

2026 GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC.  
JUNIOR BREEDING BEEF DIVISION RULES  
-HEIFERS, COWS, CALVES, BULLS-  
CHAIRPERSON: STACY L. BOUSE  
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TAG-IN:	Saturday, October 25, 2025, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 am (See Rules 3 & 5)
ENTRIES DUE:	All entries, fees and required paperwork will be due to the fair office no later than 6:00 p.m. January 22, 2026, and must be submitted by 4-H Leader or Ag Teacher, ONLY. NO REFUNDS FOR ANY REASON
ENTRY FEE:	\$30.00 per Head
CHECK-IN & CLASSIFICATION:	Thursday, April 16, 2026, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
JUDGING:	Friday, April 17, 2026, 5:00 p.m. All buckle winners will be required to complete a thank you card by the end of show. Thank you cards will be provided by the committee for this show only.
CHECK-OUT:	<u>Saturday, April 18, 2026, 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - All Head</u>

1. All entries for this division will be subject to the General Livestock Rules of the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. except where they conflict with the requirements of this division in which case the division rules will prevail. In the event of special circumstances that may arise, or a conflict between rules, decisions of the Show Chairperson and the Livestock Superintendent will be final.
2. Each animal may only be entered and shown in the Junior Breeding Beef Division or the Junior Commercial Heifer Show. The exhibitor must have separate animals for each show.
3. All Breeding Beef must be at least four (4) months old at tag-in.
4. **APPROVED REGISTERED BREED:** Animals may be shown as Registered only if that breed is on the list of Approved Registered Breeds for this show. (See next page for list of Approved Registered Breeds.) Registered breeding heifers, cows and bulls with papers for an Approved Registered Breed do not have to come to the fairgrounds for tag-in on October 25, 2025. **However, the exhibitor must come to the fairgrounds along with the original registered papers showing that the heifer, cow or bull is registered in the exhibitor's name** (exception: Longhorn Breed) and one (1) copy of the registration papers to be given to the Chairperson. The Tattoo or firebrand must match the registered papers or the animal will be disqualified. This information will be verified at check-in.
5. **ALL NON-REGISTERED AND PAPERS PENDING HEIFERS, COWS AND BULLS MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE FAIRGROUNDS FOR NOSE-PRINTING AND TAG-IN ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025 FROM 8:00 am TO 11:00 am.** The required Registration Papers for exhibitors with Papers Pending for an Approved Registered Breed must be turned in to the Fair Office by January 22, 2026, no later than 6:00 p.m. in order for the animal to be changed to a registered breed. Otherwise, the animal will be classified with other non-registered animals at check-in.
6. All Bulls will be shown by age classes.
7. **Breeding Cattle must be no younger than 10 months and no older than 36 months of age as of check-in to be eligible to show in the Jr. Breeding Beef Show. For a cow/calf pair calves cannot be older than 90 days at tag-in (Oct. 25, 2025). You must provide date of birth of the calf on validation form if the calf is born prior to tag-in (Oct. 25, 2025). A calf must be no older than 9 months of age as of check-in to be eligible to be shown with its mother as a cow/calf pair.**
8. Only the GCF&R or TX validation tag numbers will be used for identification. All ear tags except the GCF&R and TX validation tag must be removed prior to or during tag-in and these should be the only tags present at check-in. Alterations to the GCF&R or TX validation tags – change to size, shape, form or color – will void the tag. (See General Rule #9)
9. The Junior Breeding Beef Committee must be notified immediately if a NON-REGISTERED/PAPERS PENDING ear tag is lost. All heifers, cows, calves, or bulls will be retagged and verified by the Jr. Breeding Beef/Livestock Committee(s) at this time. The heifer, cow, calf, or bull will be subjected to review by such said committee and may be subjected to disqualification.
10. **All Non-Registered animals will be classified to be shown as A.B.C. or A.O.B. at check-in. The decision of the Classifier at check-in will be final.**

11. Only Scissors or cordless clippers may be used for cosmetic clipping hair touch up prior to entering the show staging area. All animal grooming of your cattle before the show must be done in the designated grooming/power plant area only. Blow dryers will be allowed to be used only at the designated grooming/power plant area. No generators will be allowed under the livestock barn.
12. All exhibitors must lead their heifer, cow, calf or bull from trailer to Check-in Area. Any breeding stock which cannot be handled by Exhibitor during check-in will be sifted.
13. All heifers, cows and bulls must be halter broken for the Fair and cross-tied with one rope around the neck and one from the halter. Calves must be haltered, but not required to be cross-tied. Animals exhibited in the Junior Breeding Beef Show must be trained, fitted, and dressed for show by the exhibitor, County Extension Agent, Vo-Ag Teachers, 4-H leaders, or family all of which must be residents of Galveston County. (Any discrepancies will be brought before Livestock Superintendent).
14. ALL animals will remain in their designated area, Bulls in their designated area and Heifers/Cows in their designated area.  
**See General Rule #24**
15. The Junior Breeding Beef Committee reserves the right to expel unruly animals from the Fairgrounds at any time.
16. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their heifer, cow, calf or bull and keeping the breeding barn area clean at all times. Failure to comply, as determined by the Junior Breeding Chairman and Livestock Superintendent, will result in removal of the animal from the Fairgrounds, forfeiture of all prizes and awards, and/or further disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. Executive Committee.
17. NO hay for bedding will be allowed. Shavings will be permitted at exhibitors' expense, but not provided by GCF&R. Exhibitors' shavings cannot be stored on fairgrounds. All bedding must be cleaned up at time of release.
18. If an exhibitor has more than one animal in a class, due to the combining of divisions or the showing of cow/calf pair, the exhibitor may obtain an eligible stand-in exhibitor.
19. Drench guns may be used. Stomach pumping, drenching tubes or any other method (by esophagus) is prohibited.

**APPROVED REGISTERED BREEDS:**

**American Division:** ABC – Non Registered, OARB – Other American Registered Breeds, Beefmaster, Brangus – Red & Black, Brahman – Red & Grey, Longhorn, Santa Gertrudis and Simbrah

**British Division:** Angus – Red & Black, Hereford, Mini Hereford, Shorthorn

**Exotic Division:** AOB – Non Registered, ORB – Other Registered Breeds, Charolais, Chianina, Limousin, Maine Anjou, Simmental

**\*ANY CATTLE REGISTERED UNDER INTERNATIONAL BEEF CATTLE REGISTRY - CLUB CALF MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE FAIRGROUNDS AT TAG-IN. A.B.C. OR A.O.B. CLASSIFICATION WILL BE DONE AT CHECK-IN AND THE DECISION OF THE CLASSIFIER WILL BE FINAL.**

**\*\*The Breeding Beef Division Chairman has the right to combine breeds, if insufficient in number and create a class or classes if deemed necessary.\*\***

**All heifers and cows are subject to age classification as of April 16, 2026.**

**CLASSES**

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| <b>1. 10 – 14 Months</b> | <b>Feb. 17, 2025 – June 16, 2025</b>   |
| <b>2. 14 – 19 Months</b> | <b>Sept. 17, 2024 – Feb. 16, 2025</b>  |
| <b>3. 19 – 24 Months</b> | <b>April 17, 2024 – Sept. 16, 2024</b> |
| <b>4. 24 – 30 Months</b> | <b>Oct. 17, 2023 – April 16, 2024</b>  |
| <b>5. 30 – 36 Months</b> | <b>April 17, 2023 – Oct. 16, 2023</b>  |

\*Bulls will **not** return for showmanship.

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