

## **GREASED PIG SCRAMBLE**

1. The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show will not be responsible for any accidents connected with this scramble
2. Qualifications for contestants are:
  - a. Exhibitors must be in grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. High school seniors are not eligible to participate
  - c. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a 4-H club or FFA Chapter and enrolled in elementary, secondary or home school. Exhibitors must reside in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr and Willacy counties
3. Contestants must be in good health and be physically fit to participate. All participants must be present and checked in prior to orientation
4. Every contestant will be expected to help set up and take down hog panels used in the contest. All contestants are subject to being chosen to wash pigs prior to being released by the committee
5. All participants must wear shoes at all times. No steeled toed shoes or opened toed shoes will be allowed.
6. Participants must show up to register one hour prior to event
7. There will be 8 rounds of the Greased Pig Scramble during the Show, all to be held in the Jr Livestock Arena. The number of pigs released in the arena for each round will be determined by the number of contestants
8. Each contestant will attempt to catch one of the pigs. The contestant catching a pig is required to put the pig in a small pen within a reasonable length of time. Referees will declare winners
9. If a contestant has a hold of a pig, no other contestant will be allowed to touch the pig unless it breaks away
10. If two or more contestants catch the same pig, they will be ordered by the referee to release it
11. Poor sportsmanship exhibited by any contestant and/or parent will be grounds for immediate disqualification. Any undue roughness will not be tolerated by the referees
12. Scrambles will be refereed by a group of not less than four (4) referees
13. No contestant will be permitted to participate in the scramble more than one time in any one year
14. Each exhibitor who wishes to participate must submit a Minor's Release Form to the show. Deadline for releases to be in the Show office will be January 13, 2023. Releases will be checked for eligibility. From the eligible applications, a number of names will be drawn to see who will participate. Exhibitors whose names are drawn will be advised as to date and time they are to compete

15. The Interscholastic League Executive Committee, in cooperation with the State Board of Vocational Education, has formulated a plan permitting Greased Pig Scrambles and still protecting a contestant's amateur standing. This is done by placing the matter under the supervision of the agriculture science department of the schools and the 4-H club supervisors and prohibiting the participants from receiving anything of cashable value for winning the athletic part of the program
16. A purchase certificate will be issued to each contestant catching a pig in each round in the amount of \$125
17. All purchase certificates must be used in the purchase of a market steer, market hog, market lamb, market goat, market rabbits, market poultry, breeding gilts, breeding sheep, breeding goats or breeding beef animals which must be in the contestant's FFA or 4-H project for the 2023 Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show. If the project is not shown during the 2023 Show, you may be required to reimburse the Show for the cost of the project up to \$125
18. The entire program, including the selection of the kind and breed of livestock, the care and management, etc. will be under the supervision of the county agent, 4-H club manager or AST
19. Livestock must be purchased prior to February 11, 2023
20. In order to accommodate 8 nights of Greased Pig Scrambles, we will be combining 4-H and FFA contestants equally each night. This will allow contestants a better chance of catching a pig. Girls will run with girls and boys with boys
21. ASTs, CEAs and 4-H Club Managers should enter their contestants through the online ShoWorks system.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply.