



2026

AG MECHANICS
RULES



PASADENA AG MECHANICS SHOW RULES

Entry Due Date:

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Show Date:

Friday, September 11, 2026

Ag Mechanics Auction:

Saturday, September 12, 2026

1:30 – 2:30 PM - Presentation of Projects

2:30 PM - Live Auction

PRESENTED BY:

PASADENA LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO ASSOCIATION

The Pasadena Ag Mechanics Show is sponsored by the Pasadena Livestock Show & Rodeo Association (PLS&R). All references to the Officers and/or Board of Directors shall refer to the sponsoring organization.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:

RULE 1: ELIGIBILITY – AT TIME OF SHOW –

- a. Ag Mechanics is open to students currently or previously enrolled in Agriculture Mechanics, welding or construction class at the high school level in Pasadena Independent School District, Deer Park Independent School District, La Porte Independent School District, Clear Creek Independent School District and Galena Park Independent School District.
- b. Each project entered must have been constructed under the supervision of the teacher/advisor.
- c. A project may only be entered one time at the Pasadena Ag Mechanics Show. Planning and construction must have been started within one calendar year of the show date.
- d. No exhibit that has been through any other show's auction will be eligible for the Pasadena Ag Mechanics Show.
- e. If a hardship problem occurs with an exhibitor or exhibit, the teacher/advisor will contact the Livestock Superintendent or designee, who shall settle the problem at their discretion.
- f. Teachers/advisors are responsible for providing a list of ineligible exhibitors to the Livestock Show Secretary on or before 6 PM on the Wednesday prior to the start of Show.

RULE 2: SUBSTITUTE EXHIBITORS

In the event of a death in the family, conflict with a TEA/UII sanctioned event where participation is required or a verified medical condition, an exhibitor may request a substitute exhibitor. This request must be in writing from the exhibitor's teacher/advisor. The substitute exhibitor must be another student from the same school program, preferably not showing in the Ag Mechanics show. Approval of any substitution is at the discretion of the Livestock Superintendent and/or Livestock Committee Chairperson.

RULE 3: PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

- a. All exhibits must be completed by the exhibitor.
- b. The exhibitor(s) must complete their exhibit without any aid or assistance, other than verbal advice, except from immediate family, legal guardian, teacher/advisor, students in the same program and their parents or legal guardians. No aid, assistance or verbal advice may be given or accepted in exchange for valuable consideration, whether fixed or contingent.
- c. Failure to cooperate on the part of the exhibitor is reason to exclude the exhibit from sale.

RULE 4: ENTRIES

- a. Projects will be divided into two groups: Open Group and Auction Group.

Open Group: Projects may be individually constructed and entered, or group constructed, and chapter/school campus owned and entered. These projects are NOT eligible for Auction. An individual/chapter/school may enter more than one (1) Open Ag mechanics project.

Auction Group: Projects must be individually constructed and entered. An individual may only enter one (1) project. If entered in the Auction Group, the project will be sold at Auction.

- b. All applications for entry must be made on current, official Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo entry application forms in accordance with their instructions, providing division, class, project description and all other necessary required information.
- c. Entry forms and entry fees are due by close of business on designated due date. Any entries submitted after the due date will be charged a \$200.00 late fee in addition to the regular entry fee. All fees must be paid within 5 business days or the exhibit will not be eligible for Show. Late entries will only be accepted for 5 business days after the designated due date. All fees must be paid in full before the project may be moved in for the Show.

Entry fees are as follows:

Ag Mechanics (Individual)	\$35.00 / each
Ag Mechanics (Open)	\$35.00 / project

There will be a \$5 service fee on each entry not made via the online forms available on the website.

RULE 5: CHECK-IN AND DISPLAY

- a. All Ag Mechanics projects will be moved into the designated Ag Mechanics display area from 4:30-6:30 PM on the day before the Show or from 7 AM to 8:30 AM on the morning of the Show. Check-in for these projects will be done at 8:30 AM on the day of the Show. Projects may be placed on the dirt. It will be the exhibitor's responsibility to provide any needed carpet, plywood, etc. to raise or lift the project off the ground for protection.
- b. If exhibitor does not wish to sell their Auction Group project in After Auction Sale, a Sale Removal form must be completed and submitted at check-in to remove the project from the After Auction Sale. Completion of this form will not remove the project from Auction. All Auction Group projects must be sold at Auction if awarded an Auction slot.
- c. Project Presentation – All projects must be painted or properly treated and must be in a clean and presentable condition, even though they may have been used. Small touch ups are allowed on the grounds but must be completed before check-in begins. Appropriate safe display stands must be provided by the exhibitor(s) for all projects that need support. All sharp edges and points must be padded or covered as necessary to prevent injury. Fuel sources for projects are not allowed on the grounds, except during judging.
- d. Vehicles – Tractors, Trucks, or other vehicles (including non-entered trailers) are not allowed in the exhibit area as part of the display.

