

TRINITY VALLEY EXPOSITION LIVESTOCK SHOW

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

Rules are subject to change

1. GENERAL:

- a. Trinity Valley Exposition, Inc. reserves to its Officers and Board of Directors the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard, thereto, or otherwise arising out of connection with or incident to the show.
- b. Any person who violates any of the General Rules or Special Rules as published in this catalog will forfeit all privileges and premiums won.
- c. The Management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules as it, in its judgment, may deem advisable.
- d. All Exhibitors, parents/guardian(s) must agree to the Release of Liability/Jr. Market Certification online and drug policy.
- e. It is the responsibility of all Exhibitors, Parents/Guardians, County Extension Agents, FFA Advisors and 4-H Advisors and leaders to read and adhere to all rules. If clarification is needed, please contact the TVE Office.
- f. Precautions will be taken to protect every project throughout the week and during the show. In no case will the Trinity Valley Exposition, Volunteers, Chairmen, Superintendents, Facility Personal, etc. be held responsible for loss, theft, breakage, or damage to a project, animal or belonging.
- g. Facility use is a privilege. Keep areas of use clean and uncluttered and pick up trash and waste after your groups and animals. Areas within and outside of the livestock barns can be utilized to set up chairs, etc. but must be shared with all exhibitors, families and visitors. Large gathering areas found may be asked to be reduced, moved or removed.

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY INFORMATION:

- a. All entries must be entered online on or before said entry deadlines. Exhibitors may enter any or all market and breeding divisions.
- b. Entry forms for the Livestock Show that are not filled out properly may be rejected. No entry fee will be refunded.
- c. Entry Fees: Commercial Heifer, Market Goat, Market Lamb, Market Steer, and Market Swine - \$25.00 per exhibitor/per head – Alternate animals \$25.00 per head. Commercial Heifers may be double entered in Breeding Beef show but must pay a separate entry fee.
- d. Breeding Beef- \$25.00 per head. Breeding Beef late entries will be \$60.00 per head.
- e. Market Rabbits - \$25.00 per pen.
- f. Breeding Rabbit 25.00 entry fee plus \$5.00 per head.
- g. Market Broilers - \$25.00 per pen plus price of birds. Minimum order of 25 birds and Maximum order of 150 birds; exhibitor may show only one pen in October (see special rule(s) 5c-i in Market Broiler division rules).
- h. Livestock Judging Teams - \$20.00 per team – Individuals - \$5.00
- i. Home Economics – Youth - \$5.00 per item – Adults - \$5.00 per item
Home Economics. NO Late Entries.

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- j. All entries must be entered online at tve.fairwire.com by deadline set on website. Late entries made after deadline will be charged a late fee of \$35.00 on top of entry fee. No late entries will be accepted after deadlines listed on the website.
- k. No refund of entry fee will be made due to failing grades or any other reason, making them ineligible to exhibit their project or any other reason.
- l. Continuous ownership and care of the animal must be maintained from tag-in to show time by exhibitor at exhibitor's home residence. See General Rules # 3 for exceptions.
- m. Family Plan – All exhibitors in the same family unit after paying \$25.00 per exhibitor may show any one of the market animals entered in the family plan name. All exhibitors' names must be included in the family plan. There must be one animal of the same species per exhibitor to be listed on entry form. There is no limit to the number of animals you may tag in May and July. Exhibitors may only exhibit one (1) market animal in each division in October.
- n. Commercial Heifers, Market Goats, Market Lambs, Market Steers, and Market Swine are not limited to how many exhibitors may tag-in, but they will only be allowed to show one animal in each market division at the show in October.
- o. All market exhibitors must agree to the Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement/Junior Market/Breeding Certification Form when entering entries online.
- p. Market Divisions are open to active FFA and Jr. FFA members in good standing in Liberty or Chambers Chapters OR 4-H members in good standing with and reside within Liberty or Chambers Counties
- q. Private & home school kids must reside in Liberty or Chambers counties and be an active member in good standing with a 4-H club.
- r. Exhibitors may not be involved in any other FFA or 4-H organization outside of Liberty or Chambers County. Plainly stated, you may not exhibit under another FFA or 4-H club outside of Liberty or Chambers County after tagging in for that species.
- s. All exhibitors must be at least 8 years old or in the 3rd grade.
- t. Commercial Heifer, Market Goat, Market Lamb, Market Steer, Market Swine, Market Rabbits and Market Broiler animals exhibited will be subject to being drug tested. (See drug policy established by TVE Board of Directors).
- u. Breeding Rabbit division is open to active 4-H and FFA members enrolled in home, public, private, elementary or secondary schools in Liberty and Chambers Counties (No out-of-county).
- v. Home Economics division is open to Liberty and Chambers County only.
- w. All breeding animals owned by partnership can be exhibited if both parties are active 4-H or FFA members enrolled in home, public, private, elementary or secondary schools in Liberty and Chambers Counties.
- x. By entering the Trinity Valley Exposition, exhibitors give permission for their livestock to be used in the Livestock Judging Contest.
- y. By weighing-in/tagging-in a market animal at the TVE, all parties do grant permission for their project to be visited during the feeding period at location where animal is being fed and/or raised.

