

# 4-H & FFA Calf Scramble

*Sponsored by Capital Farm Credit*

*Co-Chairman – Janet Rossow & Mike Fine*

**Entry Fee:** \$30

**Entries Close:** Friday, September 5, 2025, 4pm Fair Office

**Scramble Runs:** Saturday, October 4, 2025

The Brazoria County Fair Association will provide each scramble sponsor with a picture which will be taken at the close of each scramble.

## **Rules:**

1. The Brazoria County Fat Stock and Fair Association, Inc. will not be responsible for any accidents which may occur to any participant in the Calf Scramble. All information requested on the minor's release must be complete. **BOTH PARENTS MUST SIGN THE RELEASE; HOWEVER, IF THE PARENTS ARE DIVORCED OR ONE IS DECEASED, THE SIGNATURE OF THE CUSTODIAL PARENT IS SUFFICIENT. THE NOTATION "DIVORCED" OR "DECEASED" MUST BE MADE IN THE SPACE PROVIDED. A VALID TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNING THE FORM MUST BE PROVIDED ON THE FORM.**

2. Contestants for the Calf Scramble must be carefully selected from Brazoria County FFA Chapter and 4-H Club members. Contestants must be in good standing with their organization. All applications will be accepted on Official Brazoria County Fair Association Application Form only submitted through the respective Brazoria County FFA Chapter Leader or Brazoria County 4-H Leader. Absolutely no substitutions will be made on the participant lists after entry forms are received by the Brazoria County Fair Association. **No changes will be made in the schedule once you have been assigned a time.** The Scramble Committee has the final approval of all applicants and those selected will be notified of their acceptance as a participant prior to Fair week. **No refunds will be made to applicants that do not run in the scramble.**

**Ages:** A contestant must have reached his/her 12th birthday by October 1, current year, but not his/her 18th birthday by October 1, current year. **Weight:** The Fair Association suggests that a participant's minimum weight be not less than 100 pounds. **Health:** Participants who report to the Scramble must be in top physical condition at time of scramble in order to run for a calf. Any contestant appearing with broken limbs, etc. will automatically be disqualified and an alternate will be put in his/her place. Any applicant awarded a calf in the previous year can return the following year and be listed as an alternate for the year. Note: This means it is possible for an applicant to run two years in a row. First year as an applicant, second year as an alternate.

**Alternates will be qualified as determined by the discretion of the committee majority.**  
**PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE NOT AT THEIR DESIGNATED MEETING TIME FOR**

**ROLL CALL WILL BE PAGED OVER THE INTERCOM SYSTEM ONCE AND WILL HAVE FIVE (5) MINUTES TO REPORT AND BE ACCOUNTED FOR OR WILL BE REPLACED BY AN ALTERNATE.**

3. Participants and/or parents shall not approach sponsors or committeemen for special consideration.
4. For contestant eligibility requirements, see General Livestock Department rules.

**Arena Rules**

5. No one under the age of 12 years will be allowed in the arena during any of the three calf scramble events.
6. Contestants and calves will be placed in the Arena as directed by the Chairman of the Committee.
7. The Fair Association will supply each contestant with a rope halter to be used in the calf scramble. Halter must be placed on the head of the animal in the usual way, which is behind the calf's ears, over the bridge of the nose, and under the chin. For the safety of the animal, no halter can be placed around the neck of the animal.
8. At no time will a contestant be permitted to tie the rope to his/her body or belt.
9. Each contestant will attempt to catch and halter one of the calves released. The contestant catching a calf is required to lead it across the finish line without aid.
10. If a contestant has hold of a calf, no other contestant will be allowed to touch the calf unless it breaks away.
11. If a contestant catches a calf by the tail, he/she will be given a reasonable amount of time to work around to its head; otherwise, the referee will order them to let the calf go.
12. If a contestant successfully secures and halters a calf within the designated "Winners Square", he/she must lead the calf completely outside the boundary of the square and then back into the square to be declared a winner.
13. If two or more contestants catch the same calf, a committee member can determine who had the calf first and will ask the other contestant to let go. If no committee member can make the determination the calf will be turned loose.
15. A contestant who secures and properly halters a calf and leads it across the finish line will be declared a winner when so indicated by the referee.
16. Undue roughness by the contestant will not be tolerated. Poor sportsmanship automatically disqualifies any contestant.

## **Duties After Winning A Calf**

17. Winners must exhibit their calves at the 2026 Brazoria County Fair in the Scramble Calf Shows.
18. Should any contestant participating in the Calf Scramble fail to catch because of unusual or extenuating circumstances and is then awarded a calf by some sponsor, said contestant will participate in all special awards offered to the scramble winners. The contestant must care for the calf under the Calf Scramble Rules, and the donor will become a Calf Scramble Sponsor.
19. A contestant catching a calf in the Calf Scramble, or otherwise being declared a winner, will receive a purchase certificate with which to purchase a calf of his/her own choice.
20. To enable each individual winner to make the decision as to the breed of calf they desire to purchase, substitute calves will be used in the arena for the Calf Scramble.
21. If all rules are not complied with, the committee may disqualify the participant and request a refund. Disciplinary action may be taken according to General Livestock Rule #1. Should any of the rules and regulations as published in the Brazoria County Fair Catalog not be met, **the FULL REIMBURSEMENT of certificate amount will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian. A MINIMUM OF \$375 MUST BE PAID BY THE END OF THE SCAMBLE CHECK-IN (SEE SCRAMBLE CALF SHOWS FOR DATE AND TIME) OR THE PARTICIPANT WILL BE DEEMED "NOT IN GOOD STANDING" AND UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY AND ALL OTHER BRAZORIA COUNTY FAIR COMPETITIONS. ACCEPTABLE ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE WITH THE BRAZORIA COUNTY FAIR OFFICE FOR THE REMAINING PAYMENT(S). SEE GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES. If full reimbursement is not received, legal action will be taken.**
22. The calf must be purchased by the winner not later than April 15, 2026. When the contestant has selected calf, he/she desires, the purchase certificate should be given to the seller. All information requested on the purchase certificate must be completed. Send purchase certificate to the Brazoria County Fair Association, P.O. Box 818, Angleton, Texas 77516.
23. The scramble calf must be validated, and ear tagged at May validation. See the Scramble Calf Show rules for the required County Fair Entry Fee information.
24. Failure to comply with any of the Calf Scramble or General Livestock Rules will result in forfeiture of any Calf Scramble Awards and disqualification of the exhibitor to participate in this department the following year.