2027 GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC.

MARKET SWINE RULES

CHAIRPERSON: **Mark Reagan**

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VALIDATION & TAG-IN:	**Sunday, January 17, 2027, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**
ENTRIES DUE:	**All entries, fees and required paperwork will be due to the fair office no later than 6:00 p.m. January 28, 2027, and must be submitted by 4-H Leader or Ag Teacher, ONLY. NO REFUNDS FOR ANY REASON**
ENTRY FEE:	**$35.00 per head**
CHECK-IN:	**Saturday, April 10, 2027, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**
WEIGH-IN TIME:	**Weight Cards must be submitted to the check-in table no later than 2:00pm on Saturday, April 10, 2027.**
JUDGING:	**Sunday, April 11, 2027, 4:30 p.m.**
ANIMAL RELEASE:	**Release Forms will be filled out at time of release at the Swine area by Exhibitor, Parent or 4H/Ag Leader on Monday**
EARLY RELEASE	**Monday, April 12, 2027, Exhibitor pick 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. at swine area. For all non-auction placing swine (see rule 15)**
FINAL CHECK-OUT:	**Sunday, April 18, 2027, Exhibitor Pick up only 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.**

For Auction Swine not going to the packing house (see rule 15)

***All releases for packing companies need to be turned in no later than 9:00 a.m*.**

Packing House final release 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

COMMITMENT ANIMALS NEED TO RETURN FOR PROCESSING April 24, 2027

8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Swine area

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, the decisions of the Show Chairperson and the Livestock Superintendent will be final.**
2. All swine must be presented for validation and/or ear-tagging on Sunday, January 17, 2027, from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. All swine must be owned by the Exhibitor on this date. The validation process will consist of a) ear-tagging, b) recording of ear notching, and c) signing of validation form by exhibitor and parent/guardian or representative.
3. All swine will be subject to ear notching verification at any time.
4. Exhibitors in the Galveston County Market Swine Show may show only one (1) swine, either a market barrow or a market gilt.
5. Check-in will be on Saturday, April 10, 2027, **10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.**
6. **Pigs must weigh not less than 220 pounds and not more than 290 pounds. NO break will be allowed.**
7. **All Market Swine will be weighed by the exhibitor on the designated scales provided by the Swine Committee. Each exhibitor must return the weight card to the official check-in table no later than 2:00 pm on Saturday, April 10, 2027. At this time the exhibitor/substitute exhibitor must be present to get their swine show armband for entrance into the swine barn area during the show. The weight card is the INDIVIDUAL OFFICIAL WEIGHT. Once the weight card is turned in, absolutely no changes can be made. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
8. Pens will be assigned to clubs and chapters at the time of Check-in. No moving of animals from assigned pens will be allowed without prior permission of the Swine Chairperson. Only exhibitor, a parent/guardian and/or a leader will be allowed in the swine area at the time of check-in/ the weighing of animals.

9. Shavings will be permitted as bedding in swine pens at exhibitors' expense. Exhibitors' shavings cannot be stored on the fairgrounds. No Hay to be put in pens. **Pens MUST BE CLEANED at the time of animal removal. (carpet, trash etc.) Each Club/Chapter will be held responsible for insuring this is followed.**
10. Only Scissors or cordless clippers may be used for Cosmetic clipping hair touch up prior to entering the show staging area. Pigs must be checked-in and shown clean. Only water-based show products as a dressing. No oil, paint, or any other substance will be permitted on the pigs. Each pig will be checked at the entry gate and violators of this rule will be disqualified.
11. **You will be allowed to feed in the pen.** If you feed in the pen and are sharing, you must supply your own partition. You must not leave feed and water buckets unattended! The use of PVC pipe waterers will be limited to 4" diameter pipe up to 4 feet long. The waterer must be firmly secured to pen. If sharing a pen with another exhibitor a partition must be installed at all times if using PVC pipe waterer. **The Livestock Committee will not be responsible for injuries related to use of PVC pipe waterers in Swine pens.** Failure to comply, as determined by the Swine Chairperson 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.
12. Market swine will be broken into 9 classes of equal or near equal numbers according to weight.
13. **Only Exhibitors, Ag teachers, or 4-H Club swine leaders will be allowed in the Swine Barn during the Show. Exhibitors/Substitute Exhibitors Must be wearing a swine show armband that they received at the weight card table in order to be admitted. Teachers and Leaders MUST be wearing designated armbands to be admitted. Only Exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the Show Ring during the show**.
14. The top three (3) swine in each class will be re-weighed. (Any hog weighing more than ten (10) pounds of the individual official weight will be disqualified. If a hog is disqualified, the class placing will move up one place.)
15. The top 56 auction placing swine must remain on the fairgrounds which includes the 7th place swine out of the class that grand and/or reserve are placed from. If Grand and Reserve are out of the same class then this includes the 8th place swine. **Mandatory release for all non-auction swine, Monday, April 12, from 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m**. Exhibitors must obtain a signed early release form from the Swine Committee Chairperson. All swine removed from the Fairgrounds after judging becomes the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor. All auction placing swine donated back to exhibitor must be released Sunday, April 18, 2027, Exhibitor pick up from 8:00 a.m.- 8:30 a.m. followed by Packing House pick up 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Swine left after 11:00 a.m. will become property of the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. All swine not making auction that received a commitment and are going to a packing house or are donated back to the fair must return to the fairgrounds April 24, 2027, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
16. The Livestock Committee reserves the right to use any swine for the participation in the Pee Wee Swine Show to be held during the fair. The committee will select the swine to be used during the show. No Grand & Reserve Champion Swine will be used.
17. A Proof of Delivery Form (when applicable) and thank you card (see General Rule #43) will be required, before Exhibitor's check can be released. All exhibitors must come to the Fair Office, with these items, to sign for their check.

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