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3. OWNERSHIP, RESIDENCE AND OFF-PREMISE

- a. All Market Division Animals (Commercial Heifers, Market Broilers, Market Goat, Market Lamb, Market Rabbits, Market Steers, and Market Swine) must be owned and cared for by the exhibitor, at the exhibitor's residence.
- b. All Market Division exhibitors must be under the supervision of their County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science instructor.
- c. All Market Division entries must be kept at the exhibitor's home residence. Anyone not keeping their Market Animals at their home residence must have an Off-Premise Request form turned into the Livestock Office at time of weigh-in/tag-in. Off-Premise Request must include:
 - i. 911 Address of where animals are being kept.
 - ii. Reasons for keeping animal away from home residence.
 - iii. Name and phone number of person where exhibitor is keeping the animal
- d. Livestock Advisory Committee will approve/disapprove all applications within two (2) weeks.
- e. If for any reason a market animal has to be moved from home residence to an alternate location, you must contact Market Division chairman immediately.
- f. All Market Division entries may be visited at least once during the feeding period. If entry is found being raised off residence and the Livestock Advisory Committee has not granted permission, the exhibitor will be barred from showing the animal in October.

4. GENERAL ADMISSION, PASSES AND LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR PARKING:

- a. Gate Admission: Includes rodeo
 - i. Adult - \$15.00
 - ii. Students/Senior - \$5.00
 - iii. 3 and under free
- b. Exhibitors will receive one parking pass and 1 exhibitor badge/armband per exhibitor. This allows one vehicle to park in the designated livestock parking lot, and each exhibitor badge/armband allows the exhibitor ONLY onto the fairgrounds as well as into each nightly rodeo performance.
- c. Weekly livestock pass- \$25.00 (Children under age 3 free) Allows 1 person entrance to the grounds throughout the show week. No rodeo entry is allowed with this pass.
- d. 1 Livestock Trailer per FFA Chapter and/or 4-H Club will be allowed to stay on the grounds but must have permit issued by the Livestock Office. The permit must be always displayed on the trailer and may not be attached to any other trailer other than the one for which the permit was assigned. Trailers are subject to being moved to appropriate area by TVE should the need arise.

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- e. No camper trailers will be allowed in the Livestock Parking Area. Livestock trailers with living quarters will be allowed for hauling livestock only – you may not stay in trailers overnight. Any unauthorized trailers are subject to being towed at the owner's expense, no exceptions.

5. STALLING:

- a. All stalling/pens will be assigned by TVE. Animals shall ONLY be stalled/penned in assigned areas. No vacant/un-assigned space will be utilized for displays, tack, paraphernalia, etc., unless otherwise designated by the Livestock Show Superintendent and/or Livestock Show Secretary.
- b. Bedding sand or saw dust for stalls will NOT be furnished by the show.
- c. Each 4-H Club and FFA Chapter is responsible for preparing stalls/pens and keeping stalls/pens clean in their area until all animals and tack is removed by deadline listed.
- d. Only uniform signs will be placed over individual animals. 4-H Clubs and FFA Show Cards may be used. NO "For Sale" signs will be displayed.
- e. ALL tack/equipment must be kept within the assigned stalling/tack areas ONLY. It may not extend out into alley/walkways – THIS IS A STRICT FIRE MARSHAL RULE.

6. ANIMALS, EQUIPMENT & FEEDING:

- a. No one will be allowed in the barns before 5:00 a.m. or allowed to remain in the barns after 11:00PM with the exception of Authorized Livestock or Security Personnel.
- b. Feeding/Watering and care of animal(s) is the Exhibitors responsibility and shall be conducted DAILY until final release of animal(s). Responsibility is that of the exhibitor, parent/guardian. Authorized FFA Advisor or 4-H Leader may take responsibility of all their club/chapter's animals. All Feeding/Watering must be in designated feeding areas only.
- c. Animals found to be lacking in daily care will be subject to further investigation and possible action by TVE.
- d. Animals may NOT be fed in wash rack areas.
- e. Sifted animals must be removed from the grounds immediately after sifting. Any exhibitor participating in Freezer Sale must leave animals on grounds with the exception of Market Rabbits and Market Broilers.

