

2026 GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC.
JUNIOR AUCTION RULES
CHAIRMAN: Clay Menotti
AUCTION DATE: *Wednesday, April 22, 2026*

1. The sale of market animals sold during the week of the fair or commitments made in the name of the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo will be handled through the Galveston County Fair and Rodeo, Inc., Office. **ALL SALES ARE FINAL.**
2. **All animals making the Auction MUST sell in the Junior Auction.** However, exhibitors are allowed to sell only two (2) entries in the Junior Auction. You may sell two (2) different animals, one (1) animal and one (1) project (Youth Project or Ag Mechanics) or two (2) projects (one (1) Youth Project and one (1) Ag Mechanics).
3. Upon completion of exhibitor's last show, any exhibitor having more than two (2) animals eligible for the Auction must **complete an Auction Drop Certificate to specify which animal will not be sold.** The Auction Committee retains the right to select, at its discretion, which two (2) animals will be placed in the Auction **if the exhibitor fails to complete an Auction Drop Certificate.**
4. **Exhibitor, parent, guardian, or responsible party shall NOT approach Buyer for special considerations. Exhibitors selling in the Auction are PROHIBITED from making any substitutions of items sold. See General Rule #42.**
5. The number of livestock from each division, to be sold through the Auction, will be determined by the Auction Committee.
6. The sale order for each division will be as follows: Overall Grand Champion; Overall Reserve Champion of each breed will be sold first. Exception: **If an exhibitor has both Grand & Reserve of the same division, only the Grand Champion will sell.** Then, in descending order, top placings in each class will be sold until the allotted number has been reached.
7. A sale order will be posted after the final market show. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to be in place at the Auction gate when called. Failure to appear when called will result in that lot being sold, regardless.
8. Only the exhibitor will be allowed on the Auction stage during the sale of each animal. If a substitute exhibitor is required due to No Pass - No Play, only the substitute exhibitor is allowed on the Auction stage during the sale of that animal.
9. Exhibitors may not enter the auction event unless they have a Buyer Guest Wristband.
10. Ag Teacher Advisors and 4-H Club Managers may only enter the auction event as a registered Buyer or Buyer Guest with an appropriate wristband.
11. **NO BUYER GIFTS ALLOWED ON GCF&R PREMISES. PICTURES AT AUCTION ARE LIMITED TO BUYER AND EXHIBITOR ONLY!**
12. Any animal sold through the Auction becomes the sole property of the Buyer. However, each **exhibitor will be responsible to feed and care for the animal for the duration of the Fair** until the animal is released from the Fairgrounds. **Any animal that is sold in the Auction is NOT eligible for a commitment.**
13. **Any exhibitor who has sold an animal MUST pick-up a copy of the completed auction sale form or commitment form from the Livestock Office beginning at 12 noon Friday, April 24, 2026.**
14. Exhibitors will pay a five percent (5%) sales commission on any exhibited animal that is sold through Auction. Cost of two (2) pictures for each Auction sale entry will be deducted from the Auction check.
15. It is **MANDATORY** that the exhibitor bring a stamped envelope with a "Thank You" card addressed to the buyer and a proof of delivery form (when applicable) to the Fair Office before checks will be released.
16. The Fair Office will mail the thank you cards. **ALL EXHIBITORS MUST COME TO THE FAIR OFFICE TO SIGN FOR THEIR CHECK.** Checks will be ready for pick up no later than 60 days after the close of the Fair (usually in June) and the checks **must be picked up by September 1** of the same year. If your check has not been picked up by this date it will then be voided and reverted to the scholarship fund.
17. ALL exhibitors **MUST** have met all divisional and general livestock rules.

18. **The Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., will not be responsible for purchasing animals at the auction nor will the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., be responsible for purchasing animals whose price does not meet the commitment price.**

Fair officials reserve the right to change the rules, dates, times and places due to unforeseen circumstances.

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