

# 2023 RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW

## CHANGES & REMINDERS

### APPLICATION OF RULES

The General Rules and Regulations apply to every division listed in this book. There are also rules specifically for the Open Shows, Junior Shows and Departments within these divisions. Exhibitors are responsible for reading, learning, and following all the rules that apply to the division entered.

All changes and reminders can be found throughout this premium book highlighted in yellow.

1. Preliminary delivery of livestock tack
  - a. Tuesday – March 7 – 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Delivery of tack and decoration of stalls
  - b. Monday – March 13 – 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Delivery of tack
2. Breeding Cattle Classification time 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on designated days
3. Market Steer judging – Friday, March 17, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.
4. Please review entry fees for projects
5. Exhibitor Rule 8 – If an exhibitor uses a substitute exhibitor in a Jr Breeding Division that shows an animal and qualifies for the Champion Drive, the original owner, not the substitute exhibitor, of the animal must show said animal in the Champion Drive. Exception, if both the original and substitute exhibitor's animals make the Champion Drive.
6. Blocking Table & Trim Chutes: No Market Lamb or Market Goat blocking tables are permitted on grounds. No Steer or Junior Heifer Trim Chutes are permitted on grounds.
7. Clippers: No clippers, with an electrical cord, are allowed to be used once animals arrive on the grounds. Cordless clippers are allowed.
8. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Certificate) issued within the past 30 days is required for all Breeding Cattle. The health certificate must be location specific to the Show. The health certificate must specify "Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show, Mercedes, TX".
9. Absolutely no tattooing, branding, or ear notching will be allowed on the showgrounds. Any violations of this rule will result in the exhibitor and project being subject to disqualification.
10. Details of the Sale of Champions, including but not limited to, date, time, place levels, and eligibility of exhibitor is subject to change at the sole discretion of the board of directors of The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show.
11. All tack, feed, and equipment, including but not limited to show boxes, dryers, chairs, brooms, shovels, or scoops and bags, must be kept in the designated feed alley. None of these items will be allowed in any public walkway. **FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION TO THE SCHOOL OR 4-H CLUB.**

12. Jr Breeding Cattle: Winners of the Good Housekeeping Award/Herdsman Award will receive prime location for stalling in the Event Center for the 2024 show. Prime Location will be at the discretion of the stalling committee.
13. Good Housekeeping – Each exhibit must consist of at least 5 exhibits
14. Photography – Exhibitor may enter only one photo for judging.
15. Western Art – Only one piece of art may be entered per exhibitor. Artwork must be in one category only
16. Market Goat
  - a. All market goats entering the showing are required to have validation ear tags. RGVLS will adhere to all state validation guidelines and decisions
  - b. All market goats must have a legible county tattoo
  - c. Rule 17: Fitting rule
17. Market Hogs
  - a. Rule 14: Fitting rule
  - b. All market hogs entering the showing are required to have validation ear tags
  - c. From Monday, March 13, 2023, 12 p.m. to Saturday, March 18, 2023, 5 p.m., all alley ways are to be kept clear of show boxes, feed boxes, wagons, ice chests, chairs and other items that may cause harm to any hogs or people walking down the alley ways. These items may be placed on exterior perimeter of the hog barn pens. Outside perimeter is a first come first serve basis and no items are to be affixed to pens or bleachers. No boxes will be allowed to hang anywhere outside of the pen. Failure to follow this rule will result in disciplinary action to the school or 4-H club in violation of each offense.
18. Market Lambs
  - a. All market lambs must have a legible county tattoo
  - b. All market lambs entering the showing are required to have validation ear tags. RGVLS will adhere to all state validation guidelines and decisions
  - c. Rule 13: Fitting rule
  - d. Shearing: Lambs must be shorn slick to the skin above the knee and hock joints before arrival to the grounds. This will be strictly enforced. Refer to rule 16 Fitting
19. Market Rabbits
  - a. Review section 4 for market rabbits that can be validated. The pen of market rabbits to be validated must have the same coloration, same breed of rabbit and from the same litter. No mix matching of different breeds will be allowed to be validated or shown at RGVLS
  - b. Exhibitors must report, IN PERSON, to the rabbit area at which time a multiple choice exam will be given at a determined location. Test questions will be drawn from the Texas A&M Extension Service Rabbit Literature that is available through [www.shop4-H.org](http://www.shop4-H.org), through county agents, and from the 2021-2025 editions of the American Rabbit Breeders Association Standard of Perfection book

