MARKET GOAT DIVISION

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Rules and Times are subject to change

1. Market Goat division is subject to the General Rules and Regulations in addition to these division rules.
2. All exhibitors must abide by all other rules to be eligible to show.
3. No substitution or refund of entry fees will be allowed of exhibitors because of failing grades making exhibitor ineligible to show their entry or for any reason.
4. **Eligibility**
    a. See General Rule # 4i.
    b. Market Goat must be owned and cared for by the exhibitor under the supervision of Agricultural Science Instructor or County Extension Agent. Continuous ownership and care of the animal must be maintained from tag-in to show time by the exhibitor at the exhibitor's residence. See General Rule # 11 for exceptions. Market Goat Exhibitors must have a Release of Liability/Jr. Market/Breeding Certification Form online with entry
5. **Tag-in Requirements in July**
    a. The official weigh-in date will be in July at the TVE Fairgrounds. See schedule of events for times and dates
    b. Market Goats will be tagged in each ear and tattooed in the other ear. Any goat losing both ear tags will be unable to check-in or show their animal in October. Contact the chairman immediately if a tag is lost.
    c. This division is open to wethers or any breed or crossbreed female (unbred).
    d. Milk teeth are not required at tag in
6. **Entry Fee & Information**
    a. $25.00 per entry - 25.00 for any alternate animal
    b. All entries must be entered online by the date listed on website and in the important dates to remember to avoid a late fee.
    c. All exhibitors in the same family unit after paying $25.00 per entry may show any one of the animals entered in the family plan name. All exhibitors' names must be included in the family plan. There must be one animal per exhibitor to be listed on entry form. There is no limit to the amount of goats you may tag-in in July. Exhibitor may only exhibit one (1) Market Goat in October.
7. **Weigh-in October**
    a. Adult representative must accompany exhibitors 12 years of age and under across the weight scales on the day of weigh-in.
    b. At time of weigh-in exhibitor must designate which goat they will exhibit.
    c. It is recommended that the goat be properly groomed – which includes clipping.
    d. The Market Goat must not weigh less than 60 pounds at weigh-in.
    e. Market Goat not making the desired weight will immediately be backed off the scales; scales balanced and will be re-weighed one time only.
    f. Goat's must be dehorned or tipped. Tipped horns should be tipped so that the diameter of the horn is larger than that of a dime.
    g. Market Goats will be Drug Tested at the conclusion of the show.
8. **Judging**
    a. Only Committee members and/or personnel designated by Market Goat committee will be allowed in the show arena.
    b. Substitution – See General Rule #12
    c. There will be no change of the major color pattern of the Market Goat by painting or dyeing.
    d. Each exhibitor/owner must be able to show his/her Market Goat unassisted.
    e. Collars are suggested during the judging.
    f. The Market Goat committee will determine number of classes based on number of entries weighed-in in October.
    g. Classes will be broken by weight.
    h. The exhibitors will have the option of withdrawing their animal from the auction at this time. In order to withdraw from the premium youth auction "removal from the auction" a form must be completed and turned in at the livestock office by the deadline listed. No exceptions. If there is a withdrawal, the next goat will be moved up.
    i. Fifteen (15) goats will sell at the Auction.
9. **Drug Testing**
    a. See Drug Policy established by the TVE Board of Directors.

10. **Showmanship**
    a. Junior and Senior Showmanship will be held after judging. Junior, Intermediate and senior showmanship see general rules for ages.
11. **Feeding**
    a. See General Rule #9G
12. **Auctions – Youth and Freezer – Thank-you Notes.**
    a. An exhibitor who qualifies for the Youth Auction must check the information board for any information pertaining to the auction and attend the auction meeting listed on the website.
    b. Absolutely no approaching the buyer after the auction to request the animals back. If it is confirmed that an exhibitor has approached the buyer to request their animal back there will be strict penalties and could result in auction proceeds being denied as determined by the livestock superintendent.
    c. Youth Auction will be held on Friday of show week, time to be announced, in the rodeo arena.
    d. Exhibitors wanting to place their animals in the Freezer Sale must notify the Livestock Office in writing (forms available in Livestock Office) by deadline listed. No withdrawals after this time will be allowed.
    e. Youth Auction and freezer sale participants must complete a Thank You Note. Thank You Notes will be available to pick up after the sale of the animal. These must be written to the buyer (if more than 1 buyer please get more thank you cards at table) and turned back in.
    f. No Auction or Freezer Sale checks will be distributed without a Thank You Note.
    g. All thank you cards with the exception of add on's must be turned in by 12:00 p.m. Sat. of show week with the exception of add on's. All add on thank you cards will require a non-sealed self-addressed, stamped envelope.
    h. Checks will not be ready for pick up until after January, the office will notify when the checks will be released. Checks are not mailed. Any check that has not been picked up within 90 days of release will be voided and returned to the general fund.
    i. Checks will be made out to the exhibitor not the parents. Most banks will require an account in that exhibitors name in order to cash the check. Please make arrangements with your bank as we will not make checks to anyone other than the exhibitor.