- e. Classification – Entries may be reclassified at the discretion of the show officials.
- f. Loss or Damage – Every precaution will be taken to protect project while on show grounds. However, Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo Association will not be liable for loss or damage to any project.
- g. Signs – Projects are to be labeled with standard exhibitor cards. No “For Sale” signs are allowed on any project while on show grounds.
- h. Documentation & Research - Documentation is considered a research portfolio and should not be constructed as a scrapbook. Binders should be easy to read and arranged neatly in a tabbed notebook with table of contents and pages numbered. Binders should include the name of the exhibitor(s) and school and a short description of the project on the cover.
- i. Documentation & Research Package must include the following components:
 - 1. Working Drawing: Must include an original (exhibitor-drawn) multi-view orthographic projection drawn to a given scale with proper lettering and dimensioning. Scale must be identified on the drawing. Dimensioning shown on drawing should be specific and complete enough for it to be apparent that drawing was used to plan and construct project. Judges will spot check dimensions on projects to see if they comply with drawings. Drawing may be a CAD (Computer Aided Design). Pictorials, isometric, oblique or perspective may be included.
 - 2. Bill of Materials (BOM): Must include a list or a description of material, including columns for Item Number, Description, Size, Quantity, Unit, Cost per item, Extended Costs and Total Costs. Other Information such as date of purchase, vendors name and/or Purchase Order Number, etc. may be included. BOM may be developed using computer spread sheet program.
 - 3. Photographs: Show work in progress and should illustrate proper safety procedures including clothing, eye and face shields, etc. Photographs should be sequenced in chronological order. Exhibitor(s) should be in most of the pictures. CEA/AST should be in some of the pictures. Pictures must be of good quality with labels identifying activity and exhibitor(s) in the picture. No more than 40 pictures may be included. Two or up to four pictures per page is recommended.
 - 4. Research - Papers to be included:
 - a. All Projects including trailers pulled on public highways must include relevant DOT codes.
 - b. Product Information (PI) bulletins and/or Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) should be specific to the project and should include Paints and chemical supplies, etc. Manufacturer’s specifications or PI (Product Information) for trailer and equipment components such as axles, springs, wheels, jacks, break-a-ways, and hydraulic cylinders should be included.
 - 5. Projects having no documentation are not complete and will be disqualified.

RULE 6: RELEASE OF EXHIBITS

- a. Exhibitors will remain after Show to tear down and clean up.
- b. All Open Group Exhibits and any Auction Group exhibits that did not make auction and have submitted an After Auction Sale Removal form may leave the Ag Mechanics show area at the completion of the show or from 8 AM to 10 AM on the day of Auction. These exhibits must be removed from the Ag Mechanics show area by 10 AM on the day of Auction. ALL exhibits leaving must be checked out by an Ag Mechanics Committee member or exhibitor may be subject to penalties.
- c. Exhibitors or representatives must be present on the day after the Auction from 9 AM to 11 AM for move out. ALL projects must be removed from the grounds during this time. Any ag mechanics exhibit sold in the sale may be picked up by the buyer between 9 AM and 10 AM, but the exhibitor or exhibitor's representative must be present to help load the project and to have the buyer sign a delivery form. The delivery form must be submitted to the office before the exhibitor is eligible to receive their check. ALL exhibits leaving must be checked out by an Ag Mechanics Committee member or exhibitor may be subject to penalties.
- d. Exhibitors should see that their exhibit is delivered to the buyer within 14 days of the closing of the Show. The exhibitor is responsible for the exhibit until buyer's delivery instructions are carried out.