## 20. Market Steers

- a. All market steers entering the showring are required to have validation ear tags
- b. All market steers must have a legible county tattoo
- c. No cable halters will be allowed
- d. Rule 18: Fitting rule

## 21. Jr Breeding Gilts

- a. All Jr Breeding Gilts entering the showring are required to have validation ear tags. RGVLS will adhere to all state validation guideline and decisions
- b. Animals show in this division will be ineligible for market hog division
- c. Rule 10: Fitting Rule

## 22. Jr Breeding Goats

- a. All Jr Breeding Goats must have legible county tattoo. RGVLS will adhere to all state validation guidelines and decisions
- b. Goats entered in this division are ineligible for the market goat division
- c. Rule 12: Fitting Rule
- d. Commercial Does entering the showring must have validation ear tag

## 23. Jr Breeding Rabbits

- a. If there are more than one exhibitor from the same family entering the Jr Breeding Rabbits to show, every rabbit must have a different tattoo in their left ear
- b. Rabbits entered in this division are ineligible for the market rabbit division
- c. Exhibitors must report, IN PERSON, to the rabbit area at which time a multiple choice exam will be given at a determined location. Test questions will be drawn from the Texas A&M Extension Service Rabbit Literature that is available through [www.shop4-H.org](http://www.shop4-H.org), the county extension agents, and from the 2021-2025 edition of the American Rabbit Breeders Association Standard of Perfection book

## 24. Jr Breeding Sheep

- a. All Jr Breeding Sheep entering the showring are required to have a validation ear tag
- b. All Jr Breeding Sheep must have a legible county tattoo
- c. Sheep entered in this division are ineligible for the market lamb division
- d. Rule 11: Fitting

## 25. Jr Breeding Cattle

- a. All Jr Breeding Commercial Cattle entering the showring are required to have validation ear tags. RGVLS will adhere to all commercial cattle guidelines and decisions by the committee, management and board of directors.
- b. In the event there are 15 or more entries of the same breed shown in competition, a separate division may be created for them THE FOLLOWING YEAR
- c. Texas Longhorns and Simmental will now be in the AOB division

26. Jr Red Brangus/ Open Show Red Brangus

- a. The animals must be registered in the ARBA and/or IBBA in the exhibitor's name and have legible brand including a private herd number which shall correspond with the registration papers
- b. Judging of Red Brangus will be based on "desirable" characteristics as entered in the ARBA and/or IBBA Bylaws

27. Open Show Breeding Cattle

- a. Texas Longhorns and Simmental will now be in the AOB division

28. Open Boer Goat Show

- a. Exhibitors may enter the Open Show at check in if the goat is entered in the Jr Breeding Goat Show. There will be a \$50 late fee in addition to the \$20 entry fee made payable to RGVLS
- b. Rule 11: Fitting Rule

29. Youth Archery

- a. Verification of coach WILL be required in advance of participation of any contestant. Coaches MUST provide the official name of their program and a contact phone number for verification. If a participant cannot be verified, they will not be allowed to compete.

GENERAL RULE CHANGES

30. Only exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the holding areas, judging arena, or on the arena director's stand during sifting and judging

31. No corded blowers will be allowed for market animal divisions

32. Scholarships will not be awarded when there are less than 5 head shown in competition in any breed of specified divisions. If there are 5 to 14 entries shown, 50% of the full scholarship will be awarded to the breed champion of each division. 15 head or more will result in full scholarship amounts. Some divisions may vary and are specified in that particular division.

33. Showmanship and other events are now categorized by grade and not age. Refer to specific division for provisions.

34. After an animal becomes loose from an exhibitor 3 times, the committee chair, RGVLS Management, and/or RGVLS Director WILL have the animal removed from the ring and disqualified from showing. Regardless of any disqualifications, any market animal will remain under consignment contract and will be sold at the end of the event.