7. SUBSTITUTION OF EXHIBITOR:

- a. Substitution of exhibitors will not be allowed for exhibitor unable to show due to failing grades.
- b. Substitution may be granted due to physical health or illness as per a written note from a physician to the TVE via email or fax. info@tvefair.com or 936-366-5192.
- c. Substitute exhibitors must be from the same chapter and gender if possible.
- d. Livestock advisory must approve all substitutions.

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8. SHOW DAY/JUDGING/GENERAL:

- a. Classes for all species will be set by Livestock personnel.
- b. Any animal found to have its physical features altered or tampered by surgical instruments for the purpose of improving its conformation or appearance in the show will be disqualified and ruled ineligible to compete for or retain premiums.
- c. No cattle may be tied or groomed in the area in front of or on the south end of the cattle barns or alleyways.
- d. NO trim chutes (half or full size) may be allowed in cattle barn. All trim chutes must be placed in designated areas only.
- e. Lamb/Goat racks must be kept out of pen/stall areas and may only be set up along outer walls & perimeters of the small animal barn, or outside of the barn. They cannot block alleyways, entrances, gates, etc.
- f. Only actively working committee members and/or livestock show personnel designated by committee chairman will be allowed in show arena on show days.
- g. No change of the major color pattern of the animal is allowed by painting or dyeing, etc.
- h. Clipping of body hair is allowed on all species. All clippings must be properly disposed of in designated areas (trash, dumpsters, and waste disposal locations). No snaring of any animal is allowed.
- i. No grooming aids except soap and water may be used on show day.
- j. NO paint, adhesives and/or grooming products allowed on any species on day of show.
- k. As animal enters the arena, they will be checked for disqualifying grooming aids (EX: no tail balls, no hoof paint, no artificial hair, hairspray, no adhesives, show sheen, shaving cream, etc.).
- l. Any animal found with grooming aids applied to the hair or body in any manner will be disqualified.
- m. No Cable Halters Allowed.
- n. All breeding beef, commercial heifers and market steers will be shown at halter. Collars are recommended for goats.
- o. Each exhibitor must be able to show his/her animal unassisted. Unruly animals will not be exhibited or sold through the auction. This rule shall be clarified as follows: if a commercial heifer/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 that Judge.
- p. Judge(s) decisions are final. Any negative/derogatory remarks made against a judge will not be tolerated and will be handled accordingly by TVE.

9. SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST:

- a. Contest is open to exhibitors in the following Divisions: Breeding Beef, Commercial Heifer, Market Goat, Market Lamb, Market Steer, Market Swine and Market Rabbits.
- b. Showmanship contest will be held at time listed in each division rules.
- c. Each contestant must own and exhibit animals entered in the current year of TVE within the same division.

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- d. There will be no substitutions of exhibitors in showmanship contests.
- e. Each Showmanship Contest will be divided into three age groups and will be as follows: Junior. 8-12 yrs, Intermediate. 13-15 yrs and Senior. 16-18 yrs old.
- f. Age is based upon the exhibitor's age on the day of the showmanship contest. 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.

10. LIVESTOCK RELEASE PROCEDURES:

- a. No Livestock/Tack may be removed from the TVE fairgrounds without a release form once show week starts.
- b. Release forms are available at the Livestock Office. Releases will ONLY be issued on designated release day(s) and applicable times.
- c. Animals removed from premises WITHOUT a release form will be subject to disqualification, forfeiting any awards/money and possible participation in future shows.
 - i. Livestock/Tack Release Form Required Information:
 - ii. Vehicle License Plate Number
 - iii. Trailer License Plate Number (if applicable).
 - iv. Number/species of animal that will be hauled in trailer. Ear tag numbers must be recorded for all market animals.
 - v. Equipment/tack in trailer.
 - vi. Person who will be hauling animals/tack.
 - vii. Signature of TVE Livestock Official
- d. Security will check all information at gate.

11. DRUG POLICY:

- a. See [Drug Policy](#) established by the TVE Board of Directors.

12. PROTEST RULE:

- a. Any protest with the livestock dept. must be in writing and must accompany \$1000.00 cash up front. Should the particular protest be found true and legitimate then the \$1000.00 will be refunded and action will be taken. Should the protest be found faulty and untrue no refund will be given. All protests must come within 2 hours at the conclusion of that specific show, event or incident.

