

The Taylor County Livestock Show Association

Rules and Schedule of Events

General Supt: Craig Bessent

Show Dates: January 12-14, 2022

Premium Sale: January 15, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

All Entries should arrive at that species specified time: See Show Schedule for each Animal Species.

INFORMATION ON WHERE TO GO UPON ARRIVAL:

Goats, Lambs, Swine, Heifers and Steers will stall in the Expo Center First Financial Pavilion. Poultry and Rabbits will be kept and shown in the Big Country Hall and should furnish their own cages. All exhibitors should check-in with the Show Superintendent in the area where you are stalled or Show Office located in the First Financial Pavilion.

All participants in this show are requested to carefully read all the General Rules and Regulations of the Taylor County Livestock Show and the Special Rules of the Departments applicable to their entries.

Rule 1. FFA Members - 4-H Members:

Youth must be a bonafide member of a Taylor County 4-H or FFA to be eligible to enter an animal under their name and earn prize monies and participate in the premium sale. If exhibitor has two animals in the same weight class, a younger sibling of at least kindergarten and/or 3rd grade will be allowed to show one of the animals for his/her older sibling.

Rule 2. Application for Entry:

All applications for entry must be made on printed forms. These forms are to be filled out and signed by the County Agents or Ag Science Teachers certifying each exhibitor is eligible. Exhibitors may show in only one County Stock Show.

Deadline for Goats, Lambs, Swine, Steers & Heifer entries: Entries should be postmarked by December 1, 2021. Poultry and Rabbits should be postmarked by December 17, 2021. Entry fees must be turned in at the same time as entries. A summary of entries will be provided to the Ag Teachers and Extension Agents. Ag Teachers and Extension Agents are responsible for verifying all entries and reporting any errors prior to January 7, 2022.

Mail entries and fees to:

Taylor County Livestock Association
1700 Hwy 36
Abilene, TX 79602
325-677-4376

Entry Fee

Steers-----\$20.00	Heifers-----\$20.00	Poultry-----\$5.00
Swine-----\$10.00	Lambs-----\$10.00	
Goats-----\$10.00	Rabbits-----\$5.00	

RULE 3. No Refunds or Entry Application will be made after the listed closing date.

RULE 4. WEIGHTS: Scales will be available for weighing all animals where weights are required. Official Scales will be marked for weigh backs.

RULE 5. ERRONEOUS ENTRY: Exhibits that have been erroneously entered may be transferred to their proper class prior to the judging upon application to the Department Superintendent. If classes have been judged; however, they shall not be re-opened.

RULE 6. CARE OF ANIMALS: All owners of livestock or others having the same in charge, shall care for, guard, protect and preserve same, as the Expo Center does not undertake to do so, and shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage to said property or owner thereof.

RULE 7. CARE OF STALLS AND PENS: All stalls, pens and exhibition areas must be cleaned before 8:00 a.m. each day and refuse matter shall be placed in barrels which shall be provided and located in the aisles (violation of this rule shall cause a forfeiture of all the premiums earned by the exhibitor). Space in sheep, goat and swine areas will be very limited. Alleys and walkways must be kept clear. Tack stalls will be assigned only if space is available and only to Ag Teachers or County Agents. **No hay should be fed in the Arena. Care should be taken to keep the swine stalls as dry as possible.**

RULE 8. LIMIT ON ENTRIES: Each exhibitor may not place more than two (2) entries in each class. The maximum number of steers and heifers allowed per exhibitor is four (4). An exhibitor may only show the number of animals he or she has entered by the entry deadline.

RULE 9. SIFTING: The sifting committee or sifting judge reserves the right to accept or reject any entry unconditionally and does not guarantee space in the show to any entry since it is intended that only such animals shall be entered in the show that have merit and shall be a credit to both exhibitor and show.

RULE 10. DECISION OF JUDGE FINAL: The single judge system is the policy of the show, and in every case, his decision is final.

RULE 11. CONFLICTING RULES: In all cases where general rules conflict with special rules which are published for each Department, the special rules will govern.

RULE 12. INTERPRETATION OF RULES: The management and the Superintendents reserve the right to interpret, change, or annul these rules whenever, in their judgment, a change is for the best interest of Taylor County Livestock Show.

RULE 13. PRIZE MONEY NOT EARNED: Prize money will be determined by the judge when a class is without competition.

RULE 14. INTERFERENCE: Any exhibitor receiving coaching after the animal enters the show ring may have his/her animal disqualified. Coaching will not be allowed in the ring when the animals are being judged or classified. Interference will provide due cause for disqualifying the exhibitor who's animal or animals are in question.

RULE 15. LIABILITY: All exhibitors will be under the control and direction of the General Superintendent, but the management of the Expo Center of Taylor County and Taylor County will be in no case responsible for any loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited. The exhibitor shall indemnify the Expo Center of Taylor County and Taylor County and any person working with the show against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as damages or injury to any other person or property, caused by the exhibitor or any other animal exhibited by him or arising out of, or in any way connected with such exhibition or any of the animals exhibited.

RULE 16. WEIGHING OF ANIMALS: Superintendent will weigh in sheep, swine and goats. All market animals need to be weighed-in and weight cards turned in by the specified time. See species rules for specific information on weights.

RULE 17. BEDDING: Shavings may be used in all cattle and sheep stalls and must be furnished by the exhibitors. Straw may be used in the Swine Stalls. The Expo Center will have bagged shavings for sale at \$10.00 per bag. No straw or feed will be for sale. You must bring your own straw if you wish to bed swine on straw.