RULE 7: JUDGING

- a. The Ag Mechanics Show will begin at 9 AM.
- b. Judging system – Project will be judged as follows:
 - a. Workmanship 30 pts.
 - b. Design and Materials Used 20 pts.
 - c. Practicality 20 pts.
 - d. Degree of Difficulty 10 pts.
 - e. General Appearance & Finish 10 pts.
 - f. Documentation and Presentation 10 pts.
 - i. Ties will be broken at the judge's discretion.
- c. Judges will be requested not to award a prize to an unworthy exhibit. It is the intention of the PLS&R show that no prize should be given to any exhibit that is not deserved.
- d. Classes/Divisions will be as follows:

Division 1 – Agricultural Machinery and Equipment

 - a. Hay Equipment
 - b. Spraying Equipment
 - c. Mounted and Pull type Equipment
 - d. Hydraulic Equipment
 - e. Shop Equipment
 - f. Shop tools (electrical only)
 - g. Truck, Tractor, other Accessories

Division 2 – Livestock & Wildlife Equipment

- a. Gates & Panels
- b. Livestock Restraining Equipment, Trim Chutes, Blocking Stands
- c. Feeders (Livestock and Wildlife)
- d. Livestock Crates
- e. Show and Livestock Equipment (electrical only)
- f. Hunting and Sporting Items (deer stands, hog traps, cleaning racks, etc.)
- g. Livestock and Animal Housing (chicken coops, dog houses, rabbit hutches)
- h. Other Livestock Equipment (show boxes, tack, etc.)

Division 3 – Trailers

- a. Small Utility (under 12' length)
- b. Bumper Pull (over 12' length)
- c. Gooseneck Lowboy
- d. Gooseneck Flatbed
- e. Stock Trailer
- f. Special Purpose Use (including towable outdoor cooking equipment with tires and lug bolts)

Division 4 – Indoor Home Convenience and Recreation

- a. Small Furniture (Benches, Swings, Chairs, Tables)
- b. Large Furniture (Bookcases, Beds, Gun Cabinets, Large Tables)
- c. Indoor Recreation

Division 5 – Outdoor Home Convenience and Recreation

- a. Small Furniture (Benches, Swings, Chairs, Tables)
- b. Large Furniture (Swings, Picnic Tables, etc)
- c. Non towable Cooking Equipment and Fire Pits
- d. Outdoor Recreation

- e. Open Project Awards will be given as follows:
 - a. Open: Each Division will have a Grand and Reserve champion selected. Division Champions will then compete for a Grand and Reserve Overall Group Ag Mechanics Champion. Winners will be selected and awarded prizes.
 - b. No group entry exhibits are eligible for the Auction or After-Sale.
- f. Auction Projects awards will be given as follows:
 - a. All projects in a class/division will be judged against each other, and a Division Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected.
 - b. All Division champion projects will be judged against each other, and an Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be selected and awarded prizes.
 - c. Award presentation will follow the completion of the judging.
 - d. Additional prizes may be given at the discretion of the committee.
- g. Projects not making Auction will be eligible for the After Auction sale unless a Sale Removal form is submitted.

RULE 8: DISPUTES

All differences, disputes, changes, and discrepancies will be settled by the Livestock Superintendent and/or Livestock Committee Chairperson

RULE 9: PENALTIES

- a. If any exhibit sold has been found to be exchanged, misrepresented or altered in any way, the monies will be returned to the buyer.
- b. If disqualification occurs before auction, lower exhibits move up. If disqualification occurs after auction, places stay the same. All monies from the disqualified exhibit shall be forfeited.
- c. Violation of any of the PLS&R Ag Mechanics Show Rules shall be subject to a range of penalties to be determined by the Livestock Superintendent and/or Livestock Committee Chairperson.
- d. Penalties may include any or all below, without limitation:
 1. forfeiture of the right to enter, tag-in, show, sell and/or in any way participate in the Pasadena Livestock Show
 2. forfeiture of all prizes, awards, and/or monies won
 3. forfeiture of all rights and privileges to enter, participate, and/or exhibit in the future at the Pasadena Livestock Show.
- e. Repeated violation of the Rules and Regulations may, at the discretion of the Livestock Superintendent and/or Livestock Committee Chairperson, result in a prohibition of the Exhibitor and/or his immediate family members from participation in the Pasadena Livestock Show for any period of not less than one year.
- f. No exhibitor will be allowed to be under the influence or in possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs at any time or any place on the PLS&R grounds. Violation of this rule may result in penalties, up to and including, exhibitor and all exhibits being removed from Show and all prizes and money forfeited.

