

CALF SCRAMBLE
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SPECIAL RULES FOR THE RGVLS CALF SCRAMBLE

1. The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show will not be responsible for any accidents that may occur to any contestant in the Calf Scramble before, during or after the Scramble.
2. Each contestant must submit a Participant's Release and Indemnity form to the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show. Contestants will be notified of their acceptance, and the date and time they are to participate.
3. Incomplete Participant Release and Indemnity forms will not be accepted. Parents and contestants along with the witness must sign the release.
4. No contestant will be permitted to participate in more than one scramble performance in any one year.
5. Contestant will be permitted to catch a calf no more than one time in his/her 4-H or FFA career.
6. Entries by FFA Chapters and 4-H clubs should be submitted through the online ShoWorks system.

SELECTION OF CONTESTANTS

1. Contestants must have reached their 14th, but not their 18th, birthday by January 1, 2024, and not enrolled beyond their junior year in high school. Contestants must reside in the counties of Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, or Willacy and be actively participating in an FFA or 4-H program in one of these counties.
2. The Scramble Committee will select contestants.
3. There will be two (2) scrambles during the 2024 Show: one (1) during the Friday evening rodeo, March 15, 2024, and one (1) during the Saturday evening rodeo, March 16, 2024.

ARENA RULES

1. Contestants will carry into the arena a halter with attached rope that will be supplied by the Scramble Committee. Neither the halter nor the rope may be used as a lariat. The halter must be placed on the animal in the usual way.
2. Contestants may not work as a "team". Each contestant will attempt to catch and halter one of the calves. Each contestant catching a calf is required to lead the calf across the finish line without aid. After placing the halter on the calf, the contestant will not be permitted to fasten the rope to themselves in any manner as to aid in leading the calf over the finish line.
3. If a contestant has a hold of a calf, no other contestant will be allowed to touch the calf unless it breaks away. If two or more contestants catch the same calf, they will be ordered by the referee to release the calf.
4. If a calf is caught by the tail, the contestant will be allowed a reasonable amount of time to place the halter on. However, at the direction of the referees, the contestant must let the calf go.
5. Poor sportsmanship will automatically disqualify the contestant, and undue roughness will not be tolerated.
6. There will be no less than eight (8) referees appointed.

PURCHASE CERTIFICATES AND RULES FOR THE 2024 SHOW

1. A purchase certificate in the amount of \$800 will be issued to each of the contestants catching a calf.
2. A thank you letter must be written to the scramble sponsor and submitted to the show office. The Show will forward all letters to the scramble sponsors. **CALF SCRAMBLE CERTIFICATES WILL NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL THE THANK YOU LETTER IS RECEIVED.**
3. The steer/heifer must be purchased no later than September 1, 2024.
4. Beef animal purchased must be a registered female of one of the following breeds and for which the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show has classes: Brahman, Santa Gertrudis, Simbrah, ARB, Red Brangus, Beefmaster, Miniature Hereford and AOB. The certificate may also be used to purchase a Commercial Heifer.
5. Steers/Heifers must have been calved no later than January 2024.
6. Calf purchased must be approved by the 4-H club manager or AST before a check will be issued from the Calf Scramble Fund for payment.
7. The Purchase Certificate should be given to the seller, who is responsible for transferring the registration certificate to the scrambler's name. A Bill of Sale for Jr Commercial Heifers or Market Steers, an original Registration Certificate from the seller for a registered heifer, and the scramble certificate are all required and must be returned to the Livestock Show Office by Monday, November 10, 2024.
8. Payment will not be made to the seller until the above papers are received in the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Office, of the completed certificate, Bill of Sale and/or original Registration certificate in the exhibitor's name.
9. A record book must be maintained for all records of expenses and management of the purchased animal. The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show will provide guidelines for the Record Book.
10. The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Calf Scramble Record Book must be delivered, or mailed, to the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show office by 4:00 p.m. on February 14, 2025. Record books will be judged for the "Most Outstanding Record Book". First place record book will be awarded a scholarship. Only record books that have included all the required information will be judged. If record books are not received in the Livestock Show Office by February 14, 2025, exhibitors will be ineligible to show their animals in completion.
11. The obligations of the Calf Scramble Program must be met and must be verified by the scrambler's supervisor. If not, the participant will be required to return the \$800 to The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Calf Scramble Account **within 15 days of the end of the show.**