

## **JR BREEDING GILT DIVISION**

**JUDGE – Al Schminke**

**ENTRY DEADLINE – January 15, 2024**

**ENTRY FEE - \$20 per entry**

**DELIVERY TO SHOW – 3:00 – 7:00 p.m., Friday, March 8, 2024, and**

**8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Saturday, March 9, 2024**

**WEIGHT CARD TURN IN – 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 9, 2024 – Hog Arena Office**

**SHOWMANSHIP – 5:00 p.m., Saturday, March 9, 2024**

**CLASSIFYING/JUDGING – 9:00 a.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024**

**RELEASE – 5:00 p.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024**

**Champion Showmanship Buckle Sponsor – Hidalgo County Farm Bureau/ Texas Farm Bureau Insurance**

**Reserve Champion Showmanship Buckle Sponsor – 4C Cattle Company**

### **SPECIAL RULES FOR JR BREEDING GILTS**

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a Texas FFA chapter or Texas 4-H club, enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school.
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or 9 years old, but less than 20 years of age as of January 1, 2024.
3. 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” 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 will result in the disqualification of all state validated livestock.
4. All Jr. Breeding Gilts must be from a Texas premises, as defined by the Texas Animal Health Commission. No gilts traveling from out of the state of Texas or considered by TAHC as “interstate” will be permitted on the showgrounds.
5. There is no limit as to the number of entries per exhibitor. All animals in this division must be validated with the Texas FFA/4-H Swine Validation Program by November 30, 2023.
6. All Jr Breeding Gilts entering the showing are required to have validation ear tags. RGVLS will adhere to all state validation guidelines and decisions.
7. Registered animals are allowed to show with non-registered animals. All animals must be validated. There will NOT be a separate show for registered animals.
8. There will be no weight limit in this division. There will be an age limit. No gilt will be more than 10 months of age at show time.
9. The judge will classify all breeding gilts according to Breed Registerable Characteristics as they enter the show arena. Animals not meeting these characteristics may be subject to reclassification.
10. Animals shown in this division will be ineligible for the Market Hog Division.
11. All exhibitors participating in showmanship must enter through the online Showworks system by January 15, 2024.
12. Pen assignments will be based upon total entries and available pens. All exhibitors should be prepared to share pens. Pen dividers are the responsibility of the exhibitor.

13. Fitting: Water Only: Any other products used prior to or on the day of the show must be thoroughly washed off. Animals entering the ring groomed with any of these products will be ruled ineligible to show.
14. 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.
15. The decision of the judge will be final. Protest will not be accepted on the judge's opinion.
16. Gilts may be reweighed during judging at a time determined by the Superintendent. Any gilt weighing 15 pounds above/below than their declared official show weight will become ineligible for any award or placing. There will be a 15 lbs. weigh back on all Breed and Reserve Breed Champions.
17. Any gilt weighing less than 225 lbs. will be in the first class of that breed, or an UNDER 225 lbs. class.
18. Scholarships will be awarded as follows:
  - Scholarships will not be awarded when there are less than 5 head shown in competition in any breed division of the Jr Breeding Gilt Division.
  - If there are 5 to 14 entries shown, 50% of the full scholarship will be awarded to the Breed Champion of each weight division.
  - 15 head and more will result in full scholarship amounts.

## **CLASSES**

After weighing and classifying breeding gilts will be divided into the following breeds:

- Duroc
- Hampshire
- Yorkshire
- White OPB
- Dark OPB
- Dark Cross
- Light Cross

Gilts will be put in classes as equal in number as possible. First place gilts in each class will compete for Breed Champion, 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners in the class that produced the Breed Champion will compete with the remaining 1<sup>st</sup> place Breeding Gilts for Reserve Breed Champion.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 23 and Texas Animal Health Commissions Rules and Regulations also apply.

## **AWARDS**

Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Reserve Grand Champion – Buckle & Banner

Breed Champion – \$500 Scholarship, Buckle, Banner & Rosette

Reserve Breed Champion – Banner & Rosette

## **SCHEDULE OF PREMIUM AWARDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$26
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$25
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$24

## **JR BREEDING GILT DIVISION SHOWMANSHIP**

All exhibitors of Jr Breeding Gilts are eligible to compete. Exhibitors will be divided into three groups based on their grade as of the day of the show.

## **SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS**

- Junior – Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>
- Intermediate – Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
- Seniors – Grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

## **SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS**

Awards will be made based on showmanship, neatness of exhibitor, show condition and behavior of animal.

- Champion - \$100 & Buckle
- Reserve Champion - \$75 & Buckle
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$50 & Ribbon