

Jr. Market Steer Show

Chairmen - Lenny Sparkman & Steven Moon

Entry Fee: \$40 per animal

Entry Deadline: Friday, September 1, 2023, 4 pm; Fair Office,

Arrival Time: Friday, October 13, 2023, 8 am - 7 pm

Weigh-In and Classification: Saturday, October 14, 2023, 10:30 am -12 pm

Judging Time: Sunday, October 15, 2023, 5 pm

Early Release: Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 7 am - 8 am,

Final Release Time: Sun., Oct. 22, 2023, 7 am -11 am

The Junior Market Steer Show (“Steer Show”) is subject to the General Livestock and Fair Rules (“General Rules”), and to the Special Rules as listed in this section. Where the Special Rules conflict with the General Rules, the Special Rules shall prevail.

Special Rules

Validation:

1. Validation will be held at the Brazoria County Fair Grounds in Angleton, Texas.
2. Steers will be ear tagged, photographed, and have a hair sample taken from the tail for possible DNA testing in the future.
3. All steers must be haltered at Validation.
4. No ownership transfer will be allowed after Validation.
5. Steers may be validated and entered in the Steer Show as an Individual Exhibitor or as a Family Exhibit. If entered as a Family Exhibit, all eligible exhibitors must be listed on the Validation Card and Entry Form which is submitted to the Fair Office by Friday, September 1, 2023 at 4 pm. Exhibitors must declare which steer or steers they will show at Weigh-In and Classification.
6. A maximum of three (3) entries per exhibitor are allowed in the Steer Show.
7. All steers must remain permanently housed in Brazoria County and in the regular/daily care of the exhibitor. Random project checks may be conducted after validation. Any steer found in violation of the BCFA General Livestock Rules, including unauthorized absence after validation, will result in disciplinary action up to and including project disqualification from the Brazoria County Fair.
8. All steers must remain in Brazoria County. If a steer will be removed from Brazoria County for a period exceeding 72 hours, notification forms must be received at the Brazoria County Fair office PRIOR to departure. Notification forms are available online and must be submitted to the Fair Office at least 72 business hours PRIOR to leaving the County. Requests that are not received within 72 business hours will be denied. This notification form must state where the animal will be and for how long. Absence from the County must have special written prior approval and signatures from the Livestock Superintendents and Division Chairman or Co-Chairman. Failure to abide by this rule will result in removal of the project

from the show. The animal must remain in the daily care of the exhibitor during the absence from the county unless prior written permission has been granted by the Division Chairman and or Co-Chairman. If the animal must leave Brazoria County for emergency vet care, the Division Chairman or Co-Chairman must be notified in writing within forty-eight (48) hours of departure.

Weigh-In and Classification:

7. American, British and AOB steers shall be present for weigh in and classification held on Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 10:30 am to 12 noon at the show arena. Any steer not present for the weigh in and classification will not be allowed in the show.
8. There will be no maximum weight.
9. Steers must weigh a minimum of 1000 pounds at Weigh-In and Classification. If a steer does not weigh 1000 pounds, the steer will be removed from the scales; the scales will be balanced; and the steer walked through the scales by the exhibitor and a designated committee person to be reweighed. A re-weigh will only happen one time.
10. Steers will be shown in three (3) breed classifications:
 - A. **American:** American Breed characteristics and features must be exhibited that consist of Bos Indicus or Bos Indicus containing breeds, either purebred, crosses among these breeds, or crossed with other breeds and exhibiting visibly obvious predominant characteristics and features of Bos Indicus or Bos Indicus - containing breeds.
 - B. **British:** *Angus:* Angus characteristics and features. No scurs. Black color with no white above underline in front of the naval or on the leg. *Hereford:* Horned Hereford characteristics and features. *Polled Hereford:* Polled Hereford characteristics and features. If scurred, must be present and must not have been tampered with. *Red Angus:* Angus characteristics and features. No scurs. No white in front of navel, above underline, or on legs. No combination of black on nose, eyes, and anus together. *Shorthorn:* Shorthorn characteristics. 'Or to include a combination of any of the above listed British Breeds here
 - C. **AOB:** Any steer not included in above.
11. Exhibitor, parent, immediate family member, or the 4-H/FFA advisor must be the only one that walks the steer through classification; the final determination of breed classification will be by the classifiers appointed by the steer committee.
12. Steer classification is solely based on visible Breed/Division characteristics.
13. There will be no registration papers, steer certificates or steer affidavits considered.
14. Steers which are not determined by the classifier to be in the correct breed class will be placed by the classifiers into the class that the steer displays visible characteristics of that breed.
15. Decisions of the judges including classifiers are final. No exceptions.
16. There will be no breed changes at the time of judging.

