validation/tag-in dates, order dates and times will be published in each division's rules.
7. Family tag-ins will be allowed for immediate family members only. All eligible exhibitors must be listed on validation/tag-in or order form in order to be eligible to enter an animal in that division.
8. Exhibitors must accompany his/her animal at tag-in/validation, be present to pick-up their Poultry orders, and at check-in. Signature of exhibitor and parent/guardian, or representative is required at Validation and Tag-in. Prior approval from the Livestock Chairperson and Livestock Superintendent will be required for any exhibitor who has a TEA/UJL event or any conflict with this rule.
9. Animals which are tagged with an Official Texas Tag approved by the Texas Agriculture Extension Service and which are the property of the same Exhibitor (as indicated on the official state 4-H or FFA validation forms), will not be required for re-tagging. However, all such animals must be present for recording of the Texas Tag Number and validation procedures.
10. Any exhibitor wishing to tag-in more than one (1) market animal in a division may do so with approval of the Chairman or Livestock Superintendent at the time of validation and tag-in.
11. The Livestock Committee must be notified immediately if an ear tag is lost. The animal will be re-nose printed for verification by the Livestock Committee at time of re-tagging. The animal will be subject to review by such committee and may be subject to disqualification. All animals will be subject to nose print verification at any time.
12. The exhibitors must own their animals at the beginning of and throughout the feeding periods. Exhibitors must feed and care for animals on a daily basis without any aid or assistance during the entire period, except from their County Extension Agents, Vocational Agriculture Teachers, 4-H Leaders, or family.
13. **NO FAMILY ENTRIES.** One entry form is required for each individual exhibitor. Exhibitor must specify which animal he/she will show at the time of check-in. No animal shall be entered or exhibited under a name other than that of a bona fide owner.
14. Exhibitor Entry Applications may be obtained from the Fair Office, Vo-Ag Teachers, County Extension Agents, or 4-H Leaders. The Fair Office will not accept Exhibitor Entry Applications from individual exhibitors. Exhibitor Entry Applications **MUST** be submitted by 4-H Leaders or Vo-Ag Teachers. A summary sheet is to accompany the club/chapter's entries with one check or money order made payable to GCF&R, or with cash. **NO REFUNDS FOR ANY REASON.**
15. Each exhibitor and parent/guardian is required to sign an Indemnity Form and Emergency Medical Authorization on the Exhibitor Entry Application. Failure to complete these forms will result in disqualification.
16. Exhibitors must check-in and show under the same Chapter or Club name as registered on the Exhibitor Entry Application.
17. **All youth exhibitors MUST be academically eligible to participate in the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. – in accordance with House Rule #72 "NO PASS – NO PLAY". Eligibility will be determined by designated school officials in total cooperation with the GCF&R, Vo-Ag Instructors and/or Galveston County Extension Agent. Once eligibility status is received by the GCF&R from designated school officials, all ineligible exhibitors will be immediately notified by telephone from the GCF&R, Vo-Ag Instructor, or the Galveston County Extension Agent. Discrepancies with eligibility status must be resolved between the exhibitor, the exhibitor's parent(s)/guardian(s), and the designated school officials as soon as possible. Any change resulting from a discrepancy in eligibility status must be documented in writing and relayed only by the designated school officials to the GCF&R, Vo-Ag Instructors, or Galveston County Extension Agent PRIOR TO CHECK-IN.**

