

JR BREEDING CATTLE DIVISION

ALL BREEDS ENTRY DEADLINE – January 15, 2024

ENTRY FEE - \$30 per head

Champion Showmanship Buckle Sponsor – Hidalgo County Farm Bureau/Texas Farm Bureau Insurance
Reserve Champion Showmanship Buckle Sponsor – F&T Farms & Cattle Company

The following applies to All Other Breeds, Beefmaster, Commercial Cattle, Miniature Herefords and Santa Gertrudis

ARRIVAL – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, 2024

CHECK-IN – 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, 2024 (Except Commercial Cattle)

COMMERCIAL CATTLE SIFTING – Wednesday, March 6, 2024 – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

JUDGING SCHEDULE

- Jr All Other Breeds (AOB) – 9:00 a.m., Friday, March 8, 2024
- Jr Beefmaster – 12:00 p.m., Thursday, March 7, 2024
- Jr Commercial Cattle – 3:00 p.m., Thursday, March 7, 2024
- Jr Santa Gertrudis – 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 7, 2024
- Jr Miniature Herefords – 11:30 a.m., Friday, March 8, 2024
- Jr Showmanship – 5:00 p.m., Saturday, March 9, 2024
- Release of all cattle – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024

The following applies to ARB, Brahman, Red Brangus and Simbrah

ARRIVAL – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2024

CHECK-IN – 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2024

JUDGING SCHEDULE

- Jr American Registered Breeds (ARB) – 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 13, 2024
- Jr Brahman – 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 13, 2024
- Jr Simbrah – 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 13, 2024
- Jr Red Brangus – 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 13, 2024
- Jr Showmanship – 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 13, 2024
- Early Release of all entries – 12:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m. - Sunday, March 17, 2024
- Release of breeding cattle – 7:00 a.m. – Sunday, March 17, 2024

SPECIAL RULES FOR JR BREEDING CATTLE DIVISION

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 23 also apply.

1. All entries in this division are subject to the General Rules and Regulations of The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show and in addition to the following special rules and regulations.
2. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a Texas 4-H club or FFA chapter and enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school.
3. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or 9 years old, but under 20, as of January 1, 2024.
4. Livestock projects must be raised at the physical address of validation record. Prior approval must be granted by the "Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee" and/or "RGVLS Commercial Heifer Validation Committee". In the event the animal will be outside the direct care of the exhibitor, immediate family/guardian, and/or the supervising county extension agent or Agriculture Science Teacher. Failure to gain approval from the supervising Agriculture Science Teacher/County Extension Agent and the Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee and/or RGVLS Commercial Heifer Validation Committee will result in the disqualification of all state validated livestock.
5. Deadlines for entries will be January 15, 2024. An entry fee of \$30 per animal and a photocopy of registration papers must accompany entry certification form and exhibitors must have original paperwork at check-in. Late entries will be considered on an individual basis.
6. Exhibitors will not be limited to the number of entries; however, an animal may not be entered into more than one breed division in the Jr Breeding Cattle Division.
7. All exhibitors participating in showmanship must enter through the online Showworks system by January 15, 2024.
8. All animals entered in the Jr Breeding Cattle Division must be registered or recorded with an established breed association in the sole name of the Jr exhibitor and must be state validated. RGVLS will adhere to all state validation guidelines and decisions.
9. All Jr Breeding Commercial Cattle entering the showring are required to have an RGVLS validation ear tag and tattoo. RGVLS will adhere to all validation guidelines and decisions.
10. A destination specific (RGVLS) Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Certificate) issued within 30 days is required for all cattle. The health certificate must specify Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show, Mercedes, TX.
11. Animals entered in the Jr Breeding Cattle Division are eligible to be entered in the Open Breeding Cattle Division provided they were not sifted from the Jr Show and there are classes for them.
12. Entries will be judged and placed 1, 2, 3, etc. in each class. Animals are to be presented in descending order according to age.
13. Breeding Cattle pregnancy rules will be based on the individual breed association rules.
14. No calf, either heifer or bull, can be shown at side of dam if older than 220 days of age on day of show.
15. Pure water only. If an exhibitor is caught at the gate with a foreign substance on their heifer, there will be an immediate disqualification. No adhesives, oil or any foreign substance of any type will be allowed as this is a "Blow and Go" Show.
16. Animals must remain in their stalls from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day except during judging or being prepared for judging.

17. In the event there are 20 or more entries of the same breed shown in competition, a separate breed division may be created for them the following year.
18. In the event there are less than 10 entries shown in competition in a breed division for two consecutive years, the division may be discontinued the following year.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. Scholarships will not be awarded when there are less than 5 females shown in competition in any breed of the Jr Breeding Cattle Division. If there are 5 to 14 entries shown, 50% of the full scholarship will be awarded to the Breed Champion of each division. There needs to be at least 15 head shown in each breed to receive money for calf, junior and senior champions.
22. All entries from the same FFA chapter or 4-H club will be required to stall together.
23. Limit extra stalls – 2 stalls for 1 to 5 head, 3 stalls for 6 or more head. If more stalls are used for display, a fine will be charged.
24. Late entry fees for the Open Show will be \$50 per head, in addition to the standard \$30 per head entry fee. A separate entry application must be filed for the animal to be shown in an Open Show division.
25. Heifers must have competed in a class to be eligible to compete in showmanship. The heifer must have competed in the junior show and been shown by the owner to be eligible to compete in showmanship.

PREMIUM SCHEDULE

- 1st place - \$40
- 2nd place - \$30
- 3rd place - \$25