17. Steers will be judged by breed classification and will be divided into weight classes as determined by the Steer Committee. This will be determined after weigh in and classification is complete.

18. There will be no tooting of steers.

Show Day:

19. Show Day will be Sunday, October 15, 2023, at 5 pm in the Show Arena.

20. For exhibitor eligibility requirements, see General Livestock Department rules.

21. All steers shall be cross tied to the satisfaction of the Steer Committee.

22. All steers entered in the steer show shall be halter broke and gentle. Only Show Officials will be allowed to assist exhibitor during the judging if the steer becomes unruly. Any steer that gets away from the exhibitor more than two (2) times will be tied to the rail and judged from there. If a loose, unmanageable steer cannot be caught by Show Officials in a reasonable amount of time, the steer will be guided to a holding area and judged from the holding area. All show ring rules will apply to the holding area. The steer will not be returned to the arena for any reason. Judge will be informed of the Show Officials' decision and asked to continue to judge the steer while in the holding area. As such, exhibitor will not be eligible for Showmanship.

23. If rules cannot be followed steer will be disqualified

24. All 1st and 2nd place steers will be weighed prior to the close of each class. Any steer weighing more or less than 5% of their official Weigh-In weight, as determined during Weigh-In and Classification will be disqualified. If a steer is disqualified, all remaining qualified steers will advance in placing.

25. A Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion will be selected from each breed. The first place steer of each class of its particular breed will compete for Breed Champion. After the Breed Champion is selected, the second-place steer in the class that furnished the Breed Champion will compete with the remaining first place steers for Reserve Breed Champion.

26. There will be an overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion. The three Breed Champions will compete for the overall Grand Champion steer of the show. The Reserve Breed Champions are required to be brought into the Show Arena. After the Grand Champion has been selected, the Reserve Breed Champion of the breed that furnished the Grand Champion competes with the remaining Breed Champions for Reserve Grand Champion.

27. Any steer may be DNA tested at the request of the Livestock Superintendents and/or the Steer Committee Chairman or in the case of a protest.

28. There will be no fitting, watering, or feeding in or around the holding area. Except for comb, brush and show stick, no additional tack or fitting supplies, equipment, etc. will be allowed in or around the holding area. Only exhibitor and their steer will be allowed in the holding area.

29. Pumping is not allowed in or around holding area.

Showmanship:

30. A Junior (ages 8-10), Intermediate (ages 11-13), and Senior (ages 14-19) Showmanship Contest will be held during the judging process. SEE GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULE #17.

Jr. Livestock Auctions:

31. All steers must go through the sale order selection. Any exhibitor having more than one animal qualified for the Junior Livestock Auction (“JLA”) must sell the highest placing steer according to the judge’s sale order selection. In the event two animals have the same placing in the first six sale slots, the exhibitor must notify the Chairmen of this department within thirty (30) minutes after the show which one will sell; otherwise, the chairmen will determine which animal will sell.
32. The JLA Committee will set the maximum number of steers eligible for the JLA. All Breed Champions and Reserve Breed Champions will automatically be eligible for the sale.
33. Judge to determine remaining sale order beyond overall Grand Champion, overall Reserve Grand Champion and all Breed Champions and Reserve Breed Champions. American, British, and AOB.

Early and Final Release:

34. Based on the entries, if there is not enough stall space for all the cattle entries, all exhibitors with non-sale steers will be required to take their animal out between 7 am and 8 am, Wednesday, October 18, 2023. If there is adequate space for all cattle entries, the option of taking non-sale steers out at the stated time will exist.
35. Unsportsmanlike conduct, including but not limited to inappropriate conversation or comments on any social network of any contestants, parents and/or family members will not be tolerated. Any unsportsmanlike conduct may result in disqualification from competition and/or withdrawal of titles.
36. Any animal that exhibits signs of being unethically altered or fit will be disqualified. See General Livestock Rule #11.
37. The BCFA Executive Board reserves the right to change, alter, amend and/or delete all rules and decisions without prior notice.