13. ETHICS RULE:

- a. Each exhibitor, his or her parent(s) and /or guardian(s) agrees to abide by the General and Special Rules published in the current years Livestock show rules and/or amendments available at each tag-

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in, TVE Livestock office or on the website. Any violations of the rules or any exhibitor and/or parent(s) guardian(s) found to have participated in unethical Practice (i.e. (1) approaching buyers for the purpose of asking to exchange, return, or purchase any sale item(s) (2) the showing of any animal that has been administered any unapproved/unlabeled medication (see drug policy established by TVE Board of Directors) will be disqualified and shall forfeit all prizes, sale proceeds and awards. The disqualification of an exhibitor will not alter the placing of the class of animals or the sale order. Further, the board shall have the discretion as to whether or not to forfeit the privilege of the disqualified exhibitor, and the immediate family members of the disqualified exhibitor, will be banned for 1 year for the 1st violation and shall forfeit all prizes, sale proceeds and awards. Should there be a 2nd violation they will not be allowed back to TVE to show and shall forfeit all prizes, sale proceeds and awards. Any exhibitor that fails to comply with the TVE Drug Policy will not be allowed to apply for any TVE Scholarship.

14. IMPORTANT:

- a. Trinity Valley Exposition, Inc. including its officers, directors, servants, agents and/or employees, herein called "Livestock Show" and/or Exhibitors, including parents and/or legal guardian are not responsible for any loss, damage or injury to the person, animals or property of Exhibitors, or Exhibitor's agents, servants, family and/or employees, regardless of how such loss, damage or injury is occasioned and by who Livestock Show. Exhibitor further agrees that Exhibitor will protect, indemnify and save a harmless Livestock Show from any and all claims, suits and/or judgments (including the cost of defense of any such claim/or suit by Livestock Show brought by anyone as a result of any loss damage or injury to any person, animals or property occasioned by any action or inaction of Exhibitor, either solely or in conjunction with Stock Show or anyone else.) Livestock Show assumes no responsibility for the correctness of any descriptions given on the TVE website or schedule of events. Exhibitor agrees to abide by all Rules and Regulations of the TVE. Furthermore, TVE is not responsible for lost or stolen animals, materials and/or supplies. TVE will not be liable for any damages, fire, theft, accident, etc.

15. AUCTION:

- a. SEE PREMIUM YOUTH AUCTION RULES & FREEZER SALE RULES FOR COMPLETE AUCTION RULES AND REGULATIONS.
- b. Exhibitor may sell only two items in total, whether in Youth Auction, Freezer Sale, or combination with the exception of Grand Champion and Reserve Champion auction items. Any exhibitor awarded two or more Grand or Reserve Champions must sell each Grand or Reserve Champion but no other market animals.
- c. Exhibitors who qualify for the Youth Auction must check the TVE App, Information board or Livestock Office for information.

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- d. ABSOLUTELY NO APPROACHING THE BUYER before, during or after the auction to request the animal(s) back. If it is confirmed that an exhibitor, family member or someone on their behalf has approached a buyer to request the animal back or to make an exchange for another animal, there will be strict penalties and could result in auction proceeds being denied as determined by the livestock superintendent in addition to other penalties.
- e. Exhibitors wanting to place their animals in the Freezer Sale must complete the FREEZER SALE SIGN-UP form by the designated date and time posted.

16. THANK YOU NOTE CARDS:

- a. Youth Auction and freezer sale participants must complete a Thank You Note. Thank You cards will be available to pick up after the sale of the animal or throughout show week or you may use your own. These must be written to the buyer (if more than 1 buyer please get multiple cards – 1 for each buyer). All Thank You cards for Auction(s) and Add-ons must be submitted to 4-H / FFA Advisor. All exhibitors participating in the Youth Auction must complete a Thank You Note(s).
- b. TVE will forward all Thank You Notes to the buyers.
- c. Participants having more than one buyer need to prepare a Thank You Note for each buyer.
- d. No Auction or Freezer Sale checks will be distributed without a Thank You Note.
- e. All Thank You cards must be turned in to the exhibitors FFA Advisor or 4-H Leader to be checked off the list. The Advisors/Leaders will verify and deliver to TVE Main Office.
- f. Cards must be neatly written by the exhibitor with a minimum of 3-5 sentences, left unsealed and signed by exhibitor to be checked by the advisor before sealing.
- g. All add-on Thank You cards must be turned unsealed to the advisor in a self-addressed stamped envelope addressed to the buyer. READY TO MAIL!!!!!!!!!! Must contain a return address.

17. CHECKS:

- a. Checks will not be ready for pick up before January and will not be mailed. Any checks left over 90 days will be voided and put back into the auction fund. Checks will not be reissued for any reason.
- b. Checks will be made out to the Exhibitor (not the parents). Most banks will require an account in Exhibitors' name in order to cash or deposit. Please make arrangements with your bank as we will not make checks to anyone other than the exhibitor.