



2024 New Mexico State Fair

## **Junior Calf Scramble Rules**

**No Show – Scramble Only**

**Superintendent: TBA**

**Judge: Blake Nelson, MO**

**Scramble: 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 11, 2024**

**During the Rodeo at Tingley Coliseum**

1. The New Mexico State Fair will not be responsible for any accidents that may occur to the participant in the Calf Scramble before, during, or after the scramble.
2. All entries must be done on line with the New Mexico State Fair. This includes all releases, and entries.

### **Selection of Contestants**

1. Entries for the Calf Scramble will be taken on line until the deadline to enter the fair. Entries will be taken on a first come, first served basis until the maximum number of contestants is reached, provided entrants meet the qualifications listed below, Livestock Manager reserves the right to extend entries to fulfill the maximum number of contestants which is 20.
2. The participants should be carefully selected. Absolutely no substitutions will be made in the participant lists after they are received by the NMSF Office, from the Agriculture Education Advisor or County Extension Agent.
  - a. Ages: Participants must have reached their 13<sup>th</sup>, but not their 17<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 1 of the current year and not be enrolled beyond their junior year in high school.
  - b. Weight: Participants must weigh at least 100 pounds.
  - c. Participants: Participants who report to the Scramble meeting must be in top physical condition. Any participant appearing with broken limbs, etc. will automatically be disqualified and the first alternate will be put in their place.

### **Announcements**

#### **Event Details**

The Calf Scramble will be held during the Rodeo at Tingley Coliseum Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup>. Entrants must comply with the Junior Livestock General Rules.

## **Contestant Meeting**

Contestant meeting will be held on Tuesday September 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am in the Beef Barn show ring.

## **New Mexico State Fair**

The following forms must be completed online by the participant and signed by participants, parents and teacher or agent.

- A. New Mexico State Fair & Rodeo Applicant & Support Authorization Form
- B. New Mexico State Fair & Rodeo Release & Indemnity Agreement

## **Arena Rules**

1. Participants and haltered calves will be placed in the arena as directed by the arena director.
2. At no time will a participant be permitted to tie the rope to his body or belt.
3. Each participant will attempt to catch one of the calves released. The participant catching a calf is required to lead it across the finish line without aid.
4. If a participant has hold of a calf, no other participant will be allowed to touch the calf until it breaks away.
5. If a participant catches the calf by the tail, they will be given a reasonable amount of time to work around his head; otherwise, the referee will order him to let the calf go.
6. If two or more participants catch the same calf, the calf will be turned loose.
7. A participant who secures a calf and leads it across the finish line will be declared a winner when so indicated by the referee.
8. Undue roughness will not be tolerated by the referee. Poor sportsmanship automatically disqualifies any contestant. Do not drag the calf.
9. The Calf Scramble is to be refereed by a select group of not less than four referees.
10. Shoes with any type of knob or cleat (rubber or metal) will not be allowed.

## **Reporting and Exhibition**

1. Beef Heifer Purchases:
  - a. The heifer must be purchased not less than 150 days prior to opening day of the NMSF. Purchase verification (copy of registration papers or bill of sale must be uploaded to calf scramble website by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - b. The calf must be registered in appropriate breed association. If the heifer is not registered it will be exhibited as a commercial heifer. Registration tattoo must be legible in the ear of the heifer. If the tattoo is illegible or doesn't match the registration paper the heifer will be moved to the commercial heifer class.
  - c. Check the Junior Breeding Beef Cattle Division for proper calving dates.
  - d. The nomination process must have been completed and mailed to the fair on time.
2. Dairy Heifer Purchases:
  - a. The heifer must be purchased not less than 90 days prior to opening day of the NMSF. Purchase verification (copy of registration papers or bill of sale) must be uploaded to calf scramble online entry website by June 1.

- b. The nomination process must have been completed and mailed to the fair on time.
3. Winners MUST exhibit their heifers at the NMSF in their respective Junior Heifer show class, unless circumstances approved by the NMSF and supervisor make this impossible (For example, the animal may turn out to be unsuitable for the project due to deformity, disease, or other unforeseen reasons).
4. The animals may be exhibited at any time. The animal may not be sold until after being exhibited at the NMSF.
5. Once a month through August of the next year, the winner will be required to report on their animal. Report will be done online using the form provided on the calf scramble website. The exhibitor will be required to upload a final essay on their project which should cover all aspects of their project. The essay will be a minimum of 500 words. Reports will be considered late if the reports are not emailed by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. Final report and essay on the project will be due by midnight on September 1<sup>st</sup>.
6. Heifers must be entered in the same manner as any other junior livestock entry and submit to the same deadlines.
7. Parking permits, admission passes and dormitory reservation must be made in the same manner as all other junior exhibitors and submit to the same deadline online.

### **Calf Scramble Showmanship Judging**

1. Reporting
  - a. Accuracy and completeness of records
  - b. Objectives met
  - c. End of project essay
2. Showmanship – Entry fee of \$5.00 per class
  - a. Members will exhibit the heifer at the 2024 New Mexico State Fair in the respective breed class of the Junior Heifer Show.
  - b. Calf Scramble animals will show in a separate showmanship class consisting only of calf scramble heifers.
  - c. If there are less than 4 heifers in a division (beef or dairy) cattle will be evaluated during the showmanship contest in that division.
3. Total Points will be assigned to each phase as follows: The heifer that accumulates the most points will be the Champion Calf Scramble Heifer.

