

MARKET STEER DIVISION

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Rules and times are subject to change

1. The Market Steer 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 any other reason.
4. **Eligibility**
 - a. See General Rule #4i.
 - b. Steers 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 Rules #11.
5. **Weigh-in May**
 - a. The official weigh-in will be held at the TVE weigh barn. Date and time is listed on the general page of the website and in the important dates to remember.
 - b. The weight of a steer on this date will be recorded for rate of gain. There will be no minimum or maximum weight at this tag-in.
 - c. Steers will be weighed only one time. Steers not making weight will be backed off scales; scales balanced and re-weighed one time only. No tolerance
 - d. Purebreds, grade, or crossbreed steers of any beef breed are eligible to enter.
 - e. Steer must be weaned when weighed in, nurse cows are not permitted during feeding period.
 - f. Steers will be ear tagged in one ear with TVE Tag and Tattooed in the other ear. If steer loses the TVE Tag, contact immediately the chairman for re-tagging. The tattoo will be verified before re-tagging the animal. Any steer with a lost tag and no Authorized Tattoo in the other ear will be unable to check-in or show their animal in October.
 - g. Market Steers must be castrated by May tag-in.
6. **Entry Fees & Entry Deadlines**
 - a. \$25.00 Entry per entry
 - b. \$25.00 Entry fee per alternate animal.
 - c. All entries must be entered online by the date listed on website and in the important dates to remember to avoid a late fee of 35.00 per animal.
 - d. There is no limit to the number of steers you may tag-in, but you may only show one (1) in October.
 - e. Complete online entry and affidavit is required at weigh-in in May.
 - f. 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. All exhibitors' names in the family plan must be included on the entry form. There must be one animal per exhibitor per species to be listed on entry form. There is no limit to the number of steers you may tag-in in May but you must do one entry for each animal that will be tagged. Exhibitors may only weigh and exhibit one (1) steer in October.
7. **In County Market Steer Award**
 - a. A belt buckle will be awarded to the highest-ranking In-County Bred Steer.
 - b. There will not be a separate judging for Champion In-County Steer, it will be held in conjunction with the Market Steer Show.
 - c. To be eligible for the Highest Ranking In-County Market Steer Award, the exhibitor must submit affidavit signed by the steer's breeder stating that the steer was calved in Liberty or Chambers Counties. The affidavit may be obtained online or at the TVE office. This form must be emailed or faxed to the TVE office no later than the day before tag in. The only exception to this rule would be the eligible exhibitors whose homestead lies outside of the Liberty-Chambers County boundaries and who owns or legal guardian owns the herd of cattle in which the steer was calved. The Market Steer Committee on a case by case basis will determine the eligibility of this steer as long as application for approval is made one week prior to tag-in. The affidavit may be obtained online or at the TVE office. This form must be emailed or faxed to the TVE office no later than the day before tag in. Paper copies will not be accepted.

- d. The Steer Committee will determine the eligibility of the Market Steer as In-County on a case by case basis.

8. Weigh-in October

- a. Steers will be weighed one time on certified official scales at times listed in important dates to remember.
- b. At weigh-in in October exhibitor will declare which entry he/she will exhibit.
- c. An adult representative must accompany exhibitors 12 years of age and under across the weight scales.
- d. Steer must have ear tag in one ear and tattoo in other ear.
- e. Steer must have only ¼" hair except for the tail switch. Tail switch may be shown in natural form or bobbed.
- f. Steer must be clipped on entire animal including ears/face but excludes tail switch only. Steers must be clipped before weigh in.
- g. Steer must be either polled or de-horned; otherwise they will not be accepted in the steer judging.
- h. All steers must weight a minimum of 1000 pounds at October weigh in. If you do not meet this weight requirement you must leave the ground immediately.

9. Showing of Animal

- a. No grooming aids other than soap and water will be allowed. No Exceptions. Violators will not be permitted to show their animal.
- b. NO paint, adhesives and /or grooming products allowed on any species on day of show
- c. Clipping on grounds- all clipping must be properly disposed of in designated areas (trash, dumpsters, and waste disposal locations).
- d. Unruly animals will not be exhibited or sold through the auction.
- e. NO cable halters allowed.
- f. Only committee members and/or personnel designated by Market Steer committee will be allowed in show arena.
- g. Each exhibitor must be able to show his/her steer unassisted.
- h. Steers will show at halter.
- i. If a steer breaks away from the exhibitor twice, without being provoked, it shall be tied to the rail and the decision to judge the animal will be left to the discretion of the Steer Judge.
- j. Substitution – See General Rule #12
- k. Market Steer Committee based on the number of steers weighed-in in October will determine classes.
- l. At this time exhibitors will have the option to withdraw his/her animal from the auction. Removal from auction form must be completed and turned into the livestock office by dates and times listed on website.
- m. Top twenty (20) market steers will be offered for auction

10. Drug Testing

- a. See Drug Policy established by the TVE Board of Directors.

11. Showmanship

- a. Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showmanship will be held directly after judging. See General Rule #6 for ages.
- b. Exhibitors MUST show in age division of the showman (age on day of show). Any exhibitor found during/after show to have participated in wrong division whether knowingly or accidentally will be disqualified and shall forfeit any/all award(s) given.

12. Feeding

- a. See General Rule #9G

13. Auctions – Youth and Freezer – Thank-you Notes.

- a. An exhibitor who qualifies for the Youth Auction must check the information board at the livestock office for 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 dates and times listed on the website.
- 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 on website. No withdrawals or additions after this time.
- e. Absolutely NO paint, glitter or permanent decoration allowed on animals participating in the Premium youth auction and/or the freezer sale.
- f. 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.
- g. No Auction or Freezer Sale checks will be distributed without a Thank You Note.
- h. All thank you cards with the exception of add on's must be turned in to the livestock office by 12:00p.m Sat of show week! Cards must be unsealed and signed by exhibitor. Any cards not turned in by end of show must be self-addressed and stamped- no exceptions.

- i. All add on thank you cards must be turned into the TVE fair office unsealed in a self-addressed stamped envelope addressed to the buyer READY TO MAIL COMPLETE WITH A STAMP.
- j. Checks will not be ready for pick up before January and will not be mailed. Any checks left over or uncashed after 90 days will be voided and put back into the auction fund.
- k. 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.