



Fort Bend County Fair Association

2026-2027 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 October 03, 2026, 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 for 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 2026 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 3, 2026**, at www.fortbendcountyfair.com. Entry forms must be turned in by **September 17, 2026**.

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, October 02, 2026, and one Saturday, October 03, 2026. Applicants 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

1. Each scrambler that catches will receive a \$1,000.00 certificate to be used towards the purchase of a registered breeding beef heifer.
2. A thank you letter must be written to the scramble sponsor and submitted to the Fair Office by **Tuesday, November 04, 2025**. 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.**
3. Winners can purchase animals from themselves, immediate family members, or their ranches (family ranches or partnerships).
4. Checks will NOT be issued to 4-H clubs, FFA chapters, students, parents, or supervisors unless purchased from a family with proof.
5. The Fort Bend County Fair Association Certificate may be combined with other certificates to purchase a beef heifer project.
6. 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, the original registration certification **reflecting ownership in the name of the scrambler** and the original scramble certificate to the Livestock office.
7. 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.
8. Heifer must be purchased by **May 07, 2026**, and shall be born during the calendar year in which the scramble heifer certificate was issued.
9. Scrambler must have possession of heifer by **May 07, 2026**.
10. All winners must return to the 2026 Fort Bend County Fair and show their heifer in the Scramble Heifer Show. **Online entry is required to be completed by May 07, 2026.**
11. 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 on the due date specified in the record book guidelines provided. These forms can be emailed to livestock@fbcfa.org, but they **must** be in PDF format only. The reports may also be hand-delivered to the Fair Office or mailed to Fort Bend County Fair, Attn: Livestock Dept., PO Box 428, Rosenberg, TX 77471.
12. 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 **September 01, 2026**. 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 by **September 01, 2026** if they are not received the exhibitor will not be eligible to show their animal in the competition. **The Fair Office will provide guidelines for the record book.**
13. 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.
14. 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 sponsor and the Fair Office. If repayment is not made within 30 days of the 2026 Show, Fort Bend County Fair Association reserves the right to repossess the scramble heifer. Special circumstances may apply and are reviewed by the directors in charge of livestock and the fair manager.

15. Beef animal purchased must be a registered heifer of one of the following breeds.

American

Brahman
Brangus
Santa Gertrudis
Simbrah
Beefmaster
Red Brangus
Texas Longhorn
American Registered

British

Angus
Shorthorn
Red Angus
Hereford
Polled Hereford
Other Recognize
British Breeds

Exotic

Charolais
Limousin
Maine-Anjou
Simmental
Chianina
Other Registered Breeds

16. 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, close-toed 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).