### **Awards**

1<sup>st</sup> \$750.00    2<sup>nd</sup> \$400.00    3<sup>rd</sup> \$250.00

#### **Class 1. Reporting (50%)**

1. Accuracy and completeness of records
2. Objectives met
3. End of project essay

#### **Class 2. Class Placing (25%) – Heifers placing in their respective breed class.**

1. Placing in class: points shall be awarded based on the number of entries in the class.

4 or more entries:

Placing	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> <
Points	20	15	10	5

2 or more entries:

Placing	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Points	15	10	5

Single entry:

Placing	1 <sup>st</sup>
Points	10

Class3. Showmanship – heifer's placed in calf scramble class.

1. Placing in class: Points shall be awarded based on the number of entries in the class.

4 or more entries

Placing	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> <
Points	20	15	10	5

2 or more entries

Placing	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Points	15	10	5

Single entry

Placing	1 <sup>st</sup>
Points	10

Awards will be presented prior to the naming of the Supreme Heifer of Show during the Junior Heifer Show or in the case of the Dairy Heifer the Grand Champion Drive of the Dairy Heifer Show. Ties will be broken based on the participants total reporting score.

# Calf Scramble

## NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR & RODEO APPLICATION & SUPPORT AUTHORIZATION

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club or FFA Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

The following form must be completed on line by the participant and signed by participants, parents and teacher or agent. Please initial each line

### 2024/2025 CALF SCRAMBLE PARTICIPANT CERTIFICATION

1. I certify that I have not caught a calf at the NMSF Calf Scramble in any year prior to 2024. \_\_\_\_
2. I understand that I have to purchase a beef or dairy heifer for my Calf Scramble project. \_\_\_\_
3. I understand that NMSF will pay the breeder \$1,000 for the calf I select once all paperwork has been signed and returned to NMSF. \_\_\_\_\_
4. I understand that any purchase amount over \$1,000 will be paid by me to the breeder if my animal costs more. \_\_\_\_\_
5. I understand that there will be ongoing costs with this project including, but not limited to feed, equipment, potential vet bills, and travel to the show that I am responsible for. \_\_\_\_\_
6. I understand that purchasing a calf is a major commitment and fully understand the responsibility I am assuming in:
  - a. Feeding the calf at least twice a day \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Leading and grooming the calf daily \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Submitting reports online monthly \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Writing a Thank You note to the NMSF. \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Submitting my reports essays on time \_\_\_\_\_
7. I will notify the NMSF Jr. Livestock Superintendent (email address and phone number) of any changes to my address, e-mail or phone numbers within 24 hours of the change. \_\_\_\_\_
8. I will notify the NMSF Jr. Livestock Superintendent of any issues or problems with my calf project. \_\_\_\_

I/we, as parent/s of the applicant fully support his/her Application, and read and agree to the conditions involved. I/we feel that our son/daughter is prepared to properly and safely manage the heifer, and that I/we lend our assurance that the necessary resources will be available to provide proper care of the heifer.

Further, we agree to hold harmless New Mexico State Fair, New Mexico State University, the Cooperative Extensions Service, the State of New Mexico, New Mexico 4-H, USDA, and the donor in the event of injury or loss to our son/daughter or other parties or property by the heifer.

Signature of Parent/Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

In my opinion, the 4-H or FFA member has sufficient experience and resources to properly and safely manage and care for the heifer.

Signature of 4-H or FFA Leader

The applicant is an active 4-H or FFA member in County or Chapter and, in my opinion, is capable of meeting the conditions required should the heifer be awarded to him or her.

Signature of County Agent: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Agriculture Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Entries will be taken on a first come, first served basis until the maximum number of contestants is reached, provided entrants meet the qualifications as listed.

Entries submitted prior to the NMSF should be sent to the following address:

NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR, LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT, P.O. Box 8546 Albuquerque, NM 87198

# Calf Scramble

New Mexico State Fair & Rodeo

## RELEASE & INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, COUNTY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

THIS AGREEMENT MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED BEFORE THE CONTESTANT WILL BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CALF SCRAMBLE.

I/we, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter referred to as the "Parents," (whether one or two), Parents of \_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter referred to as the "Contestant", a minor, born \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby consent and agree to participation of Contestant in the Calf Scramble at the New Mexico State Fair and Rodeo on Wednesday, September 13, 2024, and in considerations thereof Contestant and Parents do hereby, on behalf of themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators and assignees, (1) release New Mexico State Fair and Rodeo, its members, agents, employees, referees, other contestants, Calf Scramble Committee and all others who may become liable (hereinafter all of the above collectively will be referred to as "New Mexico State Fair and Rodeo") from all claims (including any liability for bodily injury or any other damage or injury) sustained, suffered or in any manner arising out of Contestant's participation in the Calf Scramble, and (2) agree to indemnify and hold harmless the New Mexico State Fair and Rodeo from all liability in any manner arising out of Contestant's participation in the Calf Scramble, whether or not any such claim or liability arises out of any negligent act or omission of the New Mexico State Fair and Rodeo. New Mexico State Fair and Rodeo is given the unconditional and absolute right to settle or compromise any such claim.

NOTE: Signatures of Parents, Contestants and Witnesses must be their own. This release will not be accepted unless the Signatures of Parents and Contestant are witnessed by two adult witnesses.

### CONTESTANT'S INFORMATION:

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN#: \_\_\_\_\_

County Extension Agent or Agricultural Advisor

### WITNESSES' INFORMATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.