RULE 10: PROTEST PROVISION

- a. All protests must be in writing and be accompanied by a \$500 deposit which will not be returned if the protest is not sustained by Show Management. The protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Livestock Superintendent immediately after the occasion that prompted the protest. Protests will be accepted prior to, during and within 2 hours immediately following the occasion that prompted the protest.
- b. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. Depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a complete investigation has been conducted.
- c. Protests must be filed by the teacher/advisor or by the parent/guardian of the exhibitor requesting protest.
- d. Protest will be settled by a Livestock Advisory Committee consisting of:
 1. E-Board Officer in Charge
 2. Livestock Superintendent
 3. Livestock General Chairperson
 4. Ag Mechanics Chairperson
 5. President of the PLS&R

RULE 11: AUCTION & AFTER AUCTION SALE

- a. The Grand and Reserve Champion of each Auction Group division, plus a percentage of exhibits to be determined by Show officials will be sold at Auction.
- b. Minimum starting prices for exhibits at Auction will be \$500.00.

Minimum starting prices for exhibits at the After Auction Sale will be \$200.00.

- c. Any exhibitor wishing to forfeit their Auction spot must notify the Livestock committee secretary in writing within 2 hours of the conclusion of the show. Notification must be signed and dated by both exhibitor and parent or legal guardian. Withdrawal from the Auction results in forfeiture of all awards (ribbons, banners, buckles) and monies associated with the forfeited spot. Lower placing exhibits will be moved up to fill empty Auction spot(s). Prizes should be brought to the office along with the written notification of withdrawal from Auction.
- d. All exhibits shown in Auction eligible divisions will be entered into the After Auction Sale unless removed from the sale by the exhibitor. Removal from the sale must be done by submitting a completed After Auction sale removal form at check-in. Form must be signed by both exhibitor and a parent/legal guardian.
- e. Exhibitors, please be advised that there is NO GUARANTEE OF SALE in the After Auction Sale.
- f. Ten percent (10%) of sale price will be withheld on all sales (Auction, Add-On Donations, and After Auction Sale).
- g. Delivery of all exhibits sold at the Auction and After Auction Sale to a designated prearranged destination in accordance with the buyer's contract is the responsibility of the exhibitor. Any arrangements made between the exhibitor and his buyer will be considered a personal arrangement.
- h. All exhibitors of projects sold through the PLS&R must send a thank you letter to their buyer, a copy of which must be sent to the PLS&R office before any monies can be collected for the project.
- i. Auction Group Ag mechanics exhibitors must turn in a signed delivery form to the PLS&R office in addition to a copy of the thank you letter to their buyer. Delivery forms will be distributed with each Auction, and After Auction Sale form.

RULE 12: ADD-ON DONATIONS

- a. Monetary add-on donations will be accepted from individual(s) or businesses for any Auction or After Auction item sold through the Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo Auction sale.
- b. Add-on forms will be available on the website at www.pasadenarodeo.com or at the rodeo office. PLS&R requires the Add-on Forms to be turned in by the Add-on Donor only. The forms will not be accepted from anyone other than the Add-on Donor. All Add-on Donations must be completed by 3:00 pm on the Monday following the closing day of the Rodeo. Under no circumstances will add-on monies be accepted after this time.

- c. Add-on donations are subject to the same ten percent (10%) withholding as other project sales as provided in Rule 11 f.
- d. Add-on donations will not be accepted for any dollar amount less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- e. Add-on donations are not reported on the final sale price of the project. For example: If a steer sells for \$5,000 and \$100 is received in add-on donations, the sale price is shown as \$5,000
- f. Add-on donors are not entitled to any percentage of the project to which add-on donations are applied.
- g. Each add-on recipient will be notified of donor name, address and amount donated to send thank you letters. This list will be distributed through the ag science teachers after the close of the add-on donation acceptance. All recipients of add-on donations through the PLS&R sale must send a thank you letter to the donor, a copy of which must be sent to the PLS&R office before any monies can be collected.

RULE 13: CHECK DISTRIBUTION

- a. Checks for monies due will be distributed only to eligible exhibitors who have:
 - 1. Delivered their exhibit in accordance with the buyer's contract
 - 2. Sent a thank you letter to the buyer(s) of each exhibit
 - 3. Submitted a copy of the thank you letter(s) to the PLS&R office
 - 4. If applicable, a completed delivery form must be submitted to the PLS&R office.
- b. Checks will be available for pick up at the PLS&R office by mid-December following the Show. If the exhibitor does not pick up their check before April 1, immediately after the Show, the amount due will be forfeited by the exhibitor and placed in the general scholarship fund.
- c. No monies will be awarded unless ALL rules are followed.

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