FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
2023 STEER SHOW

CHAIRMAN: Alan Black
Co-Chair: David Koerth

ONLINE ENTRY/PAPERWORK DEADLINE	**Thursday, March 23, 2023**	**4:00 p.m.**
TAG-IN	**Tuesday, March 28, 2023**	**5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**
STEER UNLOADING	**Thursday, September 28, 2023**	**begins 4:00 p.m.**
CHECK–IN/CLASSIFY	**Thursday, September 28, 2023**	**6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**
SHOW	**Saturday, September 30, 2023**	**6:30 p.m.**
CHECK-OUT	**Sunday, October 8, 2023**	**7:30 – 10:00 a.m.**

THREE DIVISIONS OF STEERS TO BE SHOWN

- **American**
- **British**
- **AOB**

AWARDS

- Overall Grand Champion Steer – Buckle & Banner
- Overall Reserve Champion Steer – Buckle & Banner
- Division Champion Steer – Banner
- Division Reserve Champion Steer – Banner
- Class Champions – Banner
- 2nd – 5th Place – Leather Ribbon
- Champion Division Showmanship – Buckle
- Reserve Division Showmanship - Award
- Best Gaining Steer – Award will be awarded to the exhibitor whose steer has the best overall weight gain from the official tag-in date, March 28, 2023, to the weigh-in date, September 28, 2023.

RULES

1. All Steer Show entries are subject to the Fort Bend County Fair Association General Rules and Regulations and the Livestock General Rules and Regulations.

2. *****Prior to tag-in exhibitors are required to submit their entry and $20.00 entry fee online at https://fbcfa.fairwire.com no later than March 23, 2023. All steers must be tagged in for entry and weighed on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds in Barn H between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 pm. All paperwork (entry form, W9, and Release of Liability) must be submitted and completed by March 23, 2023. Online Entry will only allow the exhibitor to enter one steer online. The exhibitor can still tag-in multiple steers. Each exhibitor will only be allowed to bring one steer to official check-in at Fair time. NO ALTERNATES WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE OFFICIAL FAIR WEIGH-IN. If a late entry form and/or paperwork is turned in and/or completed at tag-in, Fort Bend County Fair will access a $50.00 late fee along with the $20.00 entry fee. *****

3. No steer may possess any other tag(s) at tag-in or Fair time other than major show validation tag or Texas State Fair validation tag. Breeder tags must be removed or will be removed by the committee.

4. All animals shall remain in Fort Bend County, at the address listed on the exhibitor's registration form, under the daily care of the exhibitor. Fort Bend County Fair projects are subject to random facility checks by Fort Bend County Fair officials. If an animal is found to be out of the county, during an official check, it will result in the project being disqualified from the Fort Bend County Fair. Animals will be allowed to leave the county overnight for shows, grooming or hoof trimming. Any animal needing to be absent from Fort Bend County for more than 72 hours must notify Fair Office to obtain approval from the Species Chairman and/or Livestock Superintendent.

5. No animal, once checked in at Fair time, may leave the interior gate premises until designated check-out times. Any animal observed outside the fenced area (i.e., parking lot) is subject to disqualification.

6. Any steer that gets away from the exhibitor more than two (2) times will be tied to the rail and judged from there. In the event that 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. The judge will be informed of Show Officials' decision and asked to continue to judge the steer while in the holding area. As such, the exhibitor will not be eligible for Showmanship.