RULE 18. PROTESTS: All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$25.00, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of complaints or appeal and must be delivered to the Superintendent of the Taylor County Livestock Show within twelve (12) hours after the occasion for such protest occurs. Any protest as to eligibility on account of age or breeding of animals must be filed prior to the day on which entries are to be judged.

RULE 19. CONSOLIDATION OF CLASSES: The Taylor County Livestock Association reserves the right to consolidate classes.

RULE 20. ELIGIBLE TO SHOW: Youth must be a member of a Taylor County 4-H or FFA (9 years old or older, 3rd grade to 12th grade) to be eligible to enter an animal in the show under name and earn prize monies and participate in the premium sale. If the exhibitor is academically ineligible, then his or her entry(ies) become(s) ineligible to compete. Each animal must be shown by an eligible exhibitor that has validated that animal in his or her name in Taylor County and Taylor County is the only county she that the animal is exhibited. Exceptions would only occur if the eligible exhibitor has more than one animal in a class, champion breed drive, or overall champion drive. Then other eligible exhibitors may be used to show the additional animals. Eligible exhibitors do not have to be family members, or come from the same school, chapter, or club, but must be entered in the show. The eligible exhibitor may be a younger sibling. The only other exception would be if the exhibitor is competing in a U.I.L. or school sanctioned activity, is ill or has a death in the family. Substitution forms will be provided.

RULE 21. CHAMPION DRIVE: If an exhibitor has an animal in the champion drive he or she must be showing that animal unless he or she has more than one animal in the champion drive.

RULE 22. ALL ANIMALS MUST BE REMOVED THE DAY OF THE PREMIUM SALE.

RULE 23. The Taylor County Livestock Association request that you abide by the United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act:

- A. Animals and poultry must be in good health and carcasses free of drug or chemical residues.
- B. Antibiotics and sulfonamides have required withdrawal periods.
- C. Drug label directions for use and withdrawal periods must be followed.
- D. If drug or other chemical residues are found in tissue or carcasses, the entire carcass may be condemned. Before administering antibiotics and/or sulfonamides, consult a licensed practicing veterinarian, or label directions of the drug. Taylor County Livestock Show Association reserves all rights to test any or all animals. All livestock exhibited shows subject to the Texas Animal Health Rules and Regulations. *Due to an exemption from the Animal Health Department you will not be required to have a drug form or a health certificate for this show.*

RULE 24. All exhibitors must uphold state validation guidelines and rules. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the show.

THE FOLLOWING ANIMALS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PREMIUM SALE: We will sell a minimum of two (2) animals per class in all species or 20 percent, whichever is greater, or 75 per species with the exception of the Heifer Show. Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions, Breed Grand & Reserve Champions are **NOT** included in this percentage or in the maximum number of head that will be sold in each species. Decoration of market animals for the sale is prohibited; animals must be presented in their natural show state (i.e. no glitter, paint, balloons, signs etc. allowed).

An Exhibitor is allowed to sell a maximum of two (2) animals. The exception would be all overall Grand Champions or Overall Reserve Grand Champions can sell. Exhibitor has the choice of pulling a champion from the sale in order to sell another eligible entry. If an exhibitor exhibited Overall Grand and Reserve Overall Grand Champion, they could both sell at the Auction. The Overall Grand Champion Heifer and Reserve Grand Champion Heifer can be sold at the Auction.

PREMIUM AUCTION: Saturday, January 15, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

The Taylor County Livestock Association welcomes you to an auction of premium animals in the Capital Farm Credit Display Building at the Expo Center of Taylor County with a dinner beginning at 5:00 p.m., with the premium auction immediately following. **Premium Payment for Animals Subject to Auction:** Checks for payment of animals sold will be mailed to the Agents & Teachers as soon as all buyers' checks have cleared the bank. It takes 3 to 4 weeks after the Sale. Entries qualifying for the Premium Sale will be auctioned according to their placing. All Overall Grand Champion & Overall Reserve Grand Champion exhibitors are eligible to have their animal at the Premium Auction.

Showmanship Awards & Rules

Belt Buckles will be presented to Junior (grades 3-8) and Senior (grades 9-12) Showmanship Winners in Lamb, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, and Beef Cattle Divisions. (Heifer and Steer exhibitors will show for Showmanship after the Heifer Show.) The Swine Showmanship divisions are as follows - Junior (3rd-5th grades,) Intermediate (6th-8th grades) and Senior(9th-12th grades.)

Rule 1: Previous years' winners are not eligible for competition in the age division of each department of which they have previously won showmanship.

Rule 2: A committee for each division will select finalist in that division to show in the showmanship class which will be held after all classes for that division are completed and Grand and Reserve Champions have been selected. The showmanship winner for each division will then be selected by the judge of that division.

Rule 3: Showmanship finalist must have an entry in the division in order to compete in that division's showmanship class. However, they do not have to own the animal they are selected with during the breed show - just required to have an entry in that division.

Rule 4: Showmanship finalist must bring the animal they own back into the show ring for the showmanship class. Superintendents will check tag number of animal entering the ring to assure it is the exhibitors.

EXHIBITORS WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR EXHIBITOR NUMBER.

General Superintendent has the ability to interpret the general rules with the approval of at least three (3) board members.

SCHOLARSHIP

In Memory of Johnathan Tschaar

The Community Foundation of Abilene
will annually present a one year, \$1250 Scholarship.

All Senior FFA and 4-H members, who have been an exhibitor at the
Taylor County Livestock Show is eligible to apply. The application deadline is April 1st.

Applications are available online at
<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cfabilenescholarships>
or more information contact Community Foundation of Abilene
at 325-676-3883