18. Exhibitors must show their animals in the Show Ring. If unable to do so for any of the following reasons, a substitute exhibitor may be obtained:
 - a. Death in the immediate family.
 - b. Conflict with another TEA/UIIL sanctioned event where participation is required.
 - c. Verified medical condition.
 - d. Ineligibility due to House Rule 72 "No Pass-No Play".
19. All substitute exhibitors must meet the following requirements:
 - a. The substitute exhibitor is eligible under "No Pass-No Play" (**See Rule #17 above**);
 - b. The substitute exhibitor is a current member of a Galveston County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter and **must have a fair project entered** (See Rule #5 above). However, the substitute exhibitor cannot have entered an animal in the same show, except for immediate family.
 - c. The substitute exhibitor has completed and submitted to the Livestock Committee a Substitute Exhibitor Form signed by the Vo-Ag Teacher/4-H Club Leader, Parents, and Exhibitors.
20. All stand-in exhibitors must meet the following requirements:
 - a. The stand-in exhibitor is eligible under "No Pass-No Play" (**See Rule #17 above**);
 - b. The stand-in exhibitor is a current member of a Galveston County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, and **must have a fair project entered** (See Rule #5 above).
 - c. The stand-in exhibitor has completed and submitted to the Livestock Committee a Stand-in Exhibitor Form signed by the Vo-Ag Teacher/4-H Club Leader, Parents, and Exhibitors.
21. If for any reason there is a question about a weight of any animal, the animal will be backed off of the scale, the scale balanced, and the animal will be immediately re-weighed **ONLY** one more time. No time shall lapse between first and second weighing.
22. **The Livestock Superintendent/Chairperson shall have the right to refuse the entry of any animal, which in their judgment, is unworthy of exhibition or may be a menace to the physical/medical safety of other livestock, of the exhibitors or spectators.**
23. Animals must remain in livestock area throughout the duration of the fair.
24. All animals will be assigned a pen or stall in the appropriate area for that division, and must remain in their assigned pens or stalls for the duration of the Fair. **Designated areas for show boxes are provided. SHOW BOXES ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE LIVESTOCK PAVILION PRIOR TO 12:00 NOON THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2010. Absolutely NO show boxes will be allowed along the Turkey railing. THE GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SHOW BOX.**
25. No one will be allowed in the livestock area between 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. without permission from the livestock superintendent.
26. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their animals and keeping the pens and stall areas clean at all times. Exhibitors must abide by Division feeding rules. **All divisions have Feeding Areas provided. Please feed, water and clean pans only in the area designated for that division.** Failure to comply, as determined by the Livestock Committee and Livestock Superintendent, will result in removal of the animal from the Fairgrounds, forfeiture of all prizes and awards, and/or further disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., Executive Committee.
27. No fans are allowed.
28. All animals exhibited in the GCF&R Livestock Shows must be trained, fitted and dressed for show by the exhibitor, County Extension Agent, Vo-Ag Teachers, 4-H Leaders or family all of which must be residents of Galveston County.
29. The showing of unethically fitted livestock or livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class is prohibited. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of any method of altering the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body. Animals showing signs of having been operated upon or tampered with for the purpose of concealing faults in conformation or with intent to deceive relative to the animal's soundness, will be disqualified. As a condition for participation in the Galveston County Livestock Shows, every exhibitor must agree to submit any animal so entered by him/her to inspection by a veterinarian. Exhibitors must also agree that the conclusions reached by the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., and/or their representatives shall be final, without recourse against Galveston County Fair and Rodeo, Inc. or its representatives. **Galveston County Fair and Rodeo, Inc. reserves the right to have blood or urine laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition, subject to substance residue policy.** Galveston County Fair and Rodeo, Inc. also reserves the right to order the timely slaughter of any placing animal(s), and the evaluation of such carcass(es) after slaughter. If unethical fitting of livestock is determined, any and all sale monies will be withheld and participants may be barred from future participation at Galveston County Fair and Rodeo, Inc. An exhibitor of an animal producing an analysis with a quantity of diuretic or any unapproved medication will be barred from future competition at the Galveston County Fair and Rodeo, Inc. No painting or dyeing will be allowed. Any grooming material that causes color to be removed from the animal will not be allowed. No grooming powders or graphite will be allowed on animals.
30. All animals must be presented for competition when called.
31. Spectators will not be allowed in the Show Ring.

