



## Fort Bend County Fair Association 2022-2023 Calf Scramble Rules and Regulations

### PURPOSE

To provide 4-H and FFA boys and girls the opportunity of selecting, caring for, feeding, training, and showing breeding beef heifers for show purposes.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must have reached their 13th, but NOT their 18th birthday on September 29, 2022, and not be enrolled beyond their junior year in high school.
- Applicants must be enrolled in and considered eligible in a Fort Bend County 4-H or FFA at the time of application and if selected, at the time of scramble, and if they catch or receive a hard-luck calf must remain active through the duration of the project.
- Applicants must be a resident of Fort Bend County or zoned to a Fort Bend County School. Applicant must be financially capable to supply any additional funds that may be needed to purchase a heifer and to feed and care for it.
- Applicant must be able to provide suitable facilities for caring and developing a heifer. Heifer must be kept in Fort Bend County.
- Applicant must be capable to devote the appropriate time and attention to the heifer and return to the 2023 show with a heifer that all parties involved will be proud to display.
- Applicant must also have the required time it takes to submit all monthly paperwork, year-end essays, and scrapbook.

### PHYSICAL REQUIREMENT

- Participants must be able to run and perform procedures necessary to scramble.
- Applicant must weigh at least 100 pounds.
- Participants appearing to have broken limbs or evidence of a previous/recent injury (cast, ace bandage, support brace, etc.) will automatically be disqualified and replaced by an alternate.

### CONDITIONS

Calf Scramble entry forms will be available by **August 4, 2022**, at [www.fortbendcountyfair.com](http://www.fortbendcountyfair.com)  
Entry forms must be turned in by **September 15, 2022**.

**Selection of Participants** - Participants will be selected on the basis of adequate facilities, availability of resources, and desire to raise and show a registered beef heifer. Priority will be given to those applicants that were received first and those applicants that have never scrambled at the Fort Bend County Fair. Once the necessary paperwork has been received and verified by the office, qualified applicants will be notified of their acceptance as a participant or alternate, the date and time they are to participate, and where they are to meet. This official notification will be sent to the applicant by the Fort Bend County Fair Association.

Applications for potential scramblers must be signed by the applicant, by both parents or legal guardian(s), and by the applicant's Animal Science Teacher or County Extension Agent.

**All scramblers are required to complete a Release of Liability and return it with the application.**

There will be two (2) scramble performances, one Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and one Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Applicant must be flexible to scramble whichever night he or she is selected to scramble. All participants must meet T.E.A. eligibility requirements to compete.

**RULES**

- Each scrambler that catches will receive a \$1,000.00 certificate to be used towards the purchase of a registered breeding beef heifer.
- A thank you letter must be written to the scramble sponsor and submitted to the Fair Office. The Fair Office will forward the letters to the scramble sponsors. **Calf Scramble Certificates will not be issued until the thank you letter is received from the scrambler.**
- Winners can purchase animals from themselves, immediate family members, or their ranches (family ranches or partnerships).
- Checks will NOT be issued to 4-H clubs, FFA chapters, students, parents, or supervisors unless purchased from a family with proof.
- If you have purchase certificates from Houston or San Antonio, they may be combined with your Fort Bend County Fair Association certificate to purchase a beef heifer project.
- The purchase certificate should be given to the seller who is responsible for transferring the registration certificate to the scrambler's name. The seller must send a bill of sale of the original registration certification and the original scramble certificate to the Livestock office.
- Payment will not be made to the seller until the above papers are received. The check will be mailed directly to the seller upon receipt in the Fair Office, of the completed certificate and bill of sale or original registration certificate or copy in the name of the exhibitor.
- Heifer must be purchased by **May 11, 2023**, and shall be born during the calendar year in which the scramble heifer certificate was issued.
- Scrambler must have possession of heifer by **May 11, 2023** provide paperwork of location of heifer and date of ownership at the commercial heifer tag in or mailed into Fair Office before the above date.
- All winners must return to the 2023 Fort Bend County Fair and show their heifer in the Scramble Heifer Show.
- Successful scramblers will be required to send monthly reports to their Sponsor, Agriculture Science Teacher, or County Extension Agent and the Fort Bend County Fair Office by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month. These forms can be emailed to Taylor Zawacki at [tgarcia@bcfa.org](mailto:tgarcia@bcfa.org), but they **must** be a scanned copy PDF version only. The reports may also be hand-delivered to the Fair Office or mailed to Fort Bend County Fair, Attn: Taylor Garcia, PO Box 428, Rosenberg, TX 77471.
- A record book **must** be maintained for all records of expenses and management of the purchased animal for the Fort Bend County Fair. The Fort Bend County Fair Livestock Show and Calf Scramble record book **must** be delivered or received if mailed, to the

office by 4:00 p.m. on **August 24, 2023**. Record books will be judged for the “Most Outstanding Record Book”. First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth place record books will be awarded cash prizes. **Only record books that have included all the required information will be judged.** If record books are not received in the Fair Office 2 days prior to the scramble show the exhibitor will not be eligible to show their animal in the competition. **The Fair Office will provide guidelines for the record book.**

- An essay with a minimum of 250 words must be written about the project and bound in the record book along with copies of all monthly reports and photos of the project.
- Winners who fail to fulfill their obligations will have their Calf Scramble Certificates revoked, will be required to repay the certificate value to the Fort Bend County Fair, and will be required to provide a letter of explanation to the donor and the Fair Office. If repayment is not made within 30 days of the 2023 Show, Fort Bend County Fair Association reserves the right to repossess the scramble heifer. Special circumstances apply and are reviewed by the calf scramble committee.
- Beef animal purchased must be a registered heifer of one of the following breeds.

<b><u>American</u></b>	<b><u>British</u></b>	<b><u>Exotic</u></b>
Brahman	Angus	Charolais
Brangus	Shorthorn	Limousin
Santa Gertrudis	Red Angus	Maine-Anjou
Simbrah	Hereford	Simmental
Beefmaster	Polled Hereford	Chianina
Red Brangus	Other Recognize	Other Registered Breeds
Texas Longhorn	British Breeds	
American Registered		

- Entries and awards are subject to the Fort Bend County Fair Association General Rules and Regulations and Livestock Department Rules and Regulations. The judge’s decision is final.

## **Note: A copy of any papers will be accepted**

### **DRESS**

Participants must wear long pants and comfortable shoes. A belt is not required but strongly suggested. No oversized belt buckles larger than 4 inches. Please remember that you will be running in dirt, so the more comfortable you are, the easier it is to run. All contestants will be provided with a t-shirt. No jewelry or hats are allowed.

### **LIABILITY**

The Fort Bend County Fair Association and/or Calf Scramble Committee are not responsible for any accidents which may occur to any participant in the Calf Scramble before, during, or after the event. All participants are required to turn in a Release of Liability with the application (No Exceptions).