7. No fans will be allowed on steers anywhere outside of the 6-foot head panels. The only fans allowed are hanging front, side, and rear fans. Not allowed includes butt fans on stands in the aisles and NO personal port-a-coolers

8. Steers will be shown in three division classifications:

AMERICAN

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

- Any color patterns
- Progression of importance to include Bos indicus head, eye, and ear of moderate length, slightly dropping and opens forward and down
- Crest or slick neck
- Sheath score of 2 or more

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- Bos Taurus head
- Bos Taurus short ear
- Bos Taurus eye
- Sheath score of 1

Absolute Disqualifications:

- A combination of Bos Taurus head, eye, and ear characteristics

BRITISH

- ***Angus*:** Purebred Angus characteristics and features. No scurs. Black color with no white above underline in front of the navel or on the leg.
- ***Polled Hereford:*** Purebred Horned Hereford characteristics and features. If scurred, scurs must be present and must not have been tampered with.
- ***Hereford:*** Purebred Horned Hereford characteristics and features.
- ***Red Angus:*** **100**% Purebred, 1A Red 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:*** Purebred (15/16 or higher) Shorthorn characteristics

AOB Any steer not included in British or American

9. Steers will be classified at Fair time. It will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to declare the division classification to be entered on the official entry card at the weigh-in at the Fair. However, a final determination of division will be made by the classifier(s) appointed by the Show Management. This determination is based on the visible characteristics of the steer. The judgment of breed classifier(s) is final and not subject to protest. There will be no division classification changes at the time of judging. Any steer in the wrong class will not be allowed to show. If an exhibitor is unable to attend official weigh-in and classification due to other school or Fair related activities, they must inform the Division Chairman/Co-Chairman in writing and have another exhibitor or Steer Committee Member present the steer.

10. Any steer not classified in the American or British Division will automatically go to the AOB Division.

11. Judging and sale order will be as follows for the 2023 Steer Show: **There will be one overall Grand Champion & Reserve Champion Steer. The three (3) division champions will compete for the overall Grand Champion steer of the show. The reserve division champions are required to be brought into the show arena. After the Grand Champion has been selected, the Reserve division champion of the breed that furnished the Grand Champion competes with the remaining division champions for Reserve Grand Champion. The judge will determine the remaining sale order beyond Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion & all divisional champions. Show order for 2023 shall be AOB, American, & British.**

12. Steers will be judged by division classification and for the purpose of judging may be divided into weight classes as determined by the Steer Chairman along with a Director in Charge and Livestock Superintendent/Livestock Assistant Superintendent. **The minimum show weight at Fair Check-in is 1000 pounds.**

13. Exhibitors called back for Showmanship must show their own project (animal) – no substitute project (animal) allowed. Exhibitors called back for Showmanship must show the animal they checked in.

14. No change of the color pattern of the animal by painting or dying will be allowed.

15. The 2023 show will be a Slick Shorn show. All steers will not have any hair length longer than ¼" on any part of the body, other than the center of the tail down. If any exhibitor's steer is found to have excessive hair from the steer officials of the Fort Bend County Fair Association, the exhibitor will be disqualified and asked to remove their steer from the grounds one hour after check-in. An exhibitor will not be allowed to protest a hair length disqualification. There will not be any "touching up" after the steer has been checked in and will not be allowed to return to the weigh-in area.

16. **Judge's decision is final, including classifiers and hair judge.**

17. Touch-up clipping will only be permitted prior to weigh-in.

18. Exhibitors must furnish their own shavings.

19. All steers must be secured with a neck rope and halter when tied in a stall. A rope halter cannot be a slide ring rope halter. It must be a full rope halter.

20. No grooming material of any kind is allowed at showtime.

21. The top forty-two (42) steers will remain in the barn for the duration of the Fair. If your steer does not place in the top forty-two (42) and you want to take your steer home you may. Non-placing steers can check out the following day at the posted time. If you want to exhibit in Project Presentation, you may switch with someone in the top forty-two (42), provided they did not make the Jr. Livestock Auction. All exhibitors making a switch to stay for Project Presentation must have entry approved by the Chairman.

22. Check out for all Steers making the Jr. Livestock Auction or the Freezer Sale will be on **Sunday, October 8, 2023, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** as outlined in the Fort Bend County Fair Livestock Schedule. Exhibitors must attend to clean up their pen/stall/area to receive their disposition papers.

23. All decisions are subject to change by the decision of the Fort Bend County Fair Board of Directors without prior notice.