

2026 GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC.
JUNIOR LIVESTOCK COMMITMENT RULES

1. The sale of market animals sold by commitment will be handled through the Galveston County Fair and Rodeo, Inc., Office. **ALL SALES ARE FINAL.** ALL exhibitors **MUST** have met all divisional and general livestock rules.
2. Each exhibitor will be responsible to feed and care until the animal is released from the Fairgrounds. A Completed animal release is required to remove your animal from the fairgrounds for all check outs. Any animal that is sold in the Auction is NOT eligible for a commitment.
3. Commitment forms will be accepted:
 - Prior to the Fair:** in the Fair Office (Brick building at Main Entrance) until 5 pm on Thursday, April 16th
 - During the Fair:** in the Livestock Office (across from the Livestock Pavilion Show Ring) from 5 pm Friday, April 17th, until 1 pm on Friday, April 24th. *Forms will not be accepted in the Livestock Office after 1 pm Friday, April 24th, but may be brought in after the fair to the Fair Office.*
 - After the Fair:** in the Fair Office from Monday, April 27th until Thursday, May 7th during regular office hours.
4. Exhibitors may sign up for an Open Commitment **AFTER** the end of the class in which they were shown. You may not sign up prior to the showing of your animal or if you have placed high enough to sell in the Auction. **REMEMBER, SIGNING UP FOR AN OPEN COMMITMENT DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT A COMMITMENT WILL BE ISSUED TO ALL WHO NEED ONE.**
5. If you sign up for an Open Commitment and then find that you no longer need an Open Commitment (i.e. you found a commitment on your own or decided you no longer wish to sell your animal), then you MUST come to the Livestock Office and speak to a committee person to remove your name from the list.
6. Exhibitors are responsible for checking the commitment lists that are posted outside of the Livestock Office after 3pm Thursday, April 23rd to see if a commitment has come in or been issued to that exhibitor. These lists will be updated daily through Sunday, April 26th. If your name is on the commitment list you must check with the Livestock Office after noon on Friday, April 24th to get a copy of the commitment for destination instructions (where to deliver the animal) and Buyer information for your thank you card.
7. Exhibitors are responsible for making sure the commitment animal gets to their destination. If your destination instructions say you must deliver the animal to the buyer, or a charity then you must call and make arrangements to do so. Remember to get a Proof of Delivery Form signed when you deliver the animal. If your animal is to be delivered to one of these packing houses, Doreck's, Going's, Jackson's or if your animal was donated back to the fair, you must bring your animal back to the fairgrounds on May 2nd from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
8. All commitments will be charged a five (5) percent commission.
9. Exhibitors' checks will be ready for pick-up by the exhibitor (signature required) no later than sixty (60) days after the close of the Fair (usually in June) and CHECKS MUST BE PICKED UP BY SEPTEMBER 1 OF THE SAME YEAR OR THESE FUNDS WILL BE FORFEITED BY THE EXHIBITOR AND REVERTED TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND. A Proof of Delivery Form (when applicable), along with a stamped envelope with a thank you letter/card addressed to the Buyer MUST be received by the Fair Office before checks will be issued.

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