32. When the entries in any class are fewer than the number of premiums offered, or when there is no competition in a class, the judges will make placings and awards strictly on the merit of the animals shown, or two or more classes may be combined.
33. There will be no prize money on ribbon placings in the GCF&R Livestock Shows.
34. In no instance will judges make placings or awards to an animal which, in their opinion, is not worthy or deserving.
35. The decision of the Judge is FINAL.
36. Any steer, swine, goat or lamb left on the Fairgrounds after 12:00 Noon, Sunday, April 18, 2010, will be shipped to a locker plant at the expense and responsibility of the owner. Any turkeys, rabbits, or broilers, left on the Fairgrounds after 12:00 Noon, Sunday, April 18, 2010, will become the property of the Fair. Exhibitors failing to comply will be subject to review by the Executive Committee.
37. The Livestock Committee will take every precaution to insure the safety and well-being of exhibitors and animals. However, the Fair will not be responsible for any loss or damage to animals or articles while on the Fairgrounds or in transit thereto or therefrom, from any cause whatsoever.
38. To file an official protest, the fee will be \$100.00 cash, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained.
39. **The Livestock Committee reserves the right to use any animal for the participation in the Livestock Judging contest to be held during the Fair. On the day of the Livestock Judging Contest, absolutely NO youth exhibitors will be allowed in the Livestock Pavilion from 7:00 am until the conclusion of the contest (approximately 10:30 – 11:00 am).**
40. All sales of market animals, which have been shown during the week of the Fair, will be handled through the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. Office. "FOR SALE" signs will not be permitted to be displayed on or adjacent to any animal entered in this show.
41. It is **MANDATORY** that the exhibitor bring a stamped envelope with a "Thank You" letter/card addressed to the buyer to the Fair Office before checks will be released. The Fair Office will mail the thank you letters. **ALL EXHIBITORS MUST COME TO THE FAIR OFFICE TO SIGN FOR THEIR CHECKS.**
42. For Junior Livestock Auction and Commitment procedures, see Junior Livestock Auction Rules.
43. For policies on Substance Residue, see Substance Residue Policy Rules.
44. **Classes will be posted as soon as they are completed. NO information on classes will be available until the chairperson has verified all of the information. Failure to cooperate in this matter will only further prolong the process.**
45. **ONCE A CLASS HAS BEEN PLACED AND IT IS DETERMINED THAT THERE IS A DISQUALIFICATION OF A PLACING ENTRY, ALL PRIZES AWARDED TO THAT PLACED ENTRY ARE DEEMED FORFEITED AND ALL REMAINING PLACED ENTRIES WILL BE ADJUSTED UP TO FILL THE VACATED PLACING.**
46. **ANY FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY APPLICABLE GCF&R RULES MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC. FOR THE YEAR IN WHICH THE VIOLATION OCCURS AND THE EXHIBITOR WILL FORFEIT ALL AWARDS AND/OR PROCEEDS.**

*****SPECIAL RULES OR CONDITIONS ARE PUBLISHED IN EACH DIVISION WHERE NECESSARY. IF THERE IS A CONFLICT BETWEEN THE SPECIAL RULES OF ANY DIVISION AND THE GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS, THE SPECIAL RULES WILL GOVERN.**

SHOWMANSHIP RULES

1. There will be a Junior and Senior Showmanship class as follows:

a) Steer	c) Market Lamb	e) Jr. Breeding Beef
b) Jr. Commercial Heifer	d) Market Swine	f) Market Goat
2. Only the eligible owner of the animals will be allowed to participate in the showmanship class. *No substitute exhibitor will be allowed to compete in Showmanship.*
3. All eligible youth exhibiting in the Steer, Jr. Commercial Heifer, Market Lamb and Market Goat divisions are subject to compete in showmanship with their own animal.
Showmanship in the Market Swine division will be at the Judge's discretion; however, eligible youth exhibitors will only be allowed to compete with their own animal.
 Jr. Breeding Beef exhibitors showing heifers and cows are eligible to return for showmanship. NO Bulls will be allowed to return to the ring for showmanship.

JUNIOR - Exhibitors 13 and under as of August 31, 2009
 SENIOR - Exhibitors 14 and over as of August 31, 2009

HERDSMAN AWARD

1. A panel of judges will be moving throughout the Livestock area all week.
2. Judging will be based upon the way the beds or pens and aisles are kept, and the appearance of the animal.
3. Awards will be presented to the individual and Club/Chapter winners in each division.