

2026 GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC.
LIVESTOCK JUDGING RULES
CHAIRPERSON: JAMEY WARE BRIGGS - 409-795-9026

ENTRY FEE:	\$40.00 per team or \$20.00 per person
REGISTRATION:	Registration will take place the day of the contest, Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., at the Livestock Pavilion.
JUDGING TIME:	Saturday, April 25, 2026, beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m.
AWARDS:	Saturday, April 25, 2026, at the Livestock Pavilion approximately 1 hour following contest.

1. All contestants must be bonafide 4-H or FFA members and will be subject to current provisions of the Texas House Bill #72 and State Board of Education Rule 19TAC97.113 (No Pass-No Play). It is not required to submit an eligibility form to the livestock judging committee.
2. There will be a Junior and Senior Division. Junior Division consists of ages 8 - 13, Senior Division consists of ages 14 - 19, as of day of the contest. Teams will be classified by the age of the oldest member.
3. Teams may be made up of 3 or 4 members. For four (4) member teams, the lowest score of the team will be dropped from team scores.
4. Contestants will be allowed 6 minutes per class, after 1 minute past you may touch the animals. Touching time will be announced in each class by committee person. Additionally, touching of the animals will be at the discretion of the livestock judging committee. Eight (8) classes will be judged with two (2) question classes.
5. All animals are to be judged as market animal classes, with exception of heifers.
6. Scantron sheets will be used for scoring and provided by GCF&R and all scores will be tabulated by computer. Each contestant will be provided ONE scantron sheet. Replacement scantron sheets will cost \$1.00 per sheet. No scantron sheets will be replaced after they are turned in. All scantron sheets must be completed in full – First and Last Name, Team Name, Age Division, Placings, and Questions. All areas should be completely filled out legibly and bubbled in correctly with pencil. **NO CORRECTIONS WILL BE MADE** by Livestock Judging Committee.
7. Any late, incomplete or incorrectly marked scantrons/scorecards that are turned in for scoring will be disqualified.
8. No score cards will be returned, but will be loaded on judgingcard.com
9. All participants must comply with the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. General Rules and Regulations, unless otherwise specified.
10. The Livestock Committee reserves the right to use any animal for the participation in the Livestock Judging contest to be held during the Fair (See General Rule #40). On the day of the Livestock Judging Contest, **ABSOLUTELY NO** youth exhibitors will be allowed in the Livestock Pavilion from 7:00 am until the conclusion of the contest (approximately 11:00 am). Exhibitors may feed their animal before 6:45am or after 11:00